



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Established December 8, 1869

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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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 31, 2025

Dear Cathedral Parishioners,

It is hard to believe we are at the end of August! There have been many things that have happened since I arrived in December. Now that my time (might be) coming to an end here at the Parish, it would be a good time to pause and reflect on all that has taken place so far. It was quite an adjustment transitioning back to parish life from seminary. It was nice seeing a parish outside of summertime in full swing! The Christmas holidays made it extra busy, yet it was a beautiful time to witness. In the spring semester, I had the privilege of teaching Middle School Theology once a week at ICCS. I knew this was going to be challenging for me, as I had never been in a teaching position. It was a gift to be able to teach the faith, and at the same time, extremely rewarding to see that same faith come alive in the hearts and minds of the students. I will always treasure that opportunity, and I hope to do that again in the future.

The season of Lent and Easter was one of great challenges and graces as well. In March of this year, I was ordained as a Deacon. It was a beautiful ordination day seeing the Cathedral filled with so many family, friends, and the lay faithful. I felt the love and support and I will always remember that day. I began my ministry as a deacon serving at Mass, proclaiming the Gospel, celebrating the sacrament of baptism, and being able to preach homilies. Holy Week was filled to the brim with preparation and liturgies, but it was a beautiful experience entering into our Lord's Paschal Mystery. With the end of spring and the end of the school year, I was honored to have preached at the graduation Mass for ICCS and witness our eighth graders move onto the next chapter of their education. As I attended and was able to vest my best friend at his Diaconate Ordination this summer, and serve as deacon at the First Mass of one of my classmates who was ordained a priest, I couldn't help but experience gratitude. This time was a great joy, and yet I could not help but think that my time would be approaching soon. I was excited to also participate with the Diocese in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Priesthood Ordination for His Excellency Bishop Provost. That was truly inspiring to see the witness of a priest/bishop live out his vocation with fidelity for fifty years.

Summer is now coming to an end, school is back in session, and fall is just around the corner. I am now busy making my last preparations for my Priesthood Ordination. I am not yet sure where I will be assigned as an Associate Pastor, but I am reminded of what Bishop Provost said at the beginning of his priestly ministry, "I put it all in the Lord's hands and let him do the rest." What great advice to follow! I too will strive to put it all in the Lord's hands and to let Him do the rest. God gives us the grace to cooperate with His will in all things. I am excited to see what this next chapter in my life will bring. I am ready to become configured to Christ the one true Eternal High Priest and to participate in His ministry and His work of redemption. Please keep me in your prayers as I will continue to pray for you all here at the Cathedral. This is a truly wonderful place with wonderful people. May the Lord continue to bless you all abundantly. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Pray for us!

In Christ,
Deacon Hunter LaRocca

The Sanctuary Candle burns in September for:
Cathedral: Jennifer Hildebrandt and Sherman Solari
St. Bernadette Oratory: Rev. Monsignor Arthur Burton
Calkins



**Celebration of the
Sacrament of Baptism:
Grace Elizabeth Bellue
Daughter of Allison and Joseph Bellue
&
Henry Allen Rohleder
Son of Tiffany and Joseph Rohleder**

The Cathedral Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of the Labor Day holiday. There will be no 7:00 am mass on this day, but there will be a noon mass that is celebrated.



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

Cash, check, & Venmo accepted

Payment by Venmo at:



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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

**The offertory will be reported
In our next bulletin.**

**Upcoming second
collections:**

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

Readings for the Week ~ September 1-7, 2025

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ; Psalm 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 ; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 ; Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: St Gregory Colossians 1:1-8 ; Psalm 52:10, 11 ; Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14 ; Psalm 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 ; Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Colossians 1:15-20 ; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 ; Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23 ; Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8 ; Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18b ; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 ; Philemon 9-10, 12-17 ; Luke 14:25-33

The Priestly Ordination of Deacon Hunter LaRocca will be celebrated on Saturday, September 6, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral. In light of this sacred occasion, there will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass or meditation that morning.

The faithful are encouraged to unite in prayer for Deacon LaRocca as he prepares to enter the priesthood, and all are cordially invited to participate in this solemn and joyous liturgy.

***Cathedral Altar Society...
making a difference every day!***



Altar Society



The Cathedral Altar Society lovingly serves our parish by caring for the altar and sacristy, ensuring that everything needed for the celebration of Mass is prepared with beauty and reverence.

We warmly invite you and your family to become part of this special ministry. Annual dues are just \$25 per family, or you may support the Altar Society through a donation of any amount. Your participation helps us continue this work of love for our parish community. If giving by check, please write "Altar Society" on the memo line. Donations may also be made online by noting "Altar Society". For more information, please contact the parish office at (337) 436-7251.

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



In Loving Memory...
Lorraine Fazzio~August 14



Hattie Kadlubar~August 18
Mother of parishioner Tina Reggie

Larry Joseph Ortego~August 20
Brother of Phyllis White
Uncle of Warren Thomas

Anne Collette~August 21
Sister of Allyson Nixon

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

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.

Catholic Daughters Court Lady of the Lake #695 -
3rd Monday of each month (September to June) at 6:00 in the Ave Maria Hall

“Come Lord Jesus” for men- Tuesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. in the Ave Maria Hall

Cathedral Council 1207, Knights of Columbus -
4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Ave Maria Hall

Welcome

The newest members of our Cathedral Parish
Jason and Ashley Guillory and family
And
Kristy Mullen and family

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*

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.

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 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

MONDAY, September 1 ... (7:00 AM)—No Mass **(12:05 PM)**—Lanie Vanchiere
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Tony & Shirley Leger

TUESDAY, September 2... (7:00 AM)— Bruce Dauphin **(12:05 PM)**—Steven Ray Miller
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Collin & Brittany Racco and children

WEDNESDAY, September 3... (7:00 AM)—Tom Delahoussaye **(12:05 PM)**—Eula & Bennie Boller
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Cheryl Casey

THURSDAY, September 4... (7:00 AM)— Ronald Ormsby **(12:05 PM)**— C.A. Miller, Jr.
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Maura Casey

FRIDAY, September 5...7:00 AM —“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Brad Foreman
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Kellen Leger

SATURDAY, September 6... (8:00 AM)—No Mass **(4:00 PM)**—Kenneth Abrahams; Sheila Cola; Louise and Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau; Gladys & Delma Devillier; Ted Gauthreaux; Kate Ortego Thomas; JB Postell; Annette Pronia; Troy Derouen; Beau Styron; Paul P. Reggie; Bernard Kadlubar; Scalisi & Barone Families; Concetta & Curtis Cardone, Sr. and Curtis Cardone, Jr.

SUNDAY, August 24... (7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Michael Scimemi; James Dunham Shearman; Lonnie J. Neveu; Daniel Hernandez; Sherman Solari; Sam Reed; Tyler Family; Jean Warren **(11:15 AM)**—Hiram DuRousseau **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Jon & Elisa Schnur

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; Pearl Cole; 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; 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 National Guard; Nicholas Viccellio, USAF National Guard; Joseph Vincent, USMC **(To add or remove a name, please call the office—436.7251)**