



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
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Mrs. Marlene Mullenix
Organist
Mrs. Carmel Fazzio
Bookkeeper
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Secretary/Youth Director
Ms. Karen Carso
Receptionist
Mrs. Sue Burke
Receptionist
Mr. Brendan Howard
Maintenance
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
Monday—Friday	12:45 PM (Rubrics of 1962) 7:00 AM St. Bernadette Oratory 12:05 PM

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

CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 23, 2025

My Dear People of God!

Today, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King of the Universe. Also, this week, our country celebrates the holiday of Thanksgiving. These two events many times align with each other each year. We should not let this go by the way! This week, let us give thanks for all the good gifts that we receive especially the Salvation that has been wrought for us by Christ our Lord.

This week, I will be on retreat. Every priest is required by Church Law to go on retreat once a year. The reason why is because the priest is required to have a living relationship with God so that in turn he can support the members of his parish. Saint Charles Borromeo said to his priests in the 16th century that they should never neglect the times of prayer that the Church demand otherwise they will not have anything to give. As I go on retreat this week, I ask that you pray for me that I may be able to be filled with the first joy of knowing Christ.

As fate would have it in our continual reflection on the Creed, we reflect this week on the phrase that "...His kingdom will have no end." This is a self-explanatory phrase. We know what it means, but do we live it out? To profess that Jesus' Kingdom has no end means that all things should be directed toward it.

In this week as we acknowledge the universal Kingship of Christ and we give thanks to God for all good things, let us make sure that all things are directed toward God.

Happy Thanksgiving, and prayers for safe travels for all who are journeying. May we all come to know Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life of the world.

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.

Not sure if you are a registered parishioner?

Please call Monica Broussard at 337-436-7251 or
email

secretary@immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

The Sanctuary Candle burns in November for:

Cathedral: Sherman Solari

and JB Postell

St. Bernadette Oratory:

Patricia and Shelley Paul

Broussard, Sr.



Readings for the Week ~
November 24-30, 2025

Monday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20 ; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 ; Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday: Daniel 2:31-45 ; Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 ; Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 ; Luke 21:12-19

Thursday: Daniel 6:12-28 ; Daniel 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 ; Luke 21:20-28

Friday: Daniel 7:2-14 ; Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 ; Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: Daniel 7:15-27 ; Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 ; Luke 21:34-36

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent Isaiah 2:1-5 ; Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ; Romans 13:11-14 ; Matthew 24:37-44



Celebration of the
Sacrament of Baptism
Welcomed into the Family of Christ
Frank Allan Wood III
Son of
Savannah & Frank Wood, Jr

Your generosity is such a beautiful gift.

November 16, 2025

\$17,247.78

Offertory
Online

\$13,992.78
\$3255.00

Upcoming second collections:
No second collection this weekend
November 30-Insurance Fund

DON'T MISS THE TAX BREAK



Your gift makes an impact while reducing your taxable income.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM YOUR IRA



Age 70 ½ or older



Distribution must be made by Dec. 31, 2025



Contribution must be sent directly from your IRA to your church parish



Other year-end gifts
— by check, online
donation, or
appreciated stock —
are also welcome.

A Qualified Charitable
Distribution (QCD) can
count toward your
Required Minimum
Distribution (RMD) if
you are 73 or older,
while reducing your
taxable income.

CONTACT THE
CHURCH OFFICE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION



There will a daily mass celebrated on
Thanksgiving Day at 8:30 am in the
Cathedral on Thursday, November 27.

- There will be no 7 am mass November 24th-28th.
- The Cathedral offices will close on Wednesday, November 26 at noon and will reopen on Monday, December 1st.

Being the hands of feet of Christ...



Socks for the Homeless

Theresian Ministry is sponsoring a sock drive for the homeless. Simply purchase extra socks while you are shopping, and drop them off in the baskets at the Cathedral office or at the northside entrance of the Cathedral during November and December. The socks will be delivered to Catholic Charities for distribution to our friends in need.



Christmas at Sea

The Stella Maris Seafarers Center is giving holiday treats and gift cards to sailors this year. To learn more, call 337-263-0317.



Cookies, cakes, candy and holiday breads are welcome. Gift cards to fast food restaurants like Subway, Buffalo Wild Wings, Crust Pizza, Chick-fil-A, McDonald's and Walmart, are perfect!

 Spread the love of Christ to sailors this year! 

Call Ray Fontenot, Director, at 337-263-0317, or email stella.maris@lcdiocese.org to have items picked up. Or, you may deliver them to Stella Maris Seafarers Center, 150 Marine St., Box 10, Lake Charles, LA 70601



The Cathedral Youth Group

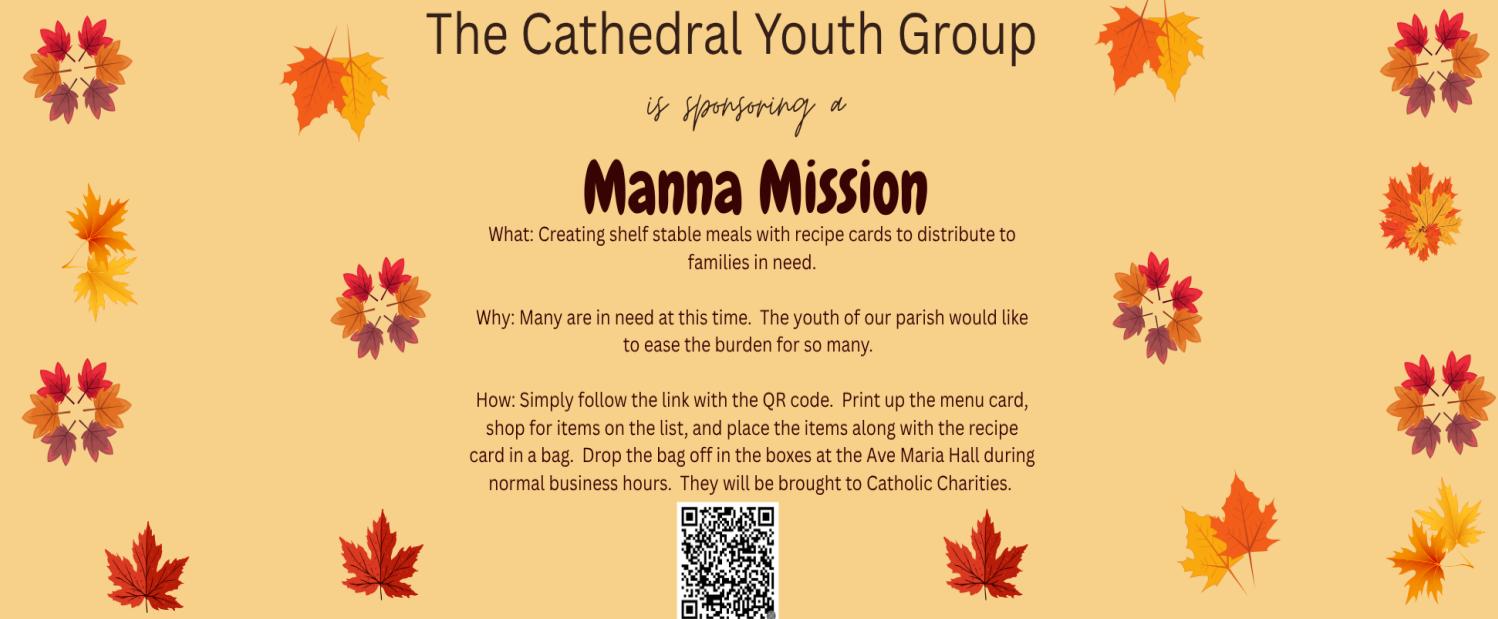
is sponsoring a

Manna Mission

What: Creating shelf stable meals with recipe cards to distribute to families in need.

Why: Many are in need at this time. The youth of our parish would like to ease the burden for so many.

How: Simply follow the link with the QR code. Print up the menu card, shop for items on the list, and place the items along with the recipe card in a bag. Drop the bag off in the boxes at the Ave Maria Hall during normal business hours. They will be brought to Catholic Charities.



Youth Ministry

NEWS

The Cathedral has a thriving Youth Group for both High School students and students in Middle School. Middle Schoolers meet on the first Wednesday of each month 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



Eagle Scout Projects

Benjamin-Isaac Alcantara Duplechin, a senior at St. Louis Catholic High School and member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 7, is completing his Eagle Scout project at Immaculate Conception Cathedral. Ben, along with fellow Scouts and classmates, is restoring the cathedral's wrought iron fence. The project began with sanding away rust and power washing the surrounding brick, and the team is now in the painting phase. Ben plans to complete the restoration over Thanksgiving break, with a scheduled finish date of Tuesday, November 25.

His hard work and leadership are a wonderful example of faith in action, service, and dedication to our parish community.



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

How to keep in touch!

Flocknote— You can either visit flocknote.com/iccathedral or text **ICCATHEDRAL** to **84576** from your cell phone to subscribe.

Facebook—Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Web—immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

Listen to our Sunday 9:30 AM mass on the radio! Tune in to **KLCL AM 1470** or **KJEF AM 1290**.

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.



A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 26 at 1:30 pm in the Cathedral for **Dr. John Cocchiara**. There will also be a gathering afterwards in the Ave Maria Hall.

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:

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@catholiccharitiesswla.org

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.

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DIOCESAN NOVENA

FOR OUR NEXT BISHOP

O most Holy Virgin, whom the Lord was pleased to make His Mother, immaculate in body and soul, unwavering in faith and ardent in love, look kindly upon us as we implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, who by the first moment of your Immaculate Conception did crush the head of our ancient foe, we humbly beseech you as suppliants to receive our prayers as we implore you to present at the throne of God the favor we now request: **that a faithful and zealous shepherd be chosen as the next Bishop of Lake Charles.**

O Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Mother of God, you did have influence with your Divine Son while upon this Earth. And, since your most powerful persuasion has in every way come to fullness now in Heaven, pray for us and obtain from Him, Whom you rightly call your own Son, the granting of our petition according to the Divine Will, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*

To be prayed November 30 – December 8, 2025

First Sunday of Advent through the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Image: From the Apse at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles

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 and we will contact you.

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.

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

Pray for
VOCATIONS

Cor ad Cor

A Heart-to-Heart with Christ and the Sisters of Mercy

Unmarried women, ages 18 and up, are invited to join the Religious Sisters of Mercy at their Convent on the first Tuesday of the Month. These evenings consist of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Dinner, and Discussion.

The schedule is as follows:

4:55 pm Holy Hour

6:15 pm Dinner

8:00 pm Conclusion

Address: 1414 Martha Street
Lake Charles, La 70601

The Discernment Year

The Discernment Year is designed to bring clarity to vocational discernment by showing a young man how to discern. The Discernment Year is for young men who are juniors in High School through 25 years old.

If you are interested in learning more about the discernment year, please contact Father Michael Caraway at 337-439-7400 ext. 226 or email michael.caraway@lcdioocese.org

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, November 22... (8:00 AM) Bishop Glenn John Provost (4:00 PM)—Annette Pronia; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Hayley, Andrew, & Arthur Yearby

SUNDAY, November 23... (7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—JB Postell; McCombs Family; Sam Reed; Tyler Family; Charlie Viccellio; (11:15 AM)—The Douga Family (12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)— Jon & Elisa Schnur

MONDAY, November 24... (12:05 PM)—Bruce Dauphin (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Lorraine Fazzio

TUESDAY, November 25... (12:05 PM)—William D. Ward (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Lorita Dauphin

WEDNESDAY, November 26... (12:05 PM)— Tom Delahoussaye (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Darryl Blalock

THURSDAY, November 27... (8:30 AM) Jean Bolton; Phillip Conner

FRIDAY, November 28... (12:05 PM)—Daniel Hernandez (5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Cleadis Mott

SATURDAY, November 29... (8:00 AM)...Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Dauphin (4:00 PM)—Elizabeth Dimaline; Hebert & Pronia families; Dallas Grimmit; Louise & Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau

SUNDAY, November 30... (7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) (9:30 AM)—Michael Scimemi; Sherman Solari; Micah Buller (11:15 AM)—The Crosby Family (12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)— Theresa Schmidt

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 Boudreaux; Gayla Brimer; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; James Bryan; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Pauline Chavanne; William “Will” Chavanne; Pearl Cole; Betty Collins; 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; 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; La-than 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; Jason Thompson; 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 NOVEMBER

Pope Leo XIV~ Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community.

Bishop Provost~ Let us pray for a profound and deeper sense of gratitude for God’s many gifts to us.

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; 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)