



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES

Established April 25, 1980

The Most Rev. Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A.
Bishop of Lake Charles

PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend Ruben Buller, V. G.
Pastor
Reverend Michael Beverung
Parochial Vicar
Reverend Mr. Hunter LaRocca
Deacon
Mr. Robert Marcantel
Music Director
Mrs. Marlene Mullenix
Organist
Mrs. Carmel Fazzio
Bookkeeper
Mrs. Monica Broussard
Secretary/Youth Director
Ms. Karen Carso
Receptionist
Mrs. Sue Burke
Receptionist
Mr. Brendan Howard
Maintenance
Mrs. Jacqueline Hebert
ICCS Principal

Cathedral office hours:

Monday–Thursday 8:30 AM–12:00 1:00–4:30 PM
Friday 8:30 AM–Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	8:00 AM–St. Bernadette Oratory 4:00 PM (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday	7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM 12:45 PM (Rubrics of 1962)
Monday–Friday	7:00 AM St. Bernadette Oratory 12:05 PM 5:00 PM (Rubrics of 1962)–St. Bernadette Oratory

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday–Thursday 11:30 AM–Noon
Friday 11:00 AM–Noon
Saturday 3:00 PM–3:55 PM

30 minutes before all Sunday Masses

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
Tuesdays before 12:05 Mass

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 27, 2025

My Dear People of God!

As we continue to look at the Creed of the Church that we profess each week, we move to the next consideration when we profess that the one God that we believe is the “Father almighty.” The fact that we know that God is our “Father” is not based on logic or thought process. We know that God is our “Father” because He has revealed it first and primarily through His Son, Jesus Christ, and secondly, the experience that we have and perceive through our participation in the sacraments of the Church. In the end, we could not know the fatherhood of God without revelation, meaning that God had to tell us this fact.

Sometimes people will object that we could know through human reason that God is our “Father” because we know that God is the Creator of all things (we will look at that truth soon). But there is an essential difference between a creator and a father. A creator is external to the thing created; a father leaves himself in the created thing. Looking at biology, our biological father had to leave his genetic stuff in us so that we could live. Our true father (taking in fact that some of us may have had a father who was not a mere biological father) leaves his spirit and truth in us through his teaching and guiding of us. The Father, God, in creating us leaves behind His stuff in us as well.

The basis of this is found in the opening chapters of Genesis when we are told that God created the human person (male and female) in His image and called to be in His likeness. Saint Augustine in his work on the Blessed Trinity says that the human person longs then for that return to know God because we are looking for meaning. This longing then is trace of the original truth of our identity that survives despite our sinfulness.

In the end, we must begin to move beyond thinking of God as our mere Creator. Yes, He did make us, but more than that He as our Father has left part of Himself in us. Through this realization, we then begin to know our true self relating back to our origin in God, our Father almighty.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller

Seminarian Michael Desormeaux extends his heartfelt gratitude to Father Buller and the Cathedral Parish for their generous gift and prayers in celebration of his graduation from St. Joseph Seminary College this past May. He offers his sincere thanks and assures the parishioners of his continued prayers.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in August for:
Cathedral: Vida Trahan and Carla Primeaux
St. Bernadette Oratory: Father May

Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage

United in Holy Matrimony
July 19, 2025

Katie Fontenot & Trapper Pierce



Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism:
**Ellis and Camille Johnson
and
Cutter Forrest**

Sweet Treats Alert!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Lady of the Lake #695 will host a bake sale after all weekend masses August 2nd and 3rd.

Swing by, say hello, and take home a tasty treat (or two!). It's the perfect way to enjoy a little sugar and a lot of heart.



¿Eres católico de habla hispana?

Comuníquese con Ricardo Ruvalcaba en la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Lake Charles para obtener más información en español sobre la Santa Misa, el Bautismo de Adultos y niños, el Sacramento del Matrimonio, la confesión, Catequesis, el Orden de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (OCIA), formación para quinceañeras, grupos de oración, actividades deportivas, culturales y más.

Email: spanish@sthenry.church

Oficina de Saint Henry (337) 436-7223

Are you a Spanish-speaking Catholic?

Contact Ricardo Ruvalcaba at the Lake Charles Diocese Office of Hispanic Ministry for more information in Spanish about Holy Mass, Adults & Infant Baptism, the Sacrament of Marriage, Confession, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formation for quinceañeras, prayer groups, sports and cultural activities and more.

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Upcoming second collections:

July 20, 2025	\$21,459.54	August 3rd-Building
Offertory	\$10,916.21	Fund
Online	\$10,543.33	August 10th-BSA

Readings for the Week ~ July 28-August 3, 2025

Monday: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 ; Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 ; ; Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday: **Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus** Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 ; Psalm 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 ; John 11:19-27

Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35 ; Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 9 ; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: **St Ignatius of Loyola** Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 ; Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 ; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: **St. Alphonsus Liguori** Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 ; Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab ; Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 ; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23 ; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—A Pre-Baptism class must be attended before the celebration of Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE—Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months before the wedding date .

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS—For those who are interested in completing sacraments or inquiring about the Catholic faith.

Please contact the Cathedral office at 337.436.7251 for information about the Sacraments.

We encourage those who wish to join our Cathedral Parish to complete a Family Registration form.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Would you, or anyone you know, like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you need to complete your sacraments?

Our Cathedral parish has an active Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program. Please contact the church office at 337.436.7251.

Can We Bring Jesus to You or Your Loved One?

If anyone is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, or if you know someone who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office at 337-436-7251 and we will contact you.

Explore the convenience of online giving at immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

and set your tithe to automatically occur when, how often, and in the amount you would like to give. After your account is set up, you will always have access to it to update your information, change gift amounts, enter new payment methods, or pause/cancel a gift at any time. With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or having cash on hand for the offertory!

Remember, you can easily access your online payment account at immaculateconceptioncathedral.com/payments

Youth News

The Cathedral Youth have had a meaningful and active summer. Our middle schoolers kicked things off with Leadership Camp at Camp Karol, while our high school youth attended the Diocese of Lake Charles' Christian Leadership Institute in Dry Creek this July. Together, we also assembled Blessing Bags for the homeless, which our Cathedral Parish distributes to those in need. It's been a summer full of growth, service, and faith!



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

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

Pray for VOCATIONS

Melchizedek Project: Vocation discernment groups

The Melchizedek Project hosts meetings for young men in high school and college in an environment where they can freely consider God's plan in their life. The vocation discernment groups meet bi-weekly, and food will be provided. For more information on meeting times and locations, visit <http://lcvocations.com/discrimnment-groups>.

**The Vianney House—206 Aqua Drive,
Lake Charles**

Religious Sisters of Mercy monthly gathering

Join the Religious Sisters of Mercy for a small group ENDOW study on St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women*. The group study, for single women ages 18-35, meets on the first Tuesday monthly for dinner and discussion at the Sisters' convent, 1414 Martha Street. ENDOW (Educating on the Nature of and Dignity of Women) seeks to educate women toward a more profound understanding of their God-given dignity through study in small groups of faith and friendship.

Please contact the Religious Sisters of Mercy to register or for more information: Call 337-564-0030 or email lakecharles@almamercy.org.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, July 26...(8:00 AM)—Kyndal Richard **(4:00 PM)**—Ray and Evelyn Broussard; Pat and Fred Bercier; Hebert and Pronia Families; Kenneth Abrahams; Monsignor Charles Dubois

SUNDAY, July 27...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—James Dunham Shearman; Michael Richard; Heather Ieyoub; Phillip Conner **(11:15 AM)**—Andrew Bushnell **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Evelyn Cenni

MONDAY, July 28...(7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Troy Derouen **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Edgar Dauphin

TUESDAY, July 29...(7:00 AM)— Kate Ortego Thomas **(12:05 PM)**—Daniel Hernandez **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Cleadeis Matt

WEDNESDAY, July 30...(7:00 AM)—Caius McGuirk **(12:05 PM)**—Lea Poncho **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Robert Hill Family

THURSDAY, July 31...(7:00 AM)— Christy Papania-Jones **(12:05 PM)**— Joseph Hebert, Sr **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Emma Racco

FRIDAY, August 1...7:00 AM—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Troy Derouen **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Tony & Shirley Leger

SATURDAY, August 2...(8:00 AM)...Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Dauphin **(4:00 PM)**—Gladys & Delma Devillier; Ted Gauthreaux; JB Postell; Beau Styron; Glenn & Jeanne Delahoussaye; Annette Pronia; Scalisi & Barone Families; Concetta & Curtis Cardone, Sr. ; Curtis Cardone, Jr.

SUNDAY, August 3...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Michael Scimemi; Eileen Cappel; Charles Viccello; Tillie & F.J. Lungaro; Lonnie J. Neveu; Sherman Solari; David Trunecek; Dallas Grimmit; Tyler Family; Sam Reed **(11:15 AM)**—Hiram DuRousseau **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**— Piero Cenni

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Melissa Anderson; George Ange; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; James M. Bailey; Guy Barré; David Batchelor; Dale Bayard; June Benoit; Andre Boudreault; Melanie Bowles; Gayla Brimer; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; James Bryan; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Pauline Chavanne; William “Will” Chavanne; Denise Collett; Helen Credeur; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Carolyn Denison; Vickie Denison; Gwen Thomas Dowden; Larry Dugas; Sadie Dunn; Claudia & Curtis Dyle; Charles Elter; Ann Eustis; Chad Fazzio; Tony Fazzio; Nicholas Fletcher; Gilbert Fontenot; Sundra Fontenot; Nelson Francisco; Kathleen Gallow; Carolyn Gauthreaux; Debbie Gauthreaux; Jack Glover; Diane Hagerty; Gabriel Hardy; Mary Lois Harst; Michelle Hart; Mary Hebert; Peggy Heideman; Brenda Hoback; Allen Hoffpauir; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Sheryl Huesers; Georgia Ieyoub; Heather Ieyoub; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Brice Jones; Christy Papania-Jones; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Kim LaFleur; Natalie Landry; Chad Lavergne; Caroline Lawless; James Leger; Michael Lee; Marshall Leiber; Della Lemaire; Catherine Lorenzi; Elizabeth Louviere; Melanie Lupo; Vincent Lupo; Judy Marcantel; Megan Marcantel; Zoë Dyle May; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Kai McKinney; Raven McKinney; Melanie Moreno, Elaine Morrow; Jerry Nichols; Dr. John Noble; Randy Nunez; Shawn O’Guinn; Carol & Larry Ortego; Janie Pago; Larry Parker; Larry Parker, Jr.; Ben Perry; Robert Perry; Susan Prejean; Seth Priola; Demi Rainwater; Clifford Raleigh; Rena Reed; Kendall Richard; Oliver “Rick” Richard; William P. Richard; Lathan Russell; Rene Russell; Silas David San Miguel; Sheila Sanders; Leslie Sayne; Marie Scimemi; Doug Shearman; Sue Spears; Marlena Spell; Jaxson Spikes; Rob Stephens; Jackie Stevens; Katherine Grace Stutes; Wren Elise Stutes; Gary Swain; Jude Theriot; Cole Thomas; Fayette Thomas; Stanley Thomas; Warren Thomas; Chad Trahan; Darla & Patrick Trahan; Ted Trahan; John Tucker; Rebecca Turner; Jo Ann Van Gossen; Larry James Vidrine; Clay Ward; Clyde Weber; Aly & Riley Wilkins; Remi Wissinger; Margaret Wukovits; Andrew Yearby; Ronda Yearby; Gay Young; Martha Young.

If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 337.436.7251

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.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...Michael Buller, USN; Daniel Breaux, US Army; Cade Camel, US Army; Anthony Deshotel, US Navy; Gabriel Emerson, USAF; LTC John Harrell; Cpl. Wyatt LeJune, USMC; Noah Keller, US Army; Ross Painter, US Army; Lt. Col John Robichaux; Col. Steve Rodriguez, USAF; Joey Russell, USMC; Rick Ruot, Army National Guard; Macy Shearman, USMC Reserve; Nikolas Stanko US Army; Anthony Viccellio, USAF; Nicholas Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Joseph Vincent, USMC (To add or remove a name, please call the office—436.7251)