



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Established December 8, 1869

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
Bookkeeper
Mrs. Monica Broussard
Secretary/Youth Director
Ms. Karen Carso
Receptionist
Mrs. Sue Burke
Receptionist
Mr. Brendan Howard
Maintenance
Mrs. Jacqueline Hebert
ICCS Principal

935 Bilbo Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601

337-436-7251 FAX: 337-436-7240

Listen to our Sunday 9:30 am Mass on the radio! Tune in to KLCL AM 1470 or KJEF AM 1290

Website:
immaculateconceptioncathedral.com
E-mail:
secretary@immaculateconceptioncathedral.com
FaceBook:
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Flocknote:
flocknote.com/iccathedral

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 2025

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)

Cathedral Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-12:00 1:00-4:30 PM Friday 8:30 AM-Noon

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

Pastor's Corner

December 21, 2025

My Dear People of God!



We are fast approaching the great Feast of Christmas, and as the school breaks begin, many people will be traveling. Let us remember in our prayers those that are travelling this week for Christmas. Please check the bulletin this weekend for the Mass times as Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation.

As a reminder, we are excited that our school ICCS will be having Lessons and Carols a time of Scriptures and songs that help us to prepare for the Feast of Christmas. This will be taking place here at the Cathedral on Monday, December 22nd beginning at 5 pm.

This week, we move to the last section of the Creed as we begin to consider the Church and the nature of the Church. This part of the Creed is associated with the article of the Creed that is dedicated to the Holy Spirit. This is because the Church is the product of the Holy Spirit. In theology, the great writers of the Church often would speak of the processions of the Persons of the Blessed Trinity that reveals the truth of the one who sent that Person. For example, we know the Person of the Father because Christ the Son was proceeded into the world to proclaim the truth of the identity of the Father. Likewise, Christ told His disciples that the Holy Spirit would tell the world who He was and give the world understanding of Him. So with Pentecost and the procession of the Holy Spirit, the Church had a better understanding of the Son and was willing then to live and die for the truth that Jesus is God and the Second Person of the Trinity. With the arrival of the Holy Spirit in the world on Pentecost, we recognize that the Church has come into being. In fact, we call Pentecost the Birthday of the Church.

In that sense, we could say that the Church proceeds from the Holy Spirit and is meant to reveal to the world the power of the Spirit. From that point of view when the Church fathers composed the Creed as a statement of Faith, the Church was seen in light of the Holy Spirit.

As members of the Church, do we live the boldness of those who have been moved by the Holy Spirit? Do we still have the fire of grace that came to us when we were convinced of the Person of Christ? This Christmas, let us pray that the Holy Spirit might truly enlighten our hearts so that we might joyfully welcome again the Christ into our lives.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller



The Sanctuary Candle burns in December for:
Cathedral: Secondo DiCarlo
& Emma Annibolatti DiCarlo
St. Bernadette Oratory:
Lonnie Joseph Neveu



**December 24-4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
11:00 p.m. Cathedral Chorale Concert**

**December 25-
Midnight Mass
7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.**

11:15 a.m.-(Rubrics of 1962)



**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
December 31-5:00 p.m.
January 1-7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:15 a.m. (Rubrics of 1962)**



**All are invited to attend the
Cathedral Chorale Concert
December 24~11:00 p.m.
before Midnight Mass**



**Festival of Lessons &
Carols performed by ICCS
students will be on
Monday, December 22 at
5:00 PM. All are invited to
attend!**



Welcome

The newest members of our Cathedral Parish

Nicholas & Morgan Algero

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.



Please consider a gift to your parish, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, during this Advent Season. You should also be considering your cumulative charitable gift for tax return deductions and your eligibility for our Catholic Schools' Subsidies. The minimum donation to qualify for a subsidy for ICCS is \$500 and for St. Louis it is \$600, along with the requirement of being a registered, active parishioner.

We also accept donations in honor of or in memory of a loved one in your life. Your gift will be acknowledged with a card when you provide us with the appropriate name and mailing address.

Occasionally, we are blessed with a gift that is specified in a current or past member's will. We ask that you prayerfully consider this and discuss it with your family members.

Any gift, large or small, will be appreciated. Please know that all of our parishioners are kept in our prayers.

Your generosity is such a beautiful gift.

December 14, 2025

\$14,918.18

Offertory	\$10,708.18
Online	\$4,210.00

**Second Collection
Christmas Flowers**

**December 21 Building Fund
December 25 Catholic Charities**

Readings for the Week ~ December 22-28, 2025

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday: Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday: Christmas Vigil Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29.; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

Thursday: Nativity of the Lord Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Friday: St. Stephen Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 ; Matthew 10:17-22

Saturday: St. John 1 John 1:1-4 ; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a and 2-8

Sunday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.; Colossians 3:12-21 ; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Thanks to the ICCS 4th grade classes who donated hundreds of blessing bags for the homeless in our area. Generosity abounds this advent season. These sweet friends have brought Jesus into the lives of many in need.

**The church office will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 23 through Friday, December 26
There will be no 7:00 am daily Mass December 24-January 2**

If you would like to make a donation in memory of your deceased loved ones for the flowers that will adorn our altar and worship space this Christmas Season, please place it in the envelope from your contribution packet or in a plain envelope marked "Flowers."

Don't forget to include the name or names of those you wish to remember.

The list of names will be in the December 25 bulletin.



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

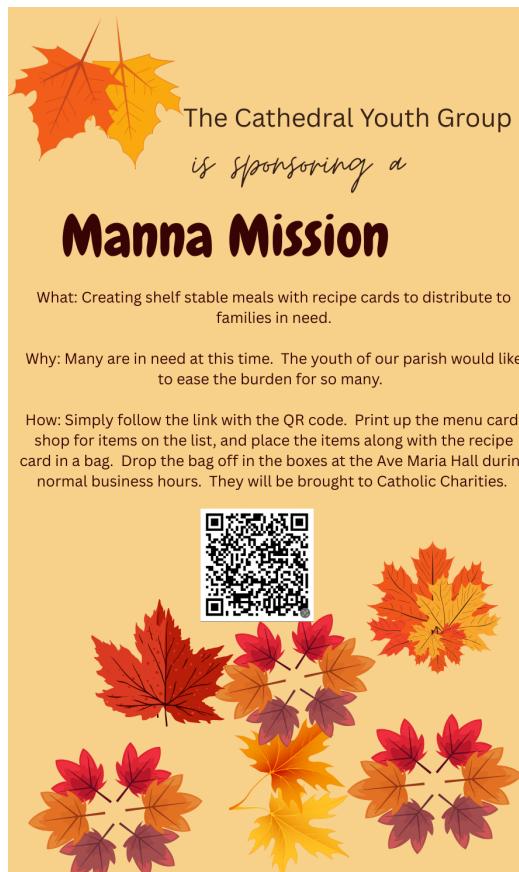


Middle School Youth Group

Use this QR code to join our middle school youth group



This is the final week for the Manna Mission which is being sponsored by the Cathedral Youth Group. If you are interested in helping to provide shelf stable meals to those in need, scan the QR code below. Print a recipe, shop for the ingredients and drop off the ingredients and the recipe in a bag at the Cathedral Offices.





PROVERBS 31

foundation

WISDOM SERVICE GRACE

"Proverbs 31 Foundation is a youth ministry group and service organization established from scriptural authority of God's purpose and provision for Girls. The Proverbs 31 Foundation is a catechesis in biblical femininity and virtue development for Girls ages 12-18 cultivated in the charisms of the great female Saints in which the *feminine genius* is intentionally mentored. Girls will be shepherded into knowing their inherent dignity and worth in Christ Jesus. The mission of the Proverbs 31 Foundation is to reverently inspire truth, goodness and beauty and to intentionally cultivate and mentor wise and graceful girls who are prayerful, contemplative, humble, and obedient to our Lord - devoutly serving Christ and His Church."

MEETING DATES 2026 - 4:30 PM:

JANUARY 18

FEBRUARY 15

MARCH 22

APRIL 12

MAY 17

JUNE 14

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
AVE MARIA HALL



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.

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

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



The Rosary is prayed before every weekday 12:05 Mass.

There is also the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help before the 12:05 Mass on Tuesdays.

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

His Excellency, Bishop Glen John Provost, invites all the faithful to the Closing Celebration Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, December 28, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 935 Bilbo Street. As we conclude this holy year locally in the Diocese of Lake Charles, let us gather in thanksgiving and prayer as we commend the fruits of this sacred year to the Lord and renew our call to walk as Pilgrims of Hope in our communities. The Jubilee Year of Hope will officially conclude on January 6, 2026, when the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica is closed.

DIOCESE
OF LAKE CHARLES

CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR DIOCESAN MASS



9:30 am | DEC. 28 | 2025

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

His Excellency, Bishop Glen John Provost, invites all the faithful to the Closing Celebration Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, December 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 935 Bilbo Street. As we conclude this holy year, let us gather in thanksgiving and prayer as we commend the fruits of this sacred year to the Lord and renew our call to walk as Pilgrims of Hope in our communities.

JOIN US MARCHING FOR UNBORN BABIES & THEIR MOTHERS AT THE

Southwest LIFE MARCH IN LAKE CHARLES

JANUARY 22, 2026 AT 6PM
MEET AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Amber Dubois
Conceived in Sexual Violence



LOUISIANA
RIGHT TO LIFE



ABC PREGNANCY
COUNSELING, INC.



newlife
COUNSELING, INC.

LALIFEMARCH.COM

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, December 20... (8:00 AM) Bishop Glen John Provost **(4:00 PM)**—Kate Ortego Thomas; Annette Pronia; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Hayley, Andrew, & Arthur Yearby; Vi & Wilburn Laumann; Vera & Joe Ellender; Emma Clark Ward; Beverly L. Mesh; Rikki D. Mesh

SUNDAY, December 21... (7:30 AM)— “Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—J.B. Postell; Bernard Kadlubar; James Dunham Shearman; Lonnie J. Neveu; Bob McCall; Caius McGuirk **(11:15 AM)**—Hiram DuRousseau
(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)— Phillip Conner

MONDAY, December 22... (7:00 AM) “Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Marion Dauphin
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Carl Lynn Stampley

TUESDAY, December 23... (7:00 AM) Jean Bolton **(12:05 PM)**—Concetta & Curtis Cardone, Sr. & Curtis Cardone, Jr.
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Harless Family

WEDNESDAY, December 24... (4:00 PM Christmas Vigil) Gladys & Delma Devillier; Paul Reggie; Bernard Kadlubar; Sam Reed; Butch & Brenda Sible

THURSDAY, December 25... Nativity of the Lord (Midnight) Jack & Sue Brooks; Michael Scimemi; Thomas G. Stephens; Renee Belaire; Roland & Terry; Phillip Conner; Amanda Palombo Welch; Tyler Family **(7:30 AM)**— “Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)** Lorraine Fazzio **(11:15 AM Rubrics of 1962)** Eva & Guy Murphy

FRIDAY, December 26... (12:05 PM)—Luke Marcantel
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Jon & Elisa Schnur

SATURDAY, December 27... (8:00 AM)...Orlando “Landy” Peluso **(4:00 PM)**—J.B. Postell; The Crosby Family; Betty Dimaline; Hebert & Pronia families; Louise & Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau

SUNDAY, December 28... (7:30 AM)— “Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Michael Scimemi; Sherman & Joyce Solari; Charlie Vicellio; Micah Buller **(11:15 AM)**—Hannah & John-Patrick Broussard
(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)— Kenneth & Emily Levelle

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; Houston G. Boyer; Gayla Brimer; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; James Bryan; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Pauline Chavanne; William “Will” Chavanne; Pearl Cole; 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; Stephen 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; Elizabeth Louviere; Melanie Lupo; Vincent Lupo; Judy Marcantel; Megan Marcantel; Zoë Dyle May; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Kai McKinney; Raven McKinney; 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; 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 DECEMBER

Pope Leo XIV~ Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Bishop Provost~ Let us pray for a renewal of faith in the Incarnation and the hope it brings to live in peace and with joy.

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)