



DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES
Established April 25, 1980

The Most Rev. Glen John Provost, D.D., M.A.
Bishop of Lake Charles

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
CATHEDRAL PARISH**
Established December 8, 1869

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**CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00 PM (Anticipated)
Sunday	7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM
Monday—Friday	12:05 PM

Extraordinary Form:

Sunday	5:00 PM High Mass
Monday	5:30 PM Low Mass
Tuesday—Friday	7:00 AM Low Mass

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 Weekend Masses

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Before 12:05 Mass on Tuesday

HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION

Thursday 11:00 PM—Midnight



September 14, 2020
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Dear Clergy and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles,

Now into our third week of recovery from the devastation of Hurricane Laura, I am writing to you in gratitude and to keep you informed about the concern and aid which has come to us from throughout the State and the Nation, especially from our Catholic community.

In conversation recently with Mayor Nic Hunter of Lake Charles, he expressed his concern that Hurricane Laura would become a "forgotten storm." I assured him that the Catholic Church was doing all She could to make sure that this did not happen.

For your information and with sincere appreciation, I would like to thank the following members of the Catholic hierarchy who have, as of this date, contacted me personally and offered moral, spiritual, and material support to you, the faithful of the Diocese of Lake Charles:

His Eminence, Raymond Cardinal Burke
His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo of Houston
Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans
Archbishop Alfred Hughes, Emeritus of New Orleans
Archbishop Leonard Blair of Hartford, Connecticut
Archbishop Paul Etienne of Seattle, Washington
Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Military Services of the U.S.A.
Archbishop John Favalora, Emeritus of Miami
Bishop Michael Duca of Baton Rouge
Bishop Francis Malone of Shreveport
Bishop Douglas Deshotel of Lafayette
Bishop Sam Jacobs, Emeritus of Houma-Thibodeaux
Bishop David Toups of Beaumont
Bishop Michael Mulvey of Corpus Christi
Bishop Sal Matano of Rochester, New York
Bishop Patrick Zurek of Amarillo
Bishop Gregory Parkes of St. Petersburg, Florida
Bishop Robert Hennessey, Auxiliary of Boston
Bishop Lawrence Brandt, Emeritus of Greensburg, Pennsylvania
Bishop Robert Evans, Auxiliary of Providence
Bishop George Sheltz, Auxiliary of Galveston-Houston
Bishop Curtis Guillory, Emeritus of Beaumont
Bishop Michael Pfeifer, Emeritus of San Angelo

In addition, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has announced a voluntary national collection for the victims of various disasters throughout the country, including the area affected by Hurricane Laura.

The Diocese has also received significant assistance from the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, and the Knights of Columbus; Catholic Charities USA; Catholic Mutual of Omaha; as well as Father Jack Wall and the Catholic Extension Society. Catholic church parishes, too numerous to name, throughout the country have sent meals, volun-

teers, supplies, and financial assistance. We are truly humbled and grateful for this outpouring of concern and generosity.

Also, superiors of various religious communities, some of whom serve in the Diocese, have written to me expressing solidarity and support. These included Father René Butler of the LaSalette Missionaries who wrote to me saying, "My Council and I are planning to provide some assistance for humanitarian relief through our three parishes in Sulphur. Please be assured of my continued prayerful support." Monsignor Gilles Wach of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest, wrote, "I have asked [sisters of our society] to pray most especially for your diocese and all of those affected by this natural calamity. I pray that the Holy Virgin protect you and comfort the victims of this wicked storm." I also received a kind letter and gift to the Diocese from Father Harry Geib, S.J., Superior of the St. Aloysius Gonzaga Jesuit Community in Washington, D.C. The Right Reverend Abbot James Liprie, O.S.B., also extended his sympathies and prayers.

Cardinal Burke was one of the first to write after the hurricane made landfall. He said, "I am deeply conscious of the devastation which Hurricane Laura is visiting upon the Diocese of Lake Charles and assure you of my prayers.... My special prayers for you will continue throughout the most difficult time through which you are passing." Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese of the Military Services for the United States wrote, "You and the faithful you are privileged to serve have been and will remain in my prayers and thoughts.... May the rebuilding be swift and may confidence be restored in the hearts of those who suffer."

We must remind ourselves of the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron. This beautiful remembrance of previous devastation during Hurricane Audrey will add Hurricane Laura to its list of catastrophes. Although in the bull's eye of the storm, the statue still stands, seemingly untouched. It is miraculous! Our Lady is reminding us of her faithful presence and God's abiding care for us.

For all those generous people, we continue to be grateful and assure them of our own prayers. May God restore health and well-being to us, resting securely in His loving hands.

Invoking the Father's blessings on you, your families, and loved ones, I remain
Devotedly yours in our Lord,

✠Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

**Prayer for the Recovery of the
Diocese of Lake Charles
following Hurricane Laura**

Heavenly Father, Who willed that the fallen hut of David be rebuilt; that Your people return from exile to repopulate their lands, rebuild Jerusalem and restore the Temple; that Your Son, Jesus Christ, would be the new temple and that He would build a new Jerusalem, firmly set on the twelve apostles of the Lamb; look, Gracious Creator, upon our devastation now in the Diocese of Lake Charles and along the coast; rouse up in the hearts of many good and faithful workers the courage, perseverance, and fortitude to bring Your task to a successful completion, where what is recovered will give Your name glory and be protected from the onslaught of the Devil; put to flight lethargy of spirit and fortify our wills so that the good works of Your faithful people will be seen as fulfilling Your work; grant us understanding, God of all light and reason, so that we will comprehend Your ways and see in every suffering and tribulation an occasion to embrace Your will and grow in love for You. Grant, loving Father, through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord, all these prayers by the intercession of Our Lady Star of the Sea, You, who live and reign in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles
On the occasion of Hurricane Laura
August 27, 2020

thankful
&
blessed

Our Cathedral faith community is so grateful to our pastor, Father Rommel Tolentino, for his constant presence during and since Hurricane Laura. Father Rommel stayed in the rectory and was available immediately after. Our Masses never stopped, even with no electricity!

***Thank you, Father, for your devotion
to your Cathedral family!***



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
in September for
**Ashley Feldes
and
Dona and Tommy White**

In loving memory...

Rosalie "Poddy" Champeaux
our faithful parishioner
died on August 22, 2020

Teresa Mistretta
our faithful parishioner
died on August 28, 2020

Andrew LaFleur III
(son of Nanette and Andy LaFleur)
died on September 7, 2020

Jessica Stutes Hulin
(sister of Cynthia Ardoin)
died on September 8, 2020

Alice Clare Taussig
(sister of Helen Boyer)
died on September 13, 2020

We pray that they will find peace and joy in the presence of Our Lord. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and to all who mourn their deaths.



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

"Through the media we have seen the incredible devastation in the Diocese of Lake Charles. our prayers and hearts go out to the people affected by Hurricane Laura...May the people who must rebuild their lives continue to be in our prayers as we extend compassion to them."

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans



STELLA MARIS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

“Celebrating 100 years of Apostleship of the Sea!” Saturday, October 3, 2020. 8:30 am - Holy Mass in honor of Our Lady Star of the Sea (***Stella Maris***) at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. His Excellency, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will be the Celebrant. **9:30 am** - Marian and Eucharistic Procession to the Lake Charles Civic Center Seawall. **10:30 am** – Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament by the Seawall.

N.B.: In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Laura, we have modified the schedule. We are basically omitting the boat procession and the refreshments since they are the hardest to organize given the very short time we have before the event. The Procession to the Seawall and having Adoration and Benediction there keep the connection with Our Lady Star of the Sea and the Apostleship of the Sea.

The Cathedral just got internet service back on Friday, September 18, so this week's bulletin is an abbreviated one. We hope to catch you up on everything in the near future!

Our Cathedral staff is back at work grateful for the generators in the office and church keeping us in air conditioning and lights.



ATTENDING MASS DURING THE PANDEMIC RESTRICTIONS/REMINDERS/SUGGESTIONS

- ◆ Per Bishop Provost: “The dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligations remains in effect. Those experiencing symptoms should seek medical attention and remain at home.”
- ◆ If you are not feeling well, or if someone in your family is ill, please do not attend Mass.
- ◆ Holy water is provided in small containers at each entrance. Please limit one per family so that everyone may get one.
- ◆ To adhere to social distancing, do not sit in the roped off pews.
- ◆ Please wear a mask.
- ◆ Please avoid touching the pews or other church surfaces unnecessarily (*ushers/volunteers must thoroughly disinfect after each Mass*).
- ◆ There will be separate communion lines for receiving in the hand or on the tongue.
- ◆ No singing by the congregation is allowed.
- ◆ No missalette.
- ◆ The sign of peace is temporarily suspended.
- ◆ Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are not to distribute Communion.
- ◆ Do not use the drinking fountain in the foyer of the day chapel.

Given the circumstances, Bishop Provost is providing this prayer for the use of the faithful:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You are already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

(You may make this Act of Spiritual Communion anytime you need it and as often as you need it.)

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception offers a Holy Hour of Reparation each Thursday from 11:00 PM to midnight.

“By His wounds we are healed”
Isaiah 53:5

Salus Populi Romani
Protectress and Health of the
Roman People
Prayer against the Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, Hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

+The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
2nd Bishop of Lafayette

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptism class must be attended before the celebration of Baptism. These classes are held the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Arrangements for celebration of Baptism may be made by calling the parish office after having attended the Baptism Class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months before the wedding date by calling the parish office. An appointment must be made for a pre-marriage interview.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

An ongoing process of formation and education is provided for anyone who is interested in inquiring into the Roman Catholic faith. The RCIA process is available throughout the year to those who are seeking initiation into the church as well as for those non Catholics seeking more information about the Roman Catholic church. Information concerning participation in the RCIA process may be obtained through the parish office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
SEPTEMBER 21—27

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, September 19...(4:00 p.m.)—Louise & Joseph A. Bertrand & Gerald Simmons; Gladys & Delma Devillier.

SUNDAY, September 20...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People)

(9:30)—L. D. Gervais Family; Phyllis Penning; Natalie Rodriguez; Paula Ferris Auclair; Hewitt Conner; Trey Dubus III; Jules Maust; Regina Hidalgo (living).

(11:15)—Mabel & Lee Trahan.

(5:00 P.M. Extraordinary Form)—Matthew Wyninger.

MONDAY, September 21... (12:05)—Jerry Scalisi.

(5:30 p.m., Extraordinary Form)—Gwen Craft & Family (living).

TUESDAY, September 22...(12:05)—Marie Lupo.

WEDNESDAY, September 23...(12:05)—Flora Belle, Alvin & Donnell Trahan..

THURSDAY, September 24...(12:05)—Joan Peluso.

FRIDAY, September 25.....(12:05)—Erlinda & Joselito Tolentino.

SATURDAY, September 26...(4:00 p.m.)—Annette Pronia; Leneta Boudreaux; Ione Vincent; Special Intention.

SUNDAY, September 27...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People)

(9:30)—Bev Wise; H. R. Stoma Family; Bernard "Bernie" Kadlubar; Gerard Becnel; Carl Guillory.

(11:15)—Natalie Rodriguez.

(5:00 P.M. Extraordinary Form)—Robichaux & Roberts Families.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Sondra Abraham; Rosa Adams; Sam Ange, Jr.; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; James M. Bailey; Gloria Bennett; Charles Benoit; June Benoit; Donald Blanchard; Robert Boudreaux; Melanie Bowles; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; Stephen Broussard; Turner Brumby; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Teresa Chapoy; Ada Cochran; Denise Collette; Thad Crouch; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Vickie Denison; Claudia Dyle; Charles Elter; Dee Elter; Bill Ferguson; Lamont Francisco; Carolyn Gauthreaux; Ty Griffen; Diane Hagerty; Gabriel Hardy; Michelle Hart; Mary Hebert; Stephanie Hinton; Brenda Hoback; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Georgia Ieyoub; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Brice Jones; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Janet LaBiche; Cheryl Lecompte; Helen Lecompte; Sarah LeCompte; James Leger; Michael Lee; Della Lemaire; Melanie Lupo; Elizabeth Louviere; Gail Mackey; Judy Marcantel; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Elaine Morrow; Betty Mueller; Kenneth Newman; Larry Parker; Chris Percle; Ben Perry; Clifford Raleigh; Oliver "Rick" Richard; William P. Richard; Taylor Rock; Marian Rome; Lathan Russell; Rene Russell; Michael & Marie Scimemi; Cammie Shaddock; Sue Spears; Jaxson Spikes; Chris Stemmann; Rob Stephens; Beau Styron; Darrell Sullivan; Theresa Theriot; Warren Thomas; Betty Trahan; Charlie Viccellio; David Walsh; William Augustus White; Aly and Riley Wilkins; Gay Young; Martha Young.

If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 436-7251.

Please let us know if your loved one has recovered or is deceased.

Prayer Intentions for September:

Pope Francis:

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Bishop Provost:

For protection from destructive weather in this hurricane season and throughout the year.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Michael Buller, USN; Daniel Breaux, US Army; LTC John Harrell, US Army; LTC Steve Rodriguez, USAF; Rick Ruot, Army National Guard; James Shearman, US Army; Macy Shearman, USMC Reserve; Gunnery Sgt. Brady St. Romain, USMC; Collin Thigpen, US Army; Hunter Thigpen, US Army; Anthony Viccellio, USAF; Jacob Vincent, USMC; Joseph Vincent, USMC

If you would like to add someone to the list please email their name(s) to: iccathedral@structurex.net

*Lord my God,
in you I take refuge;
rescue me.
Psalm 7:2*

Let us pray for, be mindful of, and reach out to all those
suffering from the affects of Hurricane Laura.

