



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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Established April 25, 1980

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Bishop of Lake Charles

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Pastor
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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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 24, 2025

My Dear People of God!

As we continue to look at the Creed that we profess week after week, this weekend we will consider what we mean when we say that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. This is a statement that is key for our understanding of identity of Christ. Let's break it down for our understanding.

Christ is the only begotten Son meaning that He is divine by nature. Coming from God, He is God. We will profess this Sunday again this fact when we say, "God from God...true God from true God." There is no other unique, natural Child of God. However, we know that we are also children of God. Our identity as children of God is based on the reality that we were chosen to be in Christ. Thus, we say that we are adopted through Christ as children of God. Therefore, our identity must be based on the reality that Jesus is the true, natural Son of the Father. Thank the Lord for that!

The second thing that we can glean is the fact that our Lord Jesus was begotten, not made (we will say this in our Creed as well). The begotten nature of Jesus then gives Him the identity that shows that His sonship is found in the Father.

Last of all, God has chosen to use familial language in describing Himself in the Trinity. As such, Jesus' true identity is the Son of the Father. We see in Him a relationship of family then within the Trinity.

For our part, we should rejoice in the unique identity of the eternal Son as we continue to look at the second article of the Creed. Throughout this article it is important for us to look to see what Jesus' identity is, because through His Incarnation, we will be offered His gift of Salvation.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller

If you would like to be registered as a parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, please visit our website at :
immaculateconceptioncathedral.com
or stop by the church office for a registration form.

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



Next Sunday, August 31
Great coffee, doughnuts, conversation and community
 Ave Maria Hall after the 7:30 & 9:30 Mass,
 courtesy of KCs Cathedral Council 1207



Pecans! Pecans! Pecans!

The Catholic Daughters,
 Court Lady of the Lake #695 are selling pecans!
 Pecan halves - \$12.50 per 1-pound bag
 Pecans will arrive in time for your holiday baking
 and Christmas gift giving!
 Orders must be received by October 20, 2025.

To place an order by phone, call/text:

Connie @ 337-794-0689

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 ICCS Tuition Fund ~ SLCHS Tuition Fund ~ SLCHS Foundation
 Seafarers' Center ~ March for Life ~ Catholic Charities ~ Camp Karol
 New Life Counseling ~ St. Nicholas Center ~ Autism Services of SWLA
 CDA Education Contest ~ Diocesan & Cathedral Parish Events

This weekend is our **FRUITFUL SUNDAY**

We collect, as a church parish, canned fruit on the 4th weekend of each month for Catholic Charities. You may leave your cans in the foyer of the day chapel or at the church office during regular office hours.

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

St. Mother Teresa



August 17, 2025 \$16,104.78
Offertory \$11,919.78
Online \$4,185.00

Upcoming second collections:

September 7: Building Fund
 September 14: The Catholic University of America

Readings for the Week ~ August 25-29, 2025

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 ; Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ; Matthew 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6; Matthew 23:23-26
Wednesday: St Monica 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 ; Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Matthew 23:27-32
Thursday: St. Augustine 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Psalm 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab ; Matthew 13:54-58
Friday: St. John the Baptist 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Matthew 6:17-29
Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; Matthew 25:14-30
Sunday: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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.

THIS WEEKEND!!!

DETAILS ANNOUNCED FOR LOCAL FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING ABRAHAM'S TENT

(Lake Charles, Louisiana)--The annual "Clean Out the Freezer and Pantry Day," sponsored by Sportsmen For the Hungry, in affiliation with Hunters For the Hungry, is scheduled for **Sunday, August 24, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the the Pathology Laboratory Parking Lot, located at 830 West Bayou Pines Drive in Lake Charles.** A convenient drive-thru drop-off service will be provided near the Lake Street parking lot entrance. Southwest Louisiana residents are encouraged to clean out their freezers and pantries to help feed the hungry in our area. Donations of wrapped and labeled frozen meat and fish (wild and domestic), canned or boxed foods, rice, cooking oil, seasonings, vegetables and paper goods will be accepted. All donations will be delivered directly to Abraham's Tent, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to provide food for the poor and hungry in Lake Charles every day of the year.

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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



In Loving Memory...

Bob McCall ~ August 14, 2025



Father of parishioner Chris McCall

We pray that he will find peace and joy in the presence of Our Lord. We extend our sincere sympathies to his family and to all who mourn his death.

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

Welcome

The newest member of our Cathedral Parish
Brandi Guillory

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*

Save these dates!

Tuesday, August 26th 5 pm in the Ave Maria Hall
Meeting for parents of students making their first communion this year.

Thursday, August 28th 5 pm in the Ave Maria Hall
Meeting for parents and students making their Confirmation this year.

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 23...(8:00 AM)—Daniel Hernandez. **(4:00 PM)**—Kenneth Abrahams; Hebert & Pronia Families; Sheila Cola; Louise and Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. 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 Ieyoub (11:15 AM)—Andrew Bushnell **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Alex Charles Yokubaitis

MONDAY, August 25...(7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Kyndel Heffer **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Terrence and Rita Rumore

TUESDAY, August 26...(7:00 AM)— Logan and Sara McGuirk **(12:05 PM)**—Jodi Schlang **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Gagnon Family

WEDNESDAY, August 27...(7:00 AM)—Chauntelle Lejeune **(12:05 PM)**—Leanne Schwartzenburg **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Brittany Racco

THURSDAY, August 28...(7:00 AM)— The Broussard Family **(12:05 PM)**— Joey Jarreau **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Jon and Elisa Schnur

FRIDAY, August 29...7:00 AM —“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Carl Ardoine **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Cleaudis Mott

SATURDAY, August 30...(8:00 AM)...Bishop Glen Provost **(4:00 PM)**—Kate Ortego Thomas; Annette Pronia; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Dallas Grimmit

SUNDAY, August 31...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Michael Scimemi; Robert and Margaret Schmitt; Peter and Christine Crawford; Amanda Palombo; James Callais; Betty Dimaline **(11:15 AM)**—Matthew Schnur **(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; 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 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; 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 National Guard; Nicholas Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Joseph Vincent, USMC **(To add or remove a name, please call the office—436.7251)**