



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

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CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 28, 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 28, 2025

My Dear People of God!



Merry Christmas! As with the most important feasts of the year, Christmas is not just one day. Each day for eight full days, the Church celebrates Christmas. On the Sunday that falls within those eight days, the Church celebrates as aspect of Christmas in the Holy Family. Remembering that Christ chose not to be born in isolation, we consider the context of the holy man Joseph and the highest honor of the entire human race, the Blessed Mother. With our Lord, their life in Nazareth can become a model for us to follow in our own lives and families. May the Holy Family pray for our families, especially those who may seem far from us.

Today also marks the end of the Jubilee Year in our Diocese. Pope Francis decreed that the Jubilee Year of 2025 would end in Rome on the Feast of the Epiphany, he also decreed that each diocese would close its own celebration of the Jubilee Year on the Feast of the Holy Family 2025.

This grace has been a unique time for us to consider the working of Christ and the grace that He has extended to us through the ministry of the Church. For that reason, we should be grateful.

This also leads to our further consideration of the Church in the Creed. In that we declare that the Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. These four distinctions or marks as we call them are found in the Church because of her origin and beginning. Since her beginnings were divine, she has these four marks that makes her known in the world.

There is a great mystery though. We know that individuals have not always lived to the fullness of call of the Church. The proof of this can simply be found by looking in the mirror. How often have we failed personally to make the Church known in way that shows the magnitude of God? Moreover, we know from history the faults that have been done especially by the leaders of the Church. This mystery though is more about the salvation that Christ offers to each of us rather than us personally as saviors.

Next week, we will look at the individual marks of the Church more deeply.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller

The Cathedral Offices will be closed Wednesday, December 31 through Friday, January 2. They will reopen on Monday, January 5 at 8:30. There will be no 7:00 a.m. daily Masses December 24-January 2.

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



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)**

Celebration of the
Sacrament of Matrimony
United in Holy Matrimony
December 19, 2025
Alivia & Andrew Arabie



Celebration of the
Sacrament of Baptism
Welcomed into the Family of Christ
Henry Deil LaLande
Son of
Jeanette & Deil LaLande



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



Welcome

The newest member of our Cathedral Parish

Karen Carso

Join us next Sunday, January 4th for coffee and donuts

Great coffee, doughnuts, conversation and community

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



Please consider a gift to your parish, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, during this upcoming 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.

Your generosity is such a beautiful gift.

December 21, 2025

\$ 14,299.75

Offertory	\$ 9,339.75
Online	\$ 4,960.00

Second Collection
December 28 BSA
January 4 Building Fund

Readings for the Week ~ December 29-January 4, 2026

Monday: 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18

Thursday: Solemnity of Mother of God Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Friday: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 John 2:29-3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1:29-34

Sunday: Epiphany Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

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.

DON'T MISS THE TAX BREAK

Your gift makes an impact while reducing your taxable income.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM YOUR IRA



Age 70 1/2 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**

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

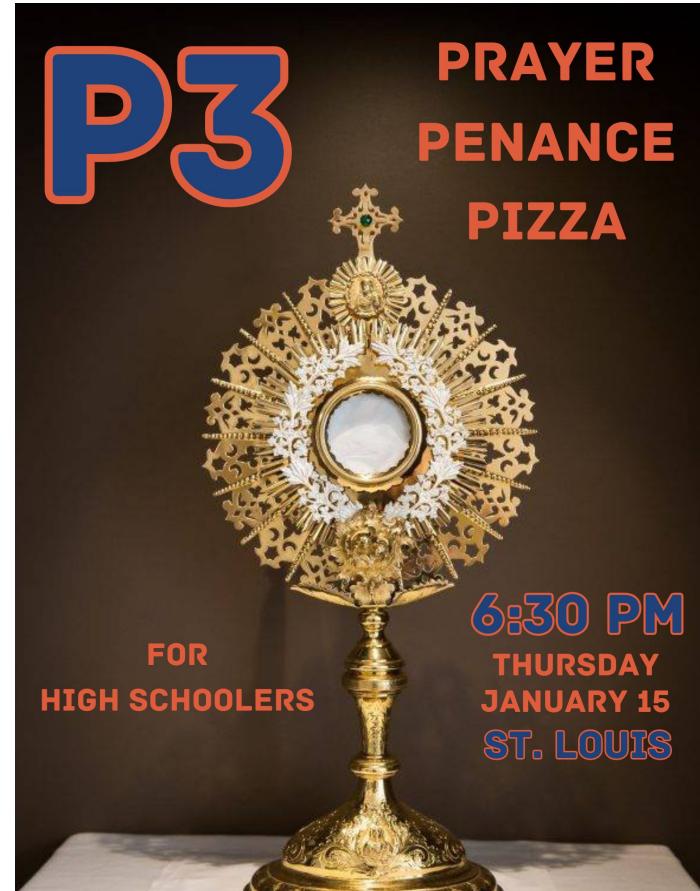


Middle School Youth Group

Use this QR code to join our middle school youth group



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





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

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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.

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

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CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR

DIOCESAN MASS



9:30 am | DEC. 28 | 2025

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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 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

MONDAY, December 29... (12:05 PM)—Elizabeth Pecorino
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Bob Carlson

TUESDAY, December 30... (12:05 PM)—Concetta & Curtis Cardone, Sr. & Curtis Cardone, Jr.
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Harless Family

WEDNESDAY, December 31... (12:05 PM) Darby & Sheila Douga **(5:00 PM) Vigil Mass** Snooks Dugas
(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962) Larry & Sherry Dugas

THURSDAY, January 1... Solemnity of Mary (7:30 AM)— “Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)** Minor Family; Steve Eccles **(11:15 AM Rubrics of 1962)** Melissa Dugas

FRIDAY, January 2... (12:05 PM)—Lee & Mabel Trahan **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Christian & Kara Racco & Family

SATURDAY, January 3... (8:00 AM) Ted Gauthreaux **(4:00 PM)**—Annette Pronia; Reverend Monsignor Charles Dubois; Beau Styron; Scalisi & Barone Families; Ruth Unkel

SUNDAY, January 4... (7:30 AM)— “Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Michael Scimemi; Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi; Same Reed; Bob McCall; James Dunham Shearman **(11:15 AM)**—C.A. Miller, Jr. **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**— Denise Collett

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)