

**CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ JULY 6, 2025**

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have an abbreviated bulletin this week

July 6, 2025

My Dear People of God!

I enjoy writing these weekly messages to you. I hope that they are of some benefit to you. For time to time, people will come to me and ask what I will write about next after we considered the year of the saints. I have thought about it for a while, and I thought that what would be timely would be considering the Nicene-Constantinopolitan which is the full name of the Creed that we profess each Sunday at Mass. The reason I have thought this would be appropriate is that this year, we celebrate the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea at which the Church composed the Creed that would then be finished at the Council of Constantinople in 381. Thus, the year 325 becomes important for us. In fact, to mark this occasion, Pope Leo XIV has expressed a desire for him to travel to Turkey (where ancient Nicaea lies) to pray there and meet with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and there to profess the Creed that binds all Christians together.

The Creed simply expresses the truths of the Church. We profess each week to renew the Faith of our Baptism. In the earlier days of the Church, the part of the Mass that began with the Creed was called the "Mass of the Faithful." The Creed was introduced into the Mass around the year 1000 to show what it meant to be faithful. If I am ready for the next part of Mass, I must first be able to profess the Creed. In other words, we show our belonging to the believers in Christ by our ability to profess the Creed.

Rather than merely being able to recite the words, we are called to profess it mouths for it should come from a deeper place in our hearts and minds. It is good therefore to be able to pause and think about what we are saying.

To end this reflection today as an Introduction to the Creed, I would like to ask that we read Judges 12: 1-7. This curious story helps to explain an importance of the Creed. It becomes our "password" or why that we know that others are truly Christian. Pope Leo and Patriarch Bartholomew as separate leaders of the Churches believe the same truth because they profess the same Faith. We likewise can tell who is a true believer when we hear them profess the same timeless Creed that we profess each Sunday.

This week, as we begin to reflect on the Creed, let us look at once and see what it says. Do we ever stop and think about the words? Are there phrases that seem strange? Has it become our "shibboleth" or password that shows that we truly believe what other Christians of other lands and times profess?

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller

The Sanctuary Candle burns in July for:
Cathedral: Natalie Rodriguez
Dr. Charles D. "Chick" White
St. Bernadette Oratory: Charles Viccellio

United in Holy Matrimony
June 27, 2025

Hannah Gates & John-Patrick Broussard

**Immaculate Conception Cathedral Women's
ACTS Retreat
July 17-21, 2025**

Applications are in the church and office or

Sign up by calling or emailing:

Megan Leger - Director
337-936-2344 legerma40@gmail.com

Brandi Guillory - Co- Director
337-274-1715 brandicghk@yahoo.com

Coffee and donuts this Sunday, July 6 in the Ave Maria Hall after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses courtesy of Cathedral Council 1207, Knights of Columbus. Join Us!

Please keep in prayer the young people from our parish and our diocese who will be attending the Christian Leadership Institute July 12-18 in Dry Creek, La

The senior members of our Cathedral Youth Group—Andrew Broussard, Lydia Istre, and Adeline Watson—would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the generous supporters of our Cathedral Parish. Because of your kindness, they had the incredible opportunity to go on a beautiful pilgrimage through Italy.

They visited sacred sites in Assisi, Orvieto, Naples, and Rome, and one of the most unforgettable moments was attending the Wednesday Audience with Pope Leo XIV. We are deeply grateful for the way our parish continues to support youth ministry—not just in our church, but throughout the diocese. Your generosity is truly making a lasting impact. -Monica Broussard, Youth Director

SAFE AND SACRED

All volunteers, staff, religious and clergy may now complete the annual diocesan safe environment training requirement through the Safe & Sacred™ Environment Training Program.

This annual training is required to work with or around children who attend religious education activities or any other service or ministry function of the church that comes in contact with children. The deadline to complete your training is July 31, 2025.

If you have any questions please call Carmel Fazzio at the Cathedral office—478-7251

Readings for the Week ~ July 7 – July 13, 2025

Monday: Genesis 28:10-22a ; Ps 91:1-4,14-15ab;
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Genesis 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b-3,6-7b,8b, 15;
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Genesis 41:51-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3,10-11, 18-19; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21 ; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: St Benedict, Abbot Genesis 46:1-7,28-30; Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-; Matthew 10:24-33

Sunday: Genesis 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4,14-15ab;
Matthew 9:18-26

Pray for
VOCATIONS

July 29 \$10,377.46

Offertory \$6,605.46

Online \$3,772.00

Upcoming second collections:

July 6 - Building Fund July 13 - BSA
July 20 - Solidarity for the Church in Africa

“Women of the Bible” for women –led next month by Father Ruben Buller. Father Buller will be speaking on St. Martha of Bethany. Meet in the Ave Maria Hall at 8:30 a.m. after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, July 12**.

The Rosary is prayed daily before every weekday 12:05 Mass.

There is also the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help before the 12:05 Mass on Tuesdays

Please remember in prayer our parishioners and loved ones who are ill, as well as the list of those serving in our military. The complete list is on our website: immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, July 5...(8:00 AM)—John Gabriel; Margaret & Richard Pousson. **(4:00 PM)**—Gladys & Delma Devillier; Wesley Ryan Hayes; J. B. Postell; Jeanne & Glenn Delahoussaye; Annette Pronia; Ted Gauthreaux; Concetta & Curtis Cardone, Sr.; Curtis Cardone, Jr.; Beau Styron; Scalisi & Barone Families; Ronald Ormsby.

SUNDAY, July 6...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Sam Reed; Michael Scimemi; Kate Ortego Thomas; Charls Viccellio; Tillie & F. J. Lungaro; Lonnie J. Neveu; Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi; Troy Derouen; Sherman Solari. **11:15 AM**—Hiram DuRousseau. **12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962**—Piero Cenni.

MONDAY, July 7...(7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—John and Elisa Schnur. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Collin and Brittany Racco & Children.

TUESDAY, July 8...(7:00 AM)—Kyndal Richard. **(12:05 PM)**—Shannon J. Fuselier, Sr. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Tony and Shirley Leger.

WEDNESDAY, July 9...(7:00 AM)—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dauphin. **(12:05 PM)**—Logan and Sara McGuirk. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Snooks Dugas

THURSDAY, July 10...(7:00 AM)—Tom Delahoussaye. **(12:05 PM)**—Matthew Schnur. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—C.V. Racco

FRIDAY, July 11...(7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Darty and Sheila Douga. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Sister Edith Lopez.

SATURDAY, July 12...(8:00 AM)—Michael Richard. **(4:00 PM)**—Dr Charles Mackey; Hebert and Pronia Families; Kenneth Abrahams, Monsignor Charles Dubois; Hayley, Andrew and Arthur Yearby.

SUNDAY, July 13...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Sam Reed; Michael Scimemi; Kate Ortego Thomas; Charles Viccellio; Tillie & F. J. Lungaro; Lonnie J. Neveu; Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi; Troy Derouen; Sherman Solari.

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Prayer Intentions for July

Pope Leo XIV: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Bishop Provost: Let us pray for our families to be protected from all harm and live in peace and a true spirit of reconciliation.