



SUNDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

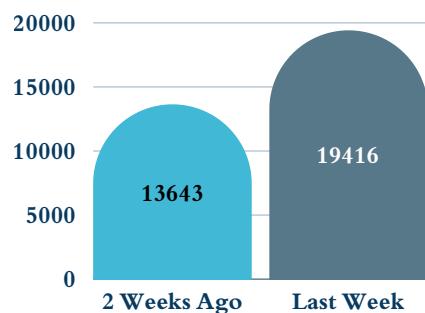


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### PARISH GIVING

#### GENERAL OFFERTORY



BSA QUOTA  
\$49,000.00



#### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL	8 AM 4 PM
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)

#### CONFESIONS

30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH 12:05  
MASS AND 60 MINUTES BEFORE  
12:05 MASS ON FRIDAY

SATURDAY 3:00–3:50 PM

SUNDAY 30 MINUTES  
BEFORE EACH  
MASS

# Pastor's Corner



February 8, 2026  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

My Dear People of God!

This weekend, we welcome Father Michael Caraway who will preach at all the Masses at the Cathedral. He will be reminding us of the need to pray for and promote priestly vocations from our parish in our families. We are blessed in our Parish to have one native vocation: Michael DesOrmeaux. He is currently studying in Rome in his First Year of Theology and should have three years left in formation before ordination to the priesthood.

I often speak to young men who express a desire to consider priesthood. The unfortunate reality is that these young men do not often feel supported by their parents to consider this calling. I find this incredibly sad, and when I am able I will challenge the families of the young men and women who do not feel that support to consider priesthood or religious life. Every Catholic family should have the freedom to consider all the vocations that are possible. The most important thing that we should all do is seek that by which we are able to happily serve God in this life so that we can live with Him forever in eternity!

To that end, let us move back to considering the gift of Baptism that we began looking at last week. This week we will look at two of the effects of Baptism namely the washing away of Original Sin and the forgiveness of personal sin in our lives. It is good to define at the outset what Original Sin is. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Original Sin describes the fallen nature of humanity that makes each of us incline toward selfishness and sin. In Baptism, Christ frees us from Original Sin but its effects are still present meaning that like an addiction, we are still inclined to it. However, with the ongoing life of grace, we can be refashioned into the new person in Christ. This begins with Baptism that takes that original fault away from us. Perhaps a good analogy would be teaching a person who to write properly. When we were kids, our teachers would move the pencil around in our fingers so that we could write in the standard way. It was better that way, but the old habit of holding the pencil wrong was the inclination that we went back to many times. With consistent practice, we learned how to write correctly though. With us being reformed by Christ in Baptism, we are able to practice grace and hopefully then to build up its life within us.

The second thing that is related is that Baptism takes away personal sin in our lives to the point of baptism. This does not mean that we will not commit personal sin again, but what it reminds us is that sin is not nor should it be the last word in our life. We will discuss further the forgiveness of sin in a couple of weeks but for the time being, we should remember that "for freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery [to sin]." (Galatians 5:1)

This week let us rejoice in the freedom of the children of God that has come to us through Baptism. That freedom does bear a responsibility, but we should not forget foremost the kindness that Christ has shown to us.

God Bless!  
Father Ruben Buller

The Sanctuary Candle burns in January for:

**Cathedral:** BENNIE & EULA  
BULLER

**St Bernadette Oratory:**

REVEREND MIKE BARRAS



*Celebration of the  
Sacrament of Baptism  
Welcomed into the Family of Christ*



January 31, 2026  
Luke Alexander Arredondo  
Son of Leila & Trinidad Arredondo



and

Mary Catherine Boor  
daughter of Kristen & Andrew Boor

Welcome //

Welcome to the newest  
members of our parish:  
**Robert and Rita Nodier**

**\*\*There will be no 7:00 am mass on  
February 12 & 13.**

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FEB 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

SUNDAY Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16	MONDAY 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10 Mark 6:53-56	TUESDAY St Scholastica 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mark 7:1-13	WEDNESDAY 1 Kings 10:1-10 Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mark 7:14-23	THURSDAY 1 Kings 11:4-13 Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mark 7:24-30	FRIDAY 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mark 7:31-37	SATURDAY St Cyril, Monk & Methodius 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mark 8:1-10
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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Fiat 40

Women of the cathedral parish are invited to join Fiat40, a women's Lenten Bible study focused on growing closer to Christ through prayer, Scripture, reflection, and intentional daily practice throughout the 40 days of Lent. Inspired by Mary's faithful "yes," this study offers weekly discussion and community support for your Lenten journey. Meetings begin February 22 and will be held Sundays at 2:30 PM in the ICCS Library for the duration of Lent. Participants will need to purchase the Fiat40 prayer journal (scan the QR code in the bulletin to order). To participate, please email [brittany.n.ebersole@gmail.com](mailto:brittany.n.ebersole@gmail.com) for details and registration information.



### Women of the Bible

"Women of the Bible" for women-- a monthly presentation led by Father Buller who will be speaking on St. Josephine Bakhita on **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**. Meet in the Ave Maria Hall at 8:30 after the 8:00 am mMass. A light breakfast will be served and there is no need to RSVP.

### Lenten Food Drive

The Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive is right around the corner, and we would like to thank our parishioners for the past success of this mission! This year, our goal is 800 cans of fruit. Please remember to drop off canned goods at the Ave Maria Hall Monday through Friday, or in the foyer of the day chapel.



### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: FEASTING ON GOD'S WORD

Beginning Thursday, February 19, 2026, Father Ruben Buller will be leading a Lenten Bible Study that will be held each Thursday of Lent. The evening begins at 6:00 pm and there will be no food served; remembering the words of our Lord, we do not live on bread alone but every Word that comes from the Mouth of God!

Our topic will be the Exodus Event (the Book of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). This event became the seminal moment that defined the Jewish People and was the model for the early Christians how to live their Lenten life. In preparation, those who plan to attend may read Exodus 1, 2, 3, and 4.

### DEADLINES

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS: NOON OF THURSDAY PRIOR TO SUNDAY (4 DAYS)  
BULLETIN: NOON OF THURSDAY PRIOR TO FOLLOWING SUNDAY (11 DAYS)

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY | 8:30AM - 12PM, 1PM - 4:30 PM | FRIDAY 8:30-12

### PARISH CLERGY AND STAFF

**PASTOR**  
VERY REVEREND  
RUBEN BULLER, V.G.  
**PAROCHIAL VICAR**  
REVEREND  
MICHAEL BEVERUNG

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**  
MR. ROBERT MARCANTEL  
**ORGANIST**  
MARLENE MULLENIX  
**MAINTENANCE**  
BRENDAN HOWARD  
**ICCS PRINCIPAL**  
JACQUELINE HEBERT

**SECRETARY/YOUTH MINISTER**  
MONICA BROUSSARD  
**RECEPTIONISTS**  
SUE BURKE AND KAREN CARSO  
**BOOKKEEPER**  
CARMEL FAZZIO

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, February 7th...(8:00 AM)** Amy Judice **(4:00 PM)** Gladys & Delma Deviller; Hebert & Pronia families; Louise & Joseph Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Dr. Ben Guilbeau; Beau Styron; McCombs Family; Hattie Kadlubar

**Sunday, February 8th...(7:30 AM)** "Pro Populo" (For the People) **(9:30 AM)** Sherman Solari; Sam Reed; Charles Viccellio; Lori Brown & Family; Anthony Pecorino; Genevieve Lejeune; Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi **(11:15 AM)** Hiram Durousseau **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Pohorelsky Family

**Monday, February 9th...(7:00 AM)** "Pro Populo" (For the People) **(12:05 PM)** Dr. John Foret **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Walt Phipps

**Tuesday, February 10th..(7:00 AM)** Gloria DeRoussel **(12:05 PM)** The Crosby Family **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Evangeline Leger

**Wednesday, February 11th...(7:00 AM)** Lindsey Leblanc **(12:05 PM)** Sara Douga **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Judy Phipps

**Thursday, February 12th...(12:05 PM)** Jacqueline Hebert **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Mary Leger

**Friday, February 13th... (12:05 PM)** Amanda Douga **(5:00 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Anthony Leger

**Saturday, February 14th...(8:00 AM)** Bishop Glen John Provost **(4:00 PM)** Annette Pronia; Betty Dimaline; Kelly Demolle & Family; Hayley, Arthur, & Andrew Yearby; Monsignor Charles Dubois; Kenneth Abraham; Dr. David Gallo Family

**Sunday, February 15th...(7:30 AM)** "Pro Populo" (For the People) **(9:30 AM)** J.B. Postell; Harless Family; James Dunham Shearman; Holley Fontenot & Family; Flavin Family; George Ange **(11:15 AM)** Charles Viccellio **(12:45 PM Rubrics of 1962)** Claudia Gilla & Family

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

### 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.

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.

**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

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

## JAZZ BRUNCH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 15, 2026



The 2026 Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana Jazz Brunch fundraiser will take place on **Sunday, March 15**, from **11:30 am to 1:30 pm** at the **Historic Cash & Carry in Lake Charles**, located at

801 Enterprise Boulevard. Individual tickets are \$125 each and reserved tables for 8 guests are \$2,000. Live musical entertainment, a delicious brunch spread, unique silent auction items and a special gift for every guest will be offered. To purchase tickets or a reserved

table, please log into [www.catholiccharitiesswla.com](http://www.catholiccharitiesswla.com) and scroll through the home page for more details, or call (337) 439-7436. All proceeds will benefit the vital programs and services offered to individuals and families in need throughout the 5-parish area.

## 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  
RSVP to 337-564-0030

### *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 [michaelcaraway@lcdiocese.org](mailto:michaelcaraway@lcdiocese.org)

# In our Parish

## BAPTISM

A pre-baptism class must be attended before the celebration of Baptism. Once this is completed, call the office to schedule the Baptism.

## MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.



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.

### How to keep in touch!

**Flocknote**— You can either visit [flocknote.com/iccathedral](http://flocknote.com/iccathedral) or text **ICCATHEDRAL** to **84576** from your cell phone to subscribe.

**Facebook**—*Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

**Web**—[immaculateconceptioncathedral.com](http://immaculateconceptioncathedral.com)

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

The Cathedral office gladly hands out “Snack Bags” as available

We also have an active Outreach Ministry, as well as Catholic Charities, to help those in need.

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.

### Communal First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

#### Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

7:20 a.m.—Devotion Prayers 7:30 a.m.—Rosary  
8:00 a.m.—Mass, receive Holy Communion  
8:30 a.m.—15 minute guided Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary

Our Lady of Fatima requests that on the First Saturday of each month individuals go to Confession, say the Rosary, receive Holy Communion, and keep her company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary after receiving Jesus in the Eucharist; with the intention of making Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to bring about world peace and the salvation of souls.

Although confession will not be available before Mass, one can make a good confession eight days before or after with the intention of offering reparation for the offenses against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, provided you are in the state of grace upon receiving Holy Communion.

## Lenten Schedule for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 2026

- Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday) 7:00 am Mass, 12:00 pm Mass, 5:00 pm Mass (Rubrics of 1962 Mass)
- Thursday, February 19, 2026 - 6:00 pm Lenten Scripture Study (Father Buller)
- Friday, February 20, 2026 – 11:00 am Stations of the Cross 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Sunday, February 22, 2026 – 3:00 pm Rite of Election
- Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 6:00 pm Lenten Scripture Study (Father Buller)
- Friday, February 27, 2026 – 11:00 am Stations of the Cross
- Sunday, March 1, 2026 – 3:00 pm Rite of Continual Conversion
- Thursday, March 5, 2026 – 6:00 pm Lenten Scripture Study (Father Buller)
- Friday, March 6, 2026 – 11:00 am Stations of the Cross 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 7 (beginning at 4:00 pm Mass) through Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – Lenten Mission with Father Michael Caraway (begins at 6:00 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday)
- Thursday, March 12, 2026 - 6:00 pm Lenten Scripture Study (Father Buller)
- Friday, March 13, 2026 - 11:00 am Stations of Cross 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Thursday, March 19, 2026 – 6:00 pm Lenten Scripture Study (Father Buller)
- Friday, March 20, 2026 - 11:00 am Stations of Cross 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – 5:00 pm-7:00 pm – Penance Night
- Thursday, March 26, 2026 – 6:00 pm Lenten Scripture Study
- Friday, March 27, 2026 - 11:00 am Stations of Cross
- Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – 10:00 am Chrism Mass

# PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 337.436.7251

Melissa Anderson	Vickie Denison	Sheryl Huesers	Shawn O'Guinn	Jackie Stevens
George Ange	Gwen Thomas Dowden	Stephen Huesers	Carol & Larry Ortego	Gary Swain
Jenna Babcock	Larry Dugas	Georgia Ieyoub	Janie Pago	Jude Theriot
Aden Babcock	Sherry Dugas	Heather Ieyoub	Larry Parker	Cole Thomas
Grace Babcock	Sadie Dunn	Mary Jeffers	Larry Parker, Jr.	Fayette Thomas
David Babcock	Claudia & Curtis Dyle	Gary Johnson	Ben Perry	Stanley Thomas
James M. Bailey	Charles Elter	Brice Jones	Robert Perry	Warren Thomas
Guy Barre	Ann Eustis	Christy Papania-Jones	Susan Prejean	Jason Thompson
David Batchelor	Chad Fazzio	Darrel Jones	Seth Priola	Chad Trahan
Dale Bayard	Tony Fazzio	Denver Keller	Demi Rainwater	Darla & Patrick Trahan
June Benoit	Nicholas Fletcher	Kim Lafleur	Clifford Raleigh	Ted Trahan
Andre Boudreaux	Sundra Fontenot	Natalie Landry	Rena Reid	John Tucker
Houston G. Boyer	Nelson Francisco	Chad Lavergne	Kendall Richard	Rebecca Turner
Gayla Brimer	Kathleen Gallow	Caroline Lawless	Oliver "Rick" Richard	Jo Ann Van Gossen
Chandra Broussard	Carolyn Gauthreaux	Wilton "Butch" Lee	William P. Richard	Larry James Vidrine
Dean Broussard	Debbie Gauthreaux	James Leger	Lathan Russell	Billy Ward
Kylan Broussard	Diane Hagerty	Michael Lee	Rene Russell	Clay Ward
James Bryan	Gabriel Hardy	Marshall Leiber	Silas David San Miguel	Clyde Weber
Jerry Cain	Mary Lois Harst	Della Lemaire	Sheila Sanders	Aly & Riley Wilkins
Emily Carleton	Michelle Hart	Elizabeth Louviere	Leslie Sayne	Remi Wissinger
Pauline Chavanne	Mary Hebert	Melanie Lupo	Marie Scimemi	Margaret Wukovits
William Chavanne	Peggy Heideman	Vincent Lupo	Doug Shearman	Andrew Yearby
Pearl Cole	Brenda Hoback	Judy Marcantel	Sue Spears	Ronda Yearby
Helen Credeur	Allen Hoffpauir	Barbara McCombs	Marlena Spelt	Gay Young
Wade Davis	Emery Hooper	Megan Noble	Jaxson Spikes	Martha Young
Carolyn Denison	Anne Hoyer	Randy Nunez	Rob Stephens	

## 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)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

POPE LEO XIV~ FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES. LET US PRAY THAT CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM INCURABLE DISEASES AND THEIR FAMILIES RECEIVE THE NECESSARY MEDICAL CARE AND SUPPORT, NEVER LOSING STRENGTH AND HOPE.

BISHOP PROVOST~ FOR THE HEALING OF OUR SICK AND THE COMFORT OF OUR DYING, THAT THEY WILL KNOW THE ABIDING PRESENCE OF OUR LORD IN THEIR LIVES AND THE COMFORT THAT ONLY HE CAN BRING.