



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

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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
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-SIXTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

My Dear People of God!

As we come to the end of September, it is a good time for us to continue to pray for our young people who are in schools. We should remain vigilant in our prayers for them. As you may recall, this is part of our Friday intentions before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please be reminded to join us each week after the 7:00 am Mass to pray for the safety of our children in body, mind, and soul. We conclude each week with Benediction at 8:00 am. It is good to come to the Lord with this special intention.

Considering our next reflection on the Creed, we come to what has been called the anchor of our Faith:

For us men and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For Catholics, when we come to these words, we are asked to make a profound bow and twice a year (at Christmas and on the Annunciation) we are called to genuflect. In the other rites of the Church, the custom is slightly different. For example, in some Eastern Rite Liturgies the ministers prostrate themselves on the ground and in the 1962 Latin Mass all are called to genuflect each time the Creed is professed at these words. Regardless of the custom, these words compose the anchor or central facet of the Faith that we need to hold on to.

As the anchor, these words make us who we are. I would like to reflect on this one phrase for the next two Sundays, but for this week I would like to challenge each of us to have a deeper appreciation of the difference that Christ makes. He should be the anchor of our lives, and so may He be for us and for our family that we may find our purpose in Him who became one with us for our good!

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 September
for:
Cathedral: Jennifer Hildebrandt and
Sherman Solari
St. Bernadette Oratory: Monsignor Arthur
Burton Caulkins



Congratulations to St. Louis Catholic's Homecoming Queen Sydney Hoffoss! Sydney and her family are long time parishioners of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Sydney is the daughter of Corlissa and Judge Lee Hoffoss.



Homecoming Queen Sydney Hoffoss pictured with her parents, Corlissa and Judge Lee Hoffoss and her brothers Gray and Max.

Your generosity is such a beautiful gift.

September 21, 2025	\$15,718.75
Offertory	\$11, 518.75
Online	\$4,200.00

Upcoming second collections:

September 28-BSA
October 12-BSA
October 19—World Mission Sunday

Readings for the Week ~ September 29-October 3, 2025

Monday: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ; Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 ; John 1:47-51
Tuesday: St Jerome Zechariah 8:20-23 ; Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 ; Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday: St Therese of the Child Jesus Nehemiah 2:1-8 ; Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 ; Luke 9:57-62
Thursday: Holy Guardian Angels Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 ; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 ; Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Baruch 1:15-22 ; Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 ; Luke 10:13-16
Saturday: St Francis of Assisi Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 ; Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37 ; Luke 10:17-24

Saintfest 2025

This October, join others across the Diocese of Lake Charles in celebrating the lives of the saints in a fun, faithful way!

Each day, two saints will be paired in a friendly matchup. Get to know them, some familiar, some new, pray with them, and cast your vote for who will advance to the next round. On the Solemnity of All Saints

Day, Nov. 1, one will be crowned our *Blessed Intercessor* for the upcoming liturgical year. It is set to be a great daily encounter for individuals, families, and classrooms to grow in love for the Church's vast cloud of witnesses! Join in the fun and follow along at saintfest.wordpress.com or scan to QR code to get started!



SCAN ME

Little Flowers Girls' Club Meeting Dates

A Catechesis of Biblical Femininity
Studying the Great Female Saints & Virtue

September 28th
October 26th
November 23rd
December 28th
January 18th
February 15th
March 22nd
April 12th
May 17th

Meetings will be held from 2 PM - 4 PM

Ave Maria Hall, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

This weekend is our **FRUITFUL SUNDAY**

As a church parish, we collect 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



Children's Church: 11:15 AM Mass

The Cathedral's Catechesis (commonly called "Children's Church") for children who are 3 years of age through 2nd Grade, or its equivalent, is offered at the 11:15 am Mass (children must be potty trained!). The Catechesis is meant to help children better understand the Mass and the Scriptures. The catechists who are leading the program are Safe-Environment ("Safe and Sacred") Trained and use an approved text for the catechetical sessions.



ALTAR SERVERS

We are in need of Altar Servers for the 4:00 pm mass. If you would like for your child to be added to the schedule for 4:00 pm mass, please call the Cathedral Office.

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

Our Cathedral Altar Society works to provide and care for all the things associated with our altar and sacristy needed to celebrate Mass. The Altar Society provides for our daily Masses, five weekend Masses, the St. Bernadette Chapel, the Seafarers Center, ICCS, St. Louis Catholic High School and our homebound parishioners.

The core mission of the Altar Society remains as it always has - provide and care for the bread, wine, vessels, linens, vestments, candles, flowers and anything else needed for the altar of worship.

They are the members (women and men) who volunteer to take home the linens and towels used at Mass for cleaning and pressing. They are the Sacristans who set up for Mass and take down after. They polish and clean the vessels, press and mend the vestments, water the plants, and more. Their "behind the scenes" involvement is often unnoticed but vital to our church parish.

Your yearly dues of \$25 per family, or contributions to our Altar Society, will guarantee that our Cathedral Parish will continue to have its needs provided. If you donate or join by check, please write "Altar Society" on the memo line. You may also make a donation online by noting "Altar Society." Please contact the church office at 436.7251 for more information.



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:

Consuelo Nodier

@Consuelo-Nodier



Proceeds from CDA fundraising support the following:
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

Youth Ministry

NEWS

The Cathedral has a thriving Youth Group for both High School students and students in Middle School. Middle Schoolers meet on Wednesdays from 5-6:15, and the High Schoolers meet on the first and third Wednesday from 6-7:30. Both groups meet in the Ave Maria Hall. Interested? Use the QR codes below to sign up on our Group Me

High School Youth Group

Use this QR code to join our high school youth group



Middle School Youth Group

Use this QR code to join our middle school youth group



COFFEE WITH CHRIST



2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS OF THE MONTH
CAMP KAROL RETREAT CENTER
4PM - 8PM

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC
SAINTS



The St. Louis Homecoming Court was presented at the Homecoming Game last Thursday, September 18th. Several of our parishioners were a part of the Court. Emma Foret, daughter of Shane and Dr Jonathan Foret (4th from left), Natalie Obluda daughter of Margaret and Gerry Obluda (7th from left), Queen Sydney Hoffoss, daughter of Corlissa and Judge Lee Hoffoss (center), and Mary Claire Liles, daughter of Jessica and Stephen Liles (4th from right). Congratulations to these girls on receiving this honor!

Adoration/Divine Mercy at St Charles

Deacon Brian Soileau, director of Saint Charles Center, presides over Eucharistic Adoration and Divine Mercy at 7:00 pm every Tuesday in the Chapel of the Assumption. Saint Charles Center is located at 2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway. Please check the Saint Charles Center website calendar, Facebook, or call the office to check for change of venue due to retreats during the week or unforeseen circumstances.

Rachel's Vineyard

Take the first step for healing after abortion. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is scheduled the weekend of October 17-19, 2025, at Saint Charles Center, 2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway. The retreat, sponsored by the Diocese of Lake Charles, is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion.

If you are a parent, grandparent, sibling or friend affected by abortion, and you are struggling with guilt, depression, regret, or other difficult emotions from an abortion, come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat.

For more information or registration, contact Marjorie Long, site leader for Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana, at 337-489-2473, or email rachels.vineyard@lcdioocese.org. Inquiries are confidential.

Did you know?

The Bishop's Services Appeal benefits Diocesan Youth Ministry. Diocesan Youth Ministry hosts a number of events each year including the Middle School Rallies, The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC), and the Christian Leadership Institute (CLI). They also take a pilgrimage to Italy every two years. Their last pilgrimage had 26 young people who visited Rome and the surrounding area. Supporting the BSA supports the young church!

Volunteers Needed for Lake Charles Food Distributions

Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana is seeking volunteers for monthly food distributions at 1225 Second Street in Lake Charles from 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

on the following Fridays:
October 10 & 17

November 7 & 14

December 5 & 12

Volunteers are needed to greet clients, assist with check-in and registration, direct traffic, organize food allotments and load food packages in vehicles in the drive thru line.

For more information, or to sign up to help, please contact Carrie Burch, Catholic Charities Volunteer Coordinator, at (337) 439-7436 ext. 208 or by email at volunteer@catholiccharitiesswla.org



Providing Help. Creating Hope.

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WE ARE HIRING!



ADMINISTRATOR
VILLA MARIA RETIREMENT CENTER

Do you have a heart for caring for others with Christ-like love and compassion?

Join Villa Maria Retirement Center and put your passion for healthcare and service into action!

Scan below for more information!

ZIP RECRUITER:



INDEED:



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**

**Communal First Saturday Devotion
to Our Lady of Fatima**
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
7:20 a.m.—Devotion Prayers 7:30 a.m.—Rosary
8:00 a.m.—Mass, receive Holy Communion
8:30 a.m.—15 minute guided Meditation on the
Mysteries of the Rosary

Our Lady of Fatima requests that on the First Saturday of each month individuals go to Confession, say the Rosary, receive Holy Communion, and keep her company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary after receiving Jesus in the Eucharist; with the intention of making Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to bring about world peace and the salvation of souls.

Although confession will not be available before Mass, one can make a good confession eight days before or after with the intention of offering reparation for the offenses against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, provided you are in the state of grace upon receiving Holy Communion.

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

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

Looking for something??

The Cathedral office has a Lost and Found...if you are missing your Missal, rosary, keys, sunglasses, reading glasses, mantilla, umbrella, etc. please stop by and see if we have it!

You must be able to identify your item.

Our church office gladly hands out Snack Bags, as available to anyone who comes to our door, **no questions asked**.

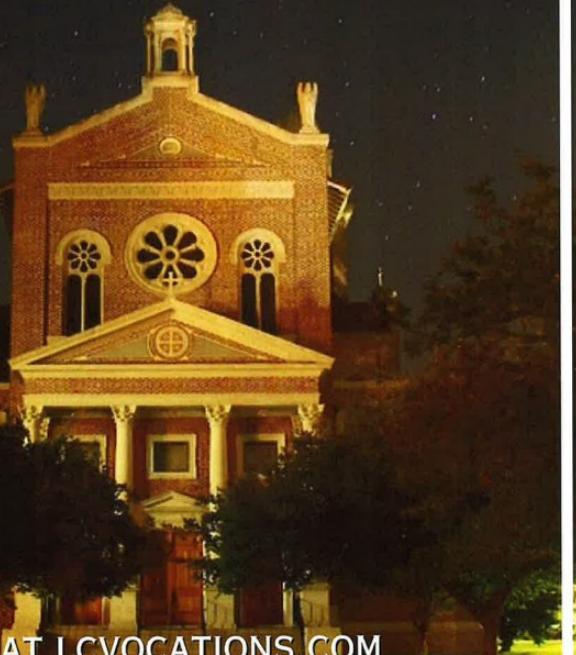
We also have an active Outreach Ministry, as well as Catholic Charities, to help those in need.

COME AND SEE

OCTOBER 3-5, 2025

SAINT JOSEPH ABBEY AND SEMINARY COLLEGE

OPEN TO YOUNG MEN AGES 16-25



REGISTER AT [LCVOCATIONS.COM](http://lcvocations.com)

BY SEPTEMBER 30

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT FR. MICHAEL CARAWAY AT

337-439-7400 EXT 226 OR

MICHAEL.CARAWAY@LCDIOCESE.ORG



ENDOW Study

Join the Religious Sisters of Mercy for a small group 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 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

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/discrimnent-groups>.

**The Vianney House—206 Aqua Drive,
Lake Charles**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, September 27...(8:00 AM)...Glenn & Jeanne Delahoussaye (4:00 PM)—Dr. Charles Mackey; Hebert & Pronia Families; Daniel Hernandez; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Betty Dimaline; Bernice Flowers; Joe & Josephine Caldarera

SUNDAY, September 28...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—James Dunham Shearman; Tyler Family; Lorraine Fazzio (11:15 AM)—Hattie Kadlubar (12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Jon & Elisa Schnur

MONDAY, September 29...(7:00 AM) —“Pro Populo” (For the People) (12:05 PM)—Micah Boller (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Cleasid Mott

TUESDAY, September 30...(7:00 AM)— Owen Thompson (12:05 PM)—Darty & Sheila Douga (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Claire Orton

WEDNESDAY, October 1...(7:00 AM)—Wesley Hayes (12:05 PM)— Margaret Pousson (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Steven Ray Miller

THURSDAY, October 2...(7:00 AM)— Roy & Evelyn Broussard (12:05 PM)— Tillie & FJ Lungaro (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Carl Lynn Stapley

FRIDAY, October 3...7:00 AM) —“Pro Populo” (For the People) (12:05 PM)—Mabel Hebert (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)—Tony & Shirley Leger Family

SATURDAY, October 4...(8:00 AM)...Brad Foreman (4:00 PM)—Kate Ortego Thomas; Annette Pronia; Gladys & Delma Devillier; JB Postell; CA Miller, Jr; Beau Styron; Ted Gauthreaux; Theresa Hudgins Ogle; Louise & Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau; Kenneth Abrahams

SUNDAY, October 5...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—Michael Scimemi; James Dunham Shearman; Lonnie J. Neveu; Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi; Daniel Hernandez; Sherman Solari; Sam Reed; Jean Warren; Bob McCall (11:15 AM)—Hiram DuRousseau (12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)— Beau Flavin

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; Kylian 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; Sherry Dugas; Sadie Dunn; Claudia & Curtis Dyle; Charles Elter; Ann Eustis; Chad Fazzio; Tony Fazzio; Nicholas Fletcher; 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; 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; Billy Ward; 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 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)