



**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**

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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

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
 TIME  
 AUGUST 17, 2025**

My Dear People of God!

Today, as we continue to look at the Nicene Creed, we come to what is called the second movement of the Creed that begins with the statement “I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ.” In that statement, we come to what is unique about Christianity. The uniqueness of a Christian is found in the Person of Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we profess with Saint Peter in the Acts of the Apostles when he declares that the only salvation that is possible is through Jesus. Outside of Christ, there is no salvation. This statement has two responses that we then must be able to say: first, a personal response; and second, a universal response.

The personal response is how you and I reply to the Gospel Message. When we encounter the Truth of Christ, is our life different? The practical way that this is done is through our baptism and living of a sacramental life in the Church. In addition, we strive for a moral life because we strive to live like Jesus. There should be a congruency, a similarity to my life and the Life of Christ. We, in addition, put all of our hope in the gift of salvation that Christ offers us. Nothing else will save us.

The universal response is how the unique and only salvation is offered to those who do not know the Truth, those who do not know Christ. The Church has always taught and to this very day still teaches that outside of the Holy Catholic Church, there is no Salvation (cf. Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium*, 16, 17, 18). However, because of the deception of the evil one, truth is not always heard or properly given. God still offers His unique salvation that is found through His redemption on the Cross to those who through no fault of their own do not know the true Savior, Jesus Christ.

This is a precious gift of God, that is the salvation that He offers us through His Life, Death, and Resurrection. As such, our duties as Christians is to try to ensure that as many as possible know Jesus. Do we introduce Christ as the unique and only Savior? One of the primary ways for us to do this is to not be ashamed of our Faith in public. We live in a pluralistic society today and there is a temptation to not wear our faith through religious articles or even to not pray the blessing before meals, but these small actions are a proclamation of the Gospel that otherwise would be unheard and unseen. As Christians we are invited to show our unique gift that is the only way that the world will be saved. Let us invite the world, our friends, our co-workers, and our families to know Christ Jesus this week!

God Bless!  
 Father Ruben Buller



Pecans! Pecans! Pecans!  
The Catholic Daughters are selling pecans!  
Mammoth pecan halves \* \$12.50 per  
1-pound bag  
Pecans will arrive in time for your holiday  
baking! To place an order by phone, call/text:  
Connie @ 337.794.0689 Payment by  
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Celebration of the  
Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Clayton Benton Brashear**  
Son of Landon & Brooke Brashear

Take  
Note

Parents of First Communion and  
Confirmation students for the 2024-2025  
school year:

There will be an informational meeting on August 26th  
at 5 pm in the Ave Maria Hall for parents of  
First Communion Students.

There will be a Confirmation informational meeting on  
August 28th for parents and students at 5 pm in the  
Ave Maria Hall.

#### Upcoming second collections:

August 17, 2025 \$17,519.73  
Offertory \$13,248.51  
Online \$4,271.22

August 17th-  
Religious Education  
August 24-None  
August 31-None

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

#### Readings for the Week ~ August 18-23, 2025

**Monday:** Judg. 2:11-19 ; Ps. 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab  
and 44 ; Matt. 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Judg. 6:11-24a; Ps. 85: 9, 11-12, 13-14;  
Matt. 19:23-30

**Wednesday: St. Bernard** Judg. 9:6-15; Ps. 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;  
Matt. 20:1-16

**Thursday: St. Pius X** Judg. 11:29-39a; Ps. 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9,  
10 ; Matt. 22:1-14

**Friday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps. 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-  
10 ; Matt. 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 ; Ps. 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5  
Matt. 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Isa. 66:18-21 ; Ps. 117:1, 2 ; Heb. 12:5-7, 11-13 ;  
Luke 13:22-30

#### Veritas 2025

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic *Veritas Conference* in the Diocese  
of Lake Charles will feature author and songwriter Mike Aq-  
uilina as keynote speaker on Saturday, September 13. This  
year's theme is "The Church Fathers." *Veritas*, which is Latin  
for Truth, will take place at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Fam-  
ily Life Center, 3939 Kingston Street, with doors opening at  
8:00 a.m.

The conference will explore the life and writings of the early  
Christians, especially those who contributed substantially to  
the development and growth of the Church we know today,  
helping us understand our beliefs more concretely and come  
to appreciate how deeply we, as Catholics, remain rooted in  
the apostolic times.

The conference is an event for all adult Catholics, consisting  
of keynote addresses, breakout sessions, prayer, lunch and  
vendors. It begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. in Our Lady Queen  
of Heaven Catholic Church, 3939 Lake Street, followed by  
the Welcome and Keynote at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Center.  
In addition to the keynote, other highlights include  
breakout sessions by local clergy and lay presenters.  
Breakout session presenters include:

- **Father Jeffrey Starkovich** — Pastor of St. Pius X  
Catholic Church in Ragley.
- **Father Nathan Long, V.F.** — Pastor of St. Margaret of  
Scotland Catholic Church in Lake Charles and Dean of  
the North Central Deanery.
- **Father D.B. Thompson, JCL** — presenting in both Eng-  
lish and Spanish, Father Thompson will speak on "The  
Church Fathers/Padres de la Iglesia." He is Promoter of  
Justice and serves as a judge in the Office of Tribunal.
- **Jared and Jennifer Watson** — The Watsons are  
parishioners of the Cathedral of the Immaculate  
Conception. They will speak on "Living the Faith of  
Family Life."

Online registration is \$30 per person through August 31 and  
\$40 per person September 1 through noon September 12.  
Parish groups of six or more receive an additional \$5 off per  
person

## JUBILEE PRAYER 2025

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

**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.

There are 3 Bible Study groups for ladies who meet on Friday mornings in the church office building.

Call for more information! 337.436.7251

## 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 we will

## 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/discernment-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](mailto:lakecharles@almamercy.org).

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**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

**MONDAY, August 18...(7:00 AM)** —No Mass **(12:05 PM)**—Gilbert & Ginny Fontenot (63rd Anniversary)  
**(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Christian & Kara Racco and Children

**TUESDAY, August 19...(7:00 AM)**— No Mass **(12:05 PM)**—Amy Williams  
**(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Tony Leger

**WEDNESDAY, August 20...(7:00 AM)**—No Mass **(12:05 PM)**—Jennifer Watkins  
**(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Shirley Leger

**THURSDAY, August 21...(7:00 AM)**— No Mass **(12:05 PM)**— Heather leyoub  
**(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Matthew Schnur

**FRIDAY, August 22...7:00 AM)** —No Mass **(12:05 PM)**—Vanessa Garcia  
**(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Phillip Schnur

**SATURDAY, August 23...(8:00 AM)**—Daniel Hernandez. **(4:00 PM)**—Kenneth Abrahams; Hebert & Pronia Families; Sheila Cola; Louise and Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Drr. Ben Guilbeau; Hayley, Andrew & Arthur Yearby; Tom Delahoussaye; Lorita Dauphin

**SUNDAY, August 24...(7:30 AM)**—"Pro Populo" (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—J. B. Postell; James Dunham Shearman; John Peke; Sam Reed; Jean Warren; Heather leyoub **(11:15 AM)**—Andrew Bushnell  
**(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Alex Charles Yokubaitis

## 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 Boudreaux; 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 Hoffpauir; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Sheryl Huesers; Georgia leyoub; Heather leyoub; 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 Wukoviits; 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 National Guard; Nicholas Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Joseph Vincent, USMC **(To add or remove a name, please call the office—436.7251)**