



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
Mr. Robert Marcantel
Music Director
Mrs. Marlene Mullenix
Organist
Mrs. Carmel Fazzio
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Mrs. Sue Burke
Receptionist
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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
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

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT PETER CLAVER

September 7, 2025

My Dear People of God!

There is so much for us to rejoice about this weekend! After being assigned at the Cathedral, our own Hunter LaRocca has been ordained a Priest of Jesus Christ! We are grateful for the response of Father LaRocca to Christ. Let us pray for his striving for holiness of life.

This weekend as well, the Bishop has chosen to honor men and women from our Diocese and in particular from our Cathedral Parish for their service to the local Church of the Diocese of Lake Charles and their service in particular to our Parish.

The people who have been honored are as follows:

Lavonne "Cookie" Dennison	Charles Marcantel
Vince Lupo	Barbara Dubois
Monica Broussard	Stephen Broussard
Karen Fills	Mike Fills
Robbie Lavern	Mary Bushnell
Jimmy Bushnell	Julie Engert
Jeanne Delahoussaye	Mary Alice Lauw
Kenneth Trahan	Connie Nodier
	Mike Nodier

These individuals have served our parish in a variety of ways. When they spoke to me, they all said the same thing, "I'm not sure why I am getting this honor;" and that is a gift! It shows the desire for good and to do good.

I also realize that these individuals only are a few who help to make our parish run well and smoothly. While these others may not receive recognition or honors, all of our work goes to the glory of God and the building up of His Kingdom especially here in this Parish of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Please join me in congratulating these men and women listed above. And let us all remember the words of Saint Paul to the Corinthians: "...if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." (1 Corinthians 12: 26). We as a parish are honored by the good works of these men and women who are being honored by the Bishop today!

If you are able, please join the Diocese in a celebration of Solemn Vespers in honor of Saint Peter Claver on Sunday, September 7, beginning at 5:00 pm here at the Cathedral.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive a bulletin in the mail, please let the church office know!

And don't forget that you can access our weekly bulletin online on our website

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



**Celebration of the
Sacrament of Baptism
Mabel Marie-Leonie Favrot
daughter of
Elizabeth and Gregory Favrot**



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!
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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

Collection August 24 & 31, 2025 \$30,214.29
Offertory \$23,059.29
Online \$7,155.00

Upcoming second collections:

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

Readings for the Week ~ September 8-14, 2025

Monday: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30 ; Psalm 13:6ab, 6c; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or Matthew 1:18-23

Tuesday: St Peter Claver Colossians 2:6-15 ; Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 ; Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11 ; Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab ; Luke 6:20-26

Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17 ; Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 ; Luke 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 ; Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 ; Luke 6:39-42

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom 1 Timothy 1:15-17 ; Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 ; Luke 6:43-49

Sunday: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 ; Philippians 2:6-11 ; John 3:13-17

**Join the Religious Sisters of Mercy for the
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of Mercy**



Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025

**5:30PM | Holy Mass Celebrated by
Most Reverend Glen John Provost**

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Reception to follow in the Ave Maria Hall



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of ALMA MICHIGAN

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In Loving Memory...
Dr. Donna Vanchiere~August 13



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

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.

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**

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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, September 6...(8:00 AM)—No Mass (4:00 PM)—Kenneth Abrahams; 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, September 7...(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

MONDAY, September 8 ... (7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (12:05 PM)—Amanda Douga (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Elizabeth Schnur

TUESDAY, September 9... (7:00 AM)— John-Patrick & Hannah Broussard (12:05 PM)—Caius McGuirk (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Brandon Phipps

WEDNESDAY, September 10... (7:00 AM)—Micah Boller (12:05 PM)—Glynn Helmer (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Siobhan Papantonis

THURSDAY, September 11... (7:00 AM)— Sam Broussard (12:05 PM)— Cynthia Mertel (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Christian & Kara Racco & children

FRIDAY, September 12... (7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (12:05 PM)—Hattie Kadlubar (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Philip Schnur

SATURDAY, September 13... (8:00 AM)...Loritia Dauphin (4:00 PM)—Dr. Charles Mackey; Hebert & Pronia Families; Glenn & Jeanne Delahoussaye; Sheila Cola; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Hayley, Andrew, Arthur Yearby

SUNDAY, September 14... (7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—McCombs Family; Donovan Dupuis Family; Amanda Palombo Welch; Dallas Grimmit (11:15 AM)—Elizabeth Dimaline (12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)— Anthony Leger

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 Hoff-pauir; 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 Rusell; Rene Russell; Silas David San Miguel; Sheila Sanders; Leslie Sayne; Marie Scimemi; Doug Shearman; Sue Spears; Marlena Spell; Jaxson Spikes; Rob Stephens; Jackie Stevens; 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 SEPTEMBER

Pope Leo XIV~ Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Bishop Glen John Provost~ Let us pray for the unity of the Church to witness to the world Her fidelity to our Lord and His teachings.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY...Michael Boller, 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)