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Established April 25, 1980

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CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Established December 8, 1869

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026

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)

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

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



January 4, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord

My Dear People of God!

Today, we observe the Epiphany of the Lord which is typically celebrated on January 6th but because we do not observe the day as a Holy Day of Obligation is transferred to the nearest Sunday in the Christmas Season. It is the observance of who our Lord manifested Himself to the nations first with the presentation of the Wise Men by the gifts they brought the young king, also how Christ was made known as the Son of God at the Baptism in the Jordan when the Father spoke revealing the Nature of Christ, and also when our Lord performed His first miracle at Cana showing that He was the Master of all things able to change them at His will. We focus on the first Epiphany particularly remembering the visit of the Wise Men to the Holy Family remembering the tie to the Lord's birth, but we recall all the manifestations of Christ to the world.

Appropriately, in the Creed, we are considering the Church's profession and belief she has about herself. This is primarily found in the four marks of the Church. The Church is one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. This week we will look briefly at one of the marks: the Church is one.

When we speak about the Lord's Prayer, we often think about the Our Father that Jesus taught His disciples. However, our Lord had a particular prayer with an intention that He prayed for. This is found in John 17: 21. There, our Lord prays that His disciples (the beginning of the Church) may be one as Christ is one with His Father. Thus, the Church's unity is something that is critical for the Christian and we should always work toward it. Unity does not mean that we lose our individuality, though. When we looked at the Trinity earlier in our discussion of the Creed, recall that the Son is not the Father, nor is the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit is not either the Father or the Son. Each is distinct, but there is one divinity that manifests itself in the Divine Will and plan of God. This means that the Son or the Spirit does not work against each other or the Father, rather they are one with the Divine Will.

Likewise, we should strive to one with the will and purpose of the Church. Her mission, will, purpose must itself begin with a realization that we are called to be one with Christ whose Body the Church is. Without that first unity there can be no other unity.

At the same time, we acknowledge that there is plurality in the expression of the Christian people which is authentic. We can look at the various Rites of the Church found in the East and the West. For example in the East, we have a variety of Rites that celebrate the same seven sacraments in a different and approved way. These include the Byzantine, the Syro-Malabar, the Ukrainian, and Coptic celebrations of the Mass and other Sacraments.


Likewise in the West, there is plurality. Normally, the Church will celebrate Mass and the other sacraments in accord with the Second Vatican Council, but there are other legitimate ways that are permitted including the Rites of the Church at the time of 1962 and what is called the Anglican Use which finds its roots in Medieval England before the time of Henry VIII. The key is that each of these various rites are legitimate and approved by the person of the Holy Father who stands on earth at the point of unity. Each of these rites and uses praise God and worship Christ. Thus, the oneness of the Church in this case is found in the many ways that God is glorified.

This week, let us strive for the unity of the Church first by being of the same mind as the Church and her mission and also worshipping our one Lord and God. Thus, we will be fulfilling the desire of Christ who prayed that we will all be one with Him in the Father.

God Bless!
Father Ruben Buller



The Sanctuary Candle burns in January for:

Cathedral: Troy Derougen &
Natalie Rodriguez
St. Bernadette Oratory:
Sherman Solari



The beautiful ornaments with the names of our loved ones who died last year can be picked up from the area near the creche in the church.



 Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism 

Welcomed into
the Family of Christ
Lonnie Armentor
Son of
Reagan & Kace Armentor
and
Arthur Ackoury
Son of
Hannah & Kris Ackoury

Your generosity is such a beautiful gift.

December 25 & 28, 2025

\$ 61,193.00

Offertory \$57,148.00
Online \$4,045.00

Second Collection
January 4 Building Fund
January 11 BSA

Readings for the Week ~
January 5-11, 2026

Monday: St. John Neumann 1 John 3:22-4:6; Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18; Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4; Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14-22

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21; Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; John 3:22-30

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7; Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Matthew 3:13-17

Enjoy coffee and donuts courtesy of
Knights of Columbus, Cathedral Council
1207this Sunday, January 4, in
the Ave Maria Hall after the
7:30 and 9:30 am masses!



**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.



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.

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



“WOMEN OF THE BIBLE”

“Women of the Bible” for women—a monthly presentation led this month by Father Ruben Buller: Meet in the Ave Maria Hall at 8:30 after the 8:00 a.m.

Mass on **Saturday, January 10th.**

Fr. Buller will speak on

St. Marianne Cope.

A light breakfast will be served and there is no need to RSVP.

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.

Explore the convenience of online giving at
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Where you can 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 donation amounts, enter new payment methods, or pause/cancel a donation at any time. With online giving, you can forget about writing checks or having cash on hand for the offertory!

Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope

Comes to a close



His Excellency, Bishop Glen John Provost formally concluded the Jubilee Year of Hope in the Diocese of Lake Charles on Sunday, December 28, 2025. The Closing Mass at 9:30 a.m. coincided with the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

As the holy year drew to a close, Bishop Provost encouraged the faithful to follow the example of the Holy Family, fostering hope and prayer as they continue their own journeys as Pilgrims of Hope.

Read full story at <http://www.lcdiocese.org/>
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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



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*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.



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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



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

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

MONDAY, January 5... (7:00 AM)— “Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Grimnett Family **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Kara Racco

TUESDAY, January 6... (7:00 AM)—Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Dauphin **(12:05 PM)**—The Douga Family **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Cheryl Casey

WEDNESDAY, January 7... (7:00 AM)— Sara Douga **(12:05 PM)** Troy Derouen **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** The Tate Family

THURSDAY, January 8... (7:00 AM)— Tom Delahoussaye **(12:05 PM)**—The Crosby Family **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Collin Racco

FRIDAY, January 9... (7:00 AM)— “Pro Populo” (For the People) **(12:05 PM)**—Dr. John Foret **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Kenneth & Emily Lavelle

SATURDAY, January 10... (8:00 AM)...Amanda Douga **(4:00 PM)**—Gladys & Delma Deviller; J.B. Postell; Hayley, Andrew & Arthur Yearby; Dr. David Gallo Family; Hebert & Pronia families; Louise & Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau

SUNDAY, January 11... (7:30 AM)—“Pro Populo” (For the People) **(9:30 AM)**—Sherman Solari; Betty Dimaline; Charlie Vicellio; Lucy-Jane Flavin & Flavin Family; **(11:15 AM)**—Lonnie O’pry **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)**— Hiram Durousseau

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; 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 JANUARY

Pope Leo XIV~ Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Bishop Provost~ For peace in the world, especially in troubled areas like the Ukraine and the Mid-East, may our Heavenly Father grant us a resolution to conflicts and wars.

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 Vicellio, USAF National Guard; Nicholas Vicellio, USAF National Guard; Joseph Vincent, USMC
(To add or remove a name, please call the office—436.7251)