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CATHEDRAL PARISH**
Established December 8, 1869

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**CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020**

SATURDAY - 8:30 AM (Extraordinary Form), 4:00 PM (Anticipated Mass)

SUNDAY - 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 5:00 PM (Extraordinary Form)

**WEEKDAY MASSES ARE LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. TO SCHEDULE A WEEKDAY MASS
TIME CALL 436-7251.**

MONDAY - 12:05 PM, 5:30 PM (Extraordinary Form) **TUESDAY TO FRIDAY** - 7:00 AM (Extraordinary Form), 12:05 PM

THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR INDIVIDUAL VISITS AND PRIVATE PRAYERS:

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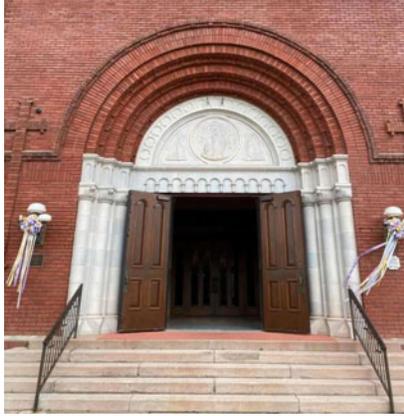
CONFESSIONS:

FRIDAY 11:00 AM

SATURDAY 3:00 PM

30 MINUTES BEFORE OTHER SCHEDULED MASSES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dear Parishioners,

It is wonderful to see people again for our Masses this week, even though they are limited in number. Those who attend Mass are so excited to be there. There is palpable joy in those who are able to receive Our Lord again in the Most Holy Eucharist.

This weekend, May 9-10, we are planning to hold all our Masses outdoors, in order to allow more people to attend.

The city has approved closing Bilbo Street during our scheduled Masses on Saturday at 4:00 pm and on Sunday at 7:30 am , 9:30 am , 11:15 am and 5:00 pm (Extraordinary Form).

We will set up an altar and pulpit at the main entrance of the Cathedral. A sound system will be installed to amplify the prayers, readings, hymns, and music.

A few chairs will be reserved for elderly parishioners in front of the Cathedral. All others will have to bring their own chairs or mats to sit on. If you wish to bring the kneelers that our Knights of Columbus made or any pads for kneeling, you are welcome to do so.

Take your position anywhere between the Cathedral and the Ave Maria Hall within the enclosed area (See map below; Bilbo Street will be closed to vehicular traffic).

Bring something to protect you from the sun - umbrella, hat, veil, bandana, etc. Men should take off their hats during Consecration until after Communion, i.e. from the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) to right after the Deacon puts the Blessed Sacrament back in the tabernacle.

The state has issued some guidelines for holding outdoor religious services. Our Ushers will make sure these guidelines are strictly followed:

1. All attendees must wear a mask .
2. All attendees must observe social distancing requirements, i.e. maintain 6-foot distance between persons or groups (people belonging to same household or family may sit together).

Our Ushers will also help with the Offertory Collection and direct the flow of people during Holy Communion.

Parking is available on the many parking lots around the Cathedral. Please remember that no vehicle will be allowed on Bilbo Street between the Cathedral and the Ave Maria Hall (see map below).

Hope to see you this weekend! No need to call the church office to register. Everyone is welcome! So, spread the word and pray for good weather!

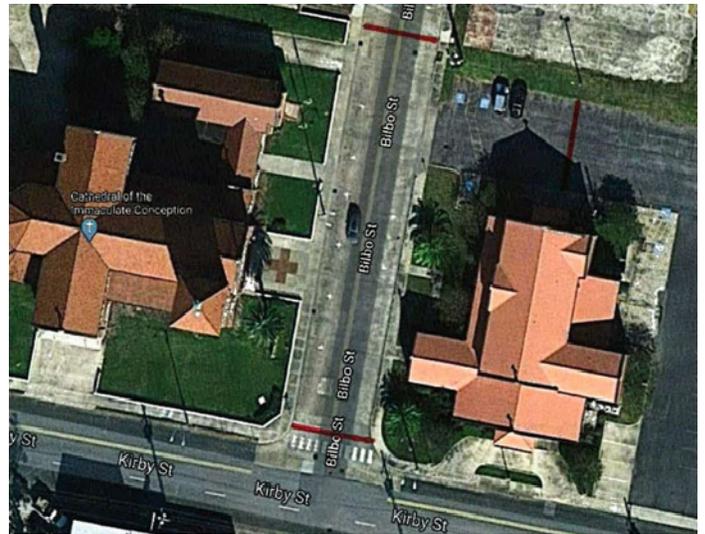
We will notify you through Flocknote if outdoor Mass is cancelled because of rain. If it's raining, Mass will be held inside the church as usual, and only those who pre-registered will be allowed to enter the church.

Let's storm heaven with our prayers for good weather this weekend, so that more people can have access to the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and receive Our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us!
St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us!
Our Guardian Angels, pray for us!

In Our Lord and Our Lady,

Father Rommel P. Tolentino



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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 any-time you need it and as often as you need it.)

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.

ICCS MAY CROWNING



May is the month in which we honor our Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth. At ICCS, we honor Mary by bringing her flowers in May. This ICCS tradition will continue this year, but it will be modified to accommodate social distancing guidelines.

From the morning of May 1st to May 31st we invite your family to bring flowers from your yard or garden and to pray by the Mary

statue in front of our school, located near the front entrance on Ryan Street. Please remember to social distance if a family is already at prayer.

We have been printing a weekly bulletin here at the Cathedral office since the Coronavirus caused disruption in workplaces. You can read all our weekly bulletins on our website: immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

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In Loving Memory...

Chad William Elter

son of Dee and Charles Elter
died on April 26, 2020

We pray that he will find peace and joy in the presence of Our Lord. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family and to all who mourn his death.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

May 3...\$16,334.
(mailed in...\$9,971)
(online...\$6,363)

Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations - staff payroll, insurance payments, utility bills, building maintenance, etc. While public Masses are suspended at this time, our daily work of parish and pastoral ministry will continue on. Please consider sending your weekly donations by mail, dropped through our mail slot on the office door, or online. Here's the link to our secure online donations page:

immaculateconceptioncathedral.com/donations

You may now access online giving through the Diocese by logging onto:

lodiocese.org/resources/support-the-diocese.

If you access "Support My Parish," you will have the option to select your parish and properly direct your donation.

Thank you so much for your generous spirit during this difficult time.

Pope Francis
General Audience
Paul VI Audience Hall
Wednesday, 7 January 2015

“Let us continue with the catecheses on the family, and in the family there is *the mother*. Every human person owes his or her life to a mother, and almost always owes much of what follows in life, both human and spiritual formation, to her. Yet, despite being highly lauded from a symbolic point of view — many poems, many beautiful things said poetically of her — the mother is rarely listened to or helped in daily life, rarely considered central to society in her role. Rather, often the readiness of mothers to make sacrifices for their children is taken advantage of so as to “save” on social spending.

It also happens that in Christian communities the mother is not always held in the right regard, she is barely heard. Yet the centre of the life of the Church is the Mother of Jesus. Perhaps mothers, ready to sacrifice so much for their children and often for others as well, ought to be listened to more. We should understand more about their daily struggle to be efficient at work and attentive and affectionate in the family; we should better grasp what they aspire to in order to express the best and most authentic fruits of their emancipation. A mother with her children always has problems, always work. I remember there were five of us children at home, and while one was doing one thing, the other wanted to do another, and our poor mama went back and forth from one’s side to another, but she was happy. She gave us so much.

Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism. “Individual” means “what cannot be divided”. Mothers, instead, “divide” themselves, from the moment they bear a child to give him to the world and help him grow. It is they, mothers, who most hate war, which kills their children. Many times I have thought of those mothers who receive the letter: “I inform you that your son has fallen in defense of his homeland...”. The poor women! How a mother suffers! It is they who testify to the beauty of life. Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero said that mothers experience a “maternal martyrdom”. In the homily for the funeral of a priest assassinated by death squads, he said, recalling the Second Vatican Council: “We must be ready to die for our faith, even if the Lord does not grant us this honor.... Giving one’s life does not only mean being killed; giving one’s life, having the spirit of a martyr, it is in giving in duty, in silence, in prayer, in honest fulfillment of his duty; in that silence of daily life; giving one’s life little by little. Yes, like it is given by a mother, who without fear and with the simplicity of the maternal martyrdom, conceives a child in her womb, gives birth to him, nurses him, helps them grow and cares for them with affection. She gives her life. That’s martyrdom”. End quote. Yes, being a mother doesn’t only mean bringing a child to the world, but it is also a life choice. What does a mother choose, what is the life choice of a mother? The life choice of a mother is the choice to

give life. And this is great, this is beautiful.

A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength. Mothers often pass on the deepest sense of religious practice: in a human being’s life, the value of faith is inscribed in the first prayers, the first acts of devotion that a child learns. It is a message that believing mothers are able to pass on without much explanation: these come later, but the seed of faith is those early precious moments. Without mothers, not only would there be no new faithful, but the faith would lose a good part of its simple and profound warmth. And the Church is mother, with all of this, she is our mother! We are not orphans, we have a mother! Our Lady, mother Church, is our mom. We are not orphans, we are children of the Church, we are children of Our Lady, and we are children of our mothers.

Dearest mothers, thank you, thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world. And to you, beloved Church, thank you, thank you for being mother. And to you, Mary, Mother of God, thank you for letting us see Jesus. And thank you for all the mammas present here: let us salute them with a round of applause.”

Happy Mother’s Day



What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Our Cathedral Parish is grateful to our Outreach program and the "In Our Company" ministry that made very generous donations to Catholic Charities this month!

**From Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana
Providing Help. Creating Hope.**

May 1, 2020 Blessed Feast of Saint Joseph, the Worker!

We are praying for all those people out of work right now, that through the intercession of Saint Joseph, they may soon be able to return to work! These days remind us of the privilege that it is to work, that it is a way of growing closer to Our Lord and living in our dignity.

Today, we are finishing up our work for the week. In addition to what we told you yesterday, about giving out over \$60,000 of assistance, today we were able to help 22 households with a little over \$12,000.

We are so grateful for your generosity! Please know of our gratitude for all you have done to support Christ's beloved poor! We are so grateful!

If you or someone you know is in need of food, please come by and see us on Monday-Thursday from 9:00-12:00p.m. at 1225 2nd Street, Lake Charles LA 70601. For other assistance related to rent, utilities, ID's, funerals, or medication, please call our office on Mondays at (337)439-7436 to apply. Our current office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you would like to donate food for our pantry, please consider dropping off cans directly to Catholic Charities at 1225 2nd Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. If you would like to make a monetary donation so that we can keep doing what we are doing, please go to www.catholiccharitiesswla.com and click on the Donate Now button or mail a check to directly to us at 1225 2nd Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601.



Our parishioner, Mr. Roland Bodin, has generously donated crosses and crèches that he built from the kneelers that were taken out of the church during the restoration. All the money raised from the sale of these items will be donated to our Altar Society.



Crosses measure 6" x 3" - \$5. each
Crèches (**figures not included**) measure 9½" 7½" - \$25.
Call the Cathedral office at 436-7251 for more information.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
May 11—17, 2020**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn
15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12
-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn
15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21
or Jn 17:1-11a

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. **Note: The dates of the baptism classes have changed due to the closure of the Cathedral office. Please call 436-7251 for updates.**

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.

HOW TO KEEP IN TOUCH!

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**Free Resources from the
United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops**

Visit www.usccb.org to access these links:

- ◆ Continuity of Learning and Community Plan for Parents and Student
- ◆ The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- ◆ Educational Resources and Ongoing Discipleship Formation
- ◆ Ideas and Recommendations for Families with Children who have Diverse Learning Needs
- ◆ Daily Readings: English | Spanish
- ◆ Daily Readings Audio
- ◆ Video Reflection
- ◆ Tips on Livestreaming the Mass
- ◆ Mass in Time of Pandemic

The following publishers have generously made their resources available to support prayer during these difficult days. We thank them for their generosity and pastoral concern.

- ◆ Liturgical Press: Give Us This Day
- ◆ Magnificat
- ◆ Bayard: Living with Christ
- ◆ The Word Among Us
- ◆ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. . . (for parents)
- ◆ RENEW International
- ◆ Loyola Press
- ◆ Oregon Catholic Press
- ◆ Liturgy Training Publications (LTP)
- ◆ Our Sunday Visitor
- ◆ Sadlier
- ◆ RCL Benziger
- ◆ Pflaum: Resources for Families
- ◆ Catechist.com Resources
- ◆ My Catholic Faith Delivered

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There are a number of priests throughout the diocese live-streaming Masses on their websites or Facebook Pages. (NOTE: This listing is being updated regularly. Please check the Diocese website: lodiocese.org often for the latest information.)

For more news, updates, and a daily reflection from Bishop Provost follow the Diocese on lodiocese.org and on its Facebook page Roman Catholic Diocese of Lake Charles.

Additional Resources:

- ◆ Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) — broadcasts daily Mass, Sunday through Saturday, at 7 a.m., 11 a.m. (except Thursday at 10:30 a.m.), and 6 p.m. (except at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and no 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday)
- ◆ For Mass in the Extraordinary Form, go to Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest or Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter.
- ◆ Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron @ Bishop Robert Barron on Facebook
- ◆ Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. — through the remaining Sundays of Lent, the Basilica will live stream Mass at noon, as well as several beloved Catholic devotions. Recitation of the Rosary will take place at 1:30 p.m. CT and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2 p.m. CT, followed by Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

ALL WEEKDAY PUBLIC MASSES HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO 10 PEOPLE PER BISHOP PROVOST DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK.

SATURDAY, May 9—Louise & Joseph A. Bertrand; Gerald Simmons; Annette Pronia; Gladys & Delma Devillier.

SUNDAY, May 10—”Pro Populo” (For the People); Albert “Rabbit” Manuel; Edna, Sidney & J.H. Broussard; Dena & Fred Nodier; Bev Wise; Gauthreaux, Gremillion, Percle & Woods Family; H.R. Stoma Family; Bernice Miller Gervais; Amy Derouen Gervais; Edna Vidrine Miller; Annie Stoma; Mariae Mahfouz Stoma; Anna Ashy Stoma; Frances Frei.

MONDAY, May 11—Joy Gaspard & Family; Vickie Denison (living).

TUESDAY, May 12—Brandon Phipps (living).

WEDNESDAY, May 13—Marie Lupo.

THURSDAY, May 14—Evelyn Vincent Family (living & deceased).

FRIDAY, May 15—Evangeline Leger (living).

SATURDAY, May 16—Dora Jean “Dori” Scalisi Rogers; Souls in Purgatory; Annette Pronia.

SUNDAY, May 17—”Pro Populo” (For the People); Robichaux & Robert Families; Ryan Skrnich; Peggy Guidry; Angel Infante; L. D. Gervais Family; E. J. Gaspard & Family; Regina Hidalgo (living); Hayley, Andrew & Arthur Yearby (living).

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Sondra Abraham; Rosa Adams; Sam Ange, Jr.; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; James M. Bailey; Henry Barnatt; Gloria Bennett; Charles Benoit; June Benoit; Donald Blanchard; Leneta Boudreaux; 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; Jessica Hulin; 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; Judy Marcantel; Jules Maust; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Ray Miles; Elaine Morrow; Betty Mueller; Kenneth Newman; Ruth Ottenweller; 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; 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 May:

Pope Francis: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Bishop Provost: May the Good Shepherd raise up in the Diocese of Lake Charles devout Catholics who openly and willingly embrace a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.