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Established April 25, 1980

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Bishop of Lake Charles

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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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **AUGUST 10, 2025**

My Dear People of God!

This week, both of our schools open again for another year of learning! As the Rector of Saint Louis and the Pastor of ICCS, I am happy with both of our schools and proud of our teachers and administration. Let us pray for our teachers, staff, and administration as they begin the new school year. Let us also pray for our students that they are open to learning at our Catholic Schools.

Having consider the fact that God is the Creator of all things, the Creed tells us this week that all things are “visible and invisible” things. We can easily believe in the things that we see, but as believers in something we also believe in unseen realities. These realities are the spiritual world that surrounds us. The spiritual world is the world that is unseen by the senses. It is perceived and realized through the intelligence of the creator. Unique among all creatures, the human person has two aspects: a mortal visible aspect and an immortal invisible aspect. We call these two realities the body and the soul. Together, the body and soul comprise the human person.

With this, we should realize something: we are in this world, but we are made with a foot in the next world. Our journey begins here in the world, but we do not stay here. We are part of that which is invisible. This means that we should be aware of what is taking place around. We interact with angels and other spirits and what we do bears importance for eternity.

As we gather this weekend for Mass, it is good for us to realize all the spiritual presences that are with us. The Angels come to us in the Mass to worship the Living God with us. Another important reality is that our loved ones who have died in the favor and grace of God also join us in the worship. The Catechism speaks of how in the Mass we are closer to our loved ones because of Christ’s Presence than we could possibly be in our earthly life (cf. CCC 1681, 1684, 1689). This invisible reality should be our inspiration to look beyond what we sense to the heavenly realities that are present among us even when our senses do fail us.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller

**We wish a Happy Birthday to
Bishop Provost on August 9!
Thank you for answering God’s call...
living the Word and leading the flock
entrusted to your care.**



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary A Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass Thursday, August 14—5:00 pm in the Church

Friday, August 15-7:00 am in the Church, 12:05 pm in the Church, 5:00 pm (Latin mass)

The Cathedral office will be closed on August 15

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



Celebration of the
Sacrament of Baptism:
Beatrice Louise Camel
&
Jude Harvey Piper

welcome

The newest members of our Cathedral Family!

Dr Edward and Mrs. Jessica Bergen and Family

*S
Kristy and George Jones*



ALTAR SERVERS

There will be a new altar server training and refresher course for current servers on Saturday, August 16th at 10:00 am in the church. Lunch will be provided afterwards in the hall at 11:30 am

August 3, 2025 \$19,450.88
Offertory \$15,483.65
Online \$3,967.23

Upcoming second collections:

August 10th-BSA
August 17th-Religious Education

Readings for the Week ~ August 10-17, 2025

Monday: Deut. 10:12-22; Ps. 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ; Matt. 17:22-27

Tuesday: Deut. 31:1-8; Deut. 32" 3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Matt. 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 61:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Matt. 18:15-20

Thursday: St. Maximilian Kolbe Josh. 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps. 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matt. 18:21-19:1

Vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps. 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor. 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28

Friday: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rev. 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB; Ps. 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor. 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Saturday: Josh. 24:14-29; Ps. 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Matt. 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer. 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps. 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb. 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53



Please keep our students at ICCS and St Louis in prayer as they begin school this week.



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INAUGURAL MEN'S CONFERENCE IS AUG. 16

The inaugural "Iron Sharpens Iron" 2025 Men's Conference is planned for Saturday, August 16, 2025, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 2500 Enterprise Boulevard, in Lake Charles. The all-day event — 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. — is open to all men, 13 years and older, who want to be inspired, challenged and equipped on their faith journey. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

With the theme, "Be strong and show yourself a man." — I Kings 2:2 RSV, organizers said the mission of the event is to bring men together to strengthen brotherhood, to enlighten men to assist them in their vocations as head of the family, husband, or single life, and send them forth with courage to spread the Word.

Conference hours are 8:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. for check-in with the Rosary beginning at 7:45 a.m.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m., and there will also be time set aside for Eucharistic Adoration.

Tickets are \$50.00 for adults, and \$35.00 for those age 13 to 17 years. Seating is limited. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iron-sharpens-irons-mens-conference-2025-tickets-1316170173419>.

Sponsorships are available for \$5,000 (includes four tickets), \$2,000 (includes two tickets), \$1,000 (includes two tickets), \$500, and \$250.

For general conference and sponsorship questions, please email at ironsharpensiron2500@gmail.com or call 603-867-8857.

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.

PRAYER FOR SAFETY IN HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, Hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

**+The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
2nd Bishop of Lafayette**

"WOMEN OF THE BIBLE"

"Women of the Bible" for women—a monthly presentation led this month by Father Ruben Buller: Meet in the Ave Maria Hall at 8:30 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **Saturday, August 16th**. Fr. Buller will speak on St. Jane Francis de Chantel. A light breakfast will be served and there is no need to RSVP.

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

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/discrimenment-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, August 9...(8:00 AM)—Shannon J. Fuselier, Sr. **(4:00 PM)**—Tom Delahoussaye; Kenneth Abrahams; Hebert & Pronia Families; Monsignor Charles Dubois; Ogea & Duhon Families; Shelia Cola

SUNDAY, August 10...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—James Dunham Shearman; Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi; Heather Ieyoub **(11:15 AM)**—Glenn & Jeanne Delahoussaye **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Matthew Schnur

MONDAY, August 11...(7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Hillary Green **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Mary Leger

TUESDAY, August 12...(7:00 AM)— Amanda Douga **(12:05 PM)**—Virginia Kate Jessen **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Collin & Brittany Racco Family

WEDNESDAY, August 13...(7:00 AM)—Courtney Crosby **(12:05 PM)**—Margaret & Richard Pousson **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Elizabeth Schnur

THURSDAY, August 14...(7:00 AM)— Christy Papania-Jones **(12:05 PM)**— Milissa Thibodeaux **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Brady Flavin Family **(5:00 PM Vigil Mass)** Lavoi Family

FRIDAY, August 15...7:00 AM—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Gloria DeRoussel **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Charles Rumere

SATURDAY, August 16...(8:00 AM)...The Douga Family **(4:00 PM)**—Gladys & Delma Devillier; Dr. Charles Mackey; JB Postell; Kate Ortego Thomas; Ena Murphy; Guy Murphy; Annette Pronia

SUNDAY, August 17...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Michael Scimemi; McCombs Family; Donovan Dupuis Family; Sherman Solari; Ernest & Betty Dimaline; Tyler Family; **(11:15 AM)**—Hiram DuRousseau **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**— Evelyn 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; Diane Hagerty; Gabriel Hardy; Mary Lois Harst; Michelle Hart; Mary Hebert; Peggy Heideman; Brenda Hoback; Allen Hoffpaur; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Sheryl Huesers; Georgia Ieyoub; Heather Ieyoub; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Brice Jones; Christy Papania-Jones; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Denver Keller; Kim LaFleur; Natalie Landry; Chad Lavergne; Caroline Lawless; Wilton “Butch” Lee; 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 AUGUST

Pope Leo XIV: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Bishop Provost: Let us pray for newly married and young couples to live following the example of the Holy Family with perseverance and strong faith in God.

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)