



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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Pastor
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Mrs. Jacqueline Hebert
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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-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 5, 2025

My Dear People of God!

This week as we continue to consider the Creed, we come to the line “For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate...” In this line, we mention one of the three names that is mentioned in every Creed that is approved for use in the Church (for example, the Apostles’ Creed that we often pray at the beginning of the Rosary). The three names are Jesus, Mary, and Pontius Pilate. The first two names are not a surprise. Our Faith is based on the Person of Christ Jesus and the Blessed Mother, Mary, is the first Christian and the one who has given her full “yes” to God. However, why mention Pontius Pilate?

Pontius Pilate being mentioned in the Creed removes our Faith from the world of myth, story, and legend, into the reality of fact, history, and science. We can see archaeological proof of Pontius Pilate (science) and read records of his time in 1st Century Palestine (history) and we can know from those records his impartial passing of judgment on many (fact). Therefore, we have a context for the Life of Jesus that is more than a story that sits on the dusty bible on our coffee table.

There is nothing wrong with myths and legends. We need these to help create our identity and teach us truths about ourselves. However, a mere myth or legend does not change me only informs me of something that is good but not tangible. Christ entering our time and place and history (we can definitely date Him because we know when Pilate was governor of Palestine) moves us from a mere external idea to the historical encounter with the One who became incarnate, died, and rose again!

This is not the only aspect of Pilate’s name being mentioned in the Creed, but a good place for us to begin. Next week, we will look at the second reason, but for now we should ask ourselves the real question of our encounter with the real Person of History Jesus Christ who is the Lord of Faith that we can touch and see and hear. By that fact, I can be changed and enter into the glory in store for the children of God.

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 October

for:

Cathedral: Charlie Viccellio and
James Dunham Shearman
St. Bernadette Oratory:



In Loving Memory...
Denise Foret Collett ~ September 28, 2025

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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Would you, or anyone you know, like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you need to complete your sacraments?

Our Cathedral parish has an active Order of Christian Initiation of Adults program. Please contact the church office at 337.436.7251.



Join us this Sunday, October 5
Great coffee, doughnuts, conversation
and community

Ave Maria Hall after the 7:30 & 9:30 Mass,
courtesy of KCs Cathedral Council 1207



Your generosity is such a beautiful gift.

September 28, 2025	\$32,137.75
Offertory	\$29,502.75
Online	\$2,635.00

Upcoming second collections:

October 12-BSA
October 19—World Mission Sunday
October 26-Insurance Fund

Readings for the Week ~
October 6-October 12, 2025

Monday: Jonah 1:1–2:1-2, 11 ; Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8 ; Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: Our Lady of the Rosary Jonah 3:1-10 ; Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 ; Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11 ; Psalm 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 ; Luke 11:1-4

Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20b ; Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 ; Luke 11:5-13

Friday: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 ; Psalm 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 ; Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: Joel 4:12-21 ; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 ; Luke 11:27-28

Sunday: 2 Kings 5:14-17 ; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 ; **2 Timothy 2:8-13;** Luke 17:11-19

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

Little Flowers Girls' Club Meeting in the
Cathedral Ave Maria Hall

To learn more please contact Jessie Dupre
225.776.4139.

Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a Catholic club for girls ages 5 and up that teaches virtues through scripture, saints' biographies and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.



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



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.

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.

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

Youth Ministry

NEWS



The Cathedral High School Youth Group enjoyed Java and Jesus on Wednesday, September 24th. We took our Youth Night on the road to The Buzz Coffee at its new location on Country Club Road. Father Beverung offered a reflection on the gospel and the teens had some meditation and reflection time with live meditation and worship music provided by Ruth McCain and Emma Foret. It was a great night of fellowship! Thanks again to The Buzz Coffee for closing down your dining room and staying open late for our youth!

A promotional image for a youth retreat. The top half features a blurred background of several young women laughing. In the top left corner is a QR code. The bottom half contains text and graphics. On the left, there is a graphic of a fingerprint with text inside it. To the right of the graphic, the title 'WHO AM I?' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below that, in smaller yellow letters, is 'THEOLOGY OF THE BODY MADE VISIBLE'. At the bottom, the text '9TH-12TH GRADE | 3-DAY RETREAT' and 'CAMP KAROL | NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025' is displayed in white. A red banner at the very bottom contains the text 'SIGN UP @ WWW.BIT.LY/SPXWHOAMI | INFO: KISSTY1227@HOTMAIL.COM'.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Lake Charles Distribution

Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana is seeking volunteers for monthly food distributions at 1225 2nd Street in Lake Charles from 8:30 am-11:00 am on the following dates:

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 Catholic Charities Volunteer Coordinator at (337) 439-7436 ext. 208 or by email at volunteer@catholiccharitieswla.org



The Office of Catholic Schools is in need of substitute teachers. Pay varies per school site and is based on experience. Contact Mrs. Dana Wimberly at the Office of Catholic Schools, 337-433-9640, Ext. 400, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. if you are interested.

Did you know?

The Bishop's Services Appeal benefits Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana. Catholic Charities assists in disaster relief with their disaster preparedness, response and recovery assistance. They also serve the five parish region each month with food distribution for those in need, while also providing a mobile shower trailer which also travels within the diocese. The mobile shower is equipped with 4 washers and dryers and 2 showers. Finally, Catholic Charities provides rent and utility assistance to qualifying clients. Supporting the BSA supports our community!

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**

Explore the convenience of online giving at immaculateconceptioncathedral.com 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

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.

The Diocese has a group of young men who are visiting St Ben's Seminary this weekend for the Come and See weekend at the seminary. Please join us in praying for these young men with this Vocations Prayer:

*He said to them "Come and See."
They came and saw where he was staying (John 1:39)*

*O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,

send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service
of you.*

*Open the hearts of Your children
that they may discern Your Holy Will;
inspire in them a love and desire to surrender
themselves
to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus
Christ.*

*Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths
in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin
Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our
Lord. Amen.*

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/discrimnment-groups>.

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

MONDAY, October 6...(7:00 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Tom Delahoussaye **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Cheryl Casey

TUESDAY, October 7...(7:00 AM)— Sara Douga **(12:05 PM)**—Carl Ardoin **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Elizabeth Schnur

WEDNESDAY, October 8...(7:00 AM)—The Crosby Family **(12:05 PM)**— Pamela Seal **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Matthew Schnur

THURSDAY, October 9...(7:00 AM)— Irene House **(12:05 PM)**— Concetta & Curtis Cardone Sr. & Curtis Cardone Jr. **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Christian & Kara Racco & Children

FRIDAY, October 10...7:00 AM —“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Elizabeth Dimaline **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)**—Phillip Schnur

SATURDAY, October 11...(8:00 AM)...Mr & Mrs Bruce Dauphin (4:00 PM)—Dr. Charles Mackey; Hebert & Pronia Families; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Scalisi & Barone Families; Luke Marcantel; Sheila Cola

SUNDAY, October 12...(7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—McComb Family; Amanda Palombo Welch; Tyler Family; Claire Orton; Ted Gauthreaux; Bob McCall; Douga Family; Bobbie Soileau (11:15 AM)—Glenn & Jeanne Delahoussaye **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**— Carl Lynn Stampley

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 OCTOBER

Pope Leo XIV~ Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Bishop Provost~ Let us pray for the safety and protection of the unborn and a greater respect for life from conception to natural death.

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)**