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Bishop of Lake Charles

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CATHEDRAL PARISH**
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CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 21, 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: This week

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

This week's article was written by Hunter LaRocca, our summer seminarian intern.

Did Mass Really Stop?

One afternoon, in fact it was on Easter Monday, myself and my brother seminarians were at the St. Charles Center watching our last seminary conference of the year. It was given via livestream by our rector at Notre Dame Seminary, Fr. James Wehner. One of the stories he was telling us was about a call he had gotten from two priests, who were his former seminarians. These priests were both associate pastors at parishes in Ohio. The two priests were very distraught and troubled because they had told Fr. Wehner that both of their pastors had not been offering daily Mass or even live streaming it for the people to watch ever since the cancellation of public Masses due to COVID-19. When they had asked their pastors why they were not offering up Mass daily or live streaming it for the people to see, their response was so that they could be in solidarity with the people who could not receive the sacraments. After Fr. Wehner had told this story, he makes the remark "that just goes to show the type of bad theology there is that still exists in the Church today."

What do you think your reaction would be if you were to ask your pastor that question, or another priest here in our diocese, and they gave you the same answer? I know my response would have been a very disappointing one. In our own diocese however, our faithful clergy have gone to great strides to minister to the people during this pandemic. Everything from live streaming Mass, rosaries, and theological and spiritual talks, drive-thru blessings and confessions, and who can forget our vicar general Msgr. Torres and the rest of the priests and deacons from OLQH with their big red Ford pick ups driving through the streets of our city consecrating them with the most blessed sacrament. Not only did our priests just offer Mass in front of a camera, they went above and beyond to bring Christ to all of us during this time of uncertainty in new and creative ways.

I say all of this because these are all examples of how the Church should react in a time such as this. The ways in which the local Church of Lake Charles has responded is an example of the Church Triumphant. History will tell us that this same Church has gone through persecutions, plagues, and cultural adversities. This pandemic is nothing that is unfamiliar to the Church, the rest of the world might have temporarily shut down, but the Church was still working, still praying, still offering up masses for the faithful.

The Church never stopped its work; why is that? We as a Church are not only an earthly or natural institution, but something that is supernatural that transcends space and time. We believe this because scripture and tradition tells us so, "And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) To this very day we are still guided by the Holy Spirit and the ap-

ostolic succession that has been unbroken since the beginning with St. Peter, neither scandal or pandemic will close this institution.

So to answer the question "Did Mass Really Stop?" or if someone asks you "Well how did you react when the Diocese cancelled Mass?" You can tell them that Mass was never cancelled, and that I hope that you felt some sort of consolation knowing that your priests were still doing the work of the Church through Mass, confessions, and many other ministries during this time of quarantine. I end this with a few requests. First is pray for our priests and those who work alongside with them that they may have the grace to do our Lord's will through the work and ministry of the Church. The second thing is the next time you enter a Church on Sunday morning or if you go to Mass daily, say as the psalmist says "I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1)

Historic Ordinations of Four to Priesthood June 27

By: Pamela Seal, Diocese of Lake Charles

The highly anticipated ordinations of four men to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. During this 40th anniversary year of the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Sacrament of Holy Orders for Deacons Samuel Bond, Joseph Caraway, Andrew DeRouen and Levi Thompson will mark the largest group of men in the history of the Diocese to be ordained to the priesthood at one time. Michael Beverung will join the deacons in a step closer to the priesthood as he is ordained a transitional deacon.

Due to the historic number of ordinands and limited capacity, attendance will be **by invitation only**. The Mass will be streamed live for viewing on [youtube.com/lcdioocese](https://www.youtube.com/lcdioocese) and [facebook.com/lcdioocese](https://www.facebook.com/lcdioocese).

This article can be read in its entirety by visiting the Diocesan webpage [lcdioocese.org](https://www.lcdioocese.org).



Reception for Father Buller

Our Cathedral Parish family will hold serve coffee and donuts after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses on Sunday, June 28, so that we can wish Very Reverend Ruben Buller a fond farewell.

Fr. Buller has been in residence here since 2015. Beginning July 1, he will be Director of the Vianney House (a residence for those in the Diocese of Lake Charles who want to discern seriously God's call to a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, but who have not yet made a decision to enter the seminary) and he will continue as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

We will miss you, Father Buller!

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In loving memory...

Rev. Fr. Kenneth Bienvenu

who died on June 12, 2020
Father Bienvenu was assigned to our Cathedral
from 1966—1969

Bud Viator, father of Joël Redd,
who died on June 14, 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.



The beautiful flowers that adorn our altar and narthex this weekend were donated in loving memory of Bud Viator.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
the month of June for
Steve Theriot
Joselito Tolentino



Welcomed into the Family of Christ
through the Waters of Baptism
on June 13, 2020

Anthony Joseph Marie Baca
son of Therese and Aaron Baca

Join us!

We encourage those who wish to join our Parish to complete a Family Registration form. You can download the form from our website (immaculateconceptioncathedral.com), or call the church office (436-7251) and one will be mailed to you.

Active membership for school subsidy, wedding fees, etc. is determined by your registration status, faithful attendance at Mass, and support of our parish through your contributions.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Cathedral office will close
at noon on Fridays until September 4.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen
Prayer source Lordcalls.com

And remember to thank a Priest this Father's Day!

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen. *Courtesy of USCCB.org*

Thank you to the many families who signed up for our Online Giving at our website:
immaculateconceptioncathedral.com

During these uncertain times you may also mail your donations or drop them in the mail slot on our office door.

Offertory Collections:

June 14, 2020...\$13,720.37

(Collection—\$11,538.80) (Online...\$2,181.57)

Second collection: Outreach Ministry
\$5,346.

(Collection—\$4,296.) (Online—\$1,050)



The Media Review Office of Catholic News Service is responsible for assessing motion pictures, television programs, home entertainment, video games and comic books. With regard to films, video games and some comic books, the office also assigns a classification indicating the work's appropriate audience -- or flagging it as unsuitable for all. Additionally, the office provides the public with information about the role of the entertainment media in influencing societal and personal values.

The office maintains, and continues to expand, the database of capsule reviews -- now several thousand -- that was first compiled by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting to offer families and individuals an assessment of the moral and entertainment value of theatrical features made available for home viewing since the advent of VHS.

For more information visit:

<https://www.catholicnews.com/about-cns-movie-reviews.cfm>

Feast of Saint John the Baptist June 24

Celebrating the birth of St. John the Baptist is a Feast that is relevant to all of us today. Just like St. John, we would do well to "leap" with joy in announcing Jesus to all those we encounter in our world. We can do this in everything we do -- not just by words, but by actions. Asking for St. John's intercession on this the Feast of his birth, we can draw the strength necessary to proclaim our Lord to others.



O God, you raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect person for Christ. We call upon St. John's intercession to properly prepare us with a true sense of repentance to receive Your grace and salvation. Make us faithful to truth and justice, as You did Your servant, John the Baptist, herald of Your Son's birth and death. Lord, may You increase Your life within us. Amen.

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.
- ◆ It is highly recommended, but not mandatory, that a mask be worn.
- ◆ 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 missalettes.
- ◆ 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.)

Friendly Reminders

Our Cathedral Parish is blessed to have many active ministry and service groups. However, with our limited meeting space it is very important that you call the Cathedral office to have your activity put on our official church calendar. Please don't assume that there is an available space for your activity!

Please remember that while you are on vacation you may make your donations to the Cathedral online (immaculateconceptioncathedral.com)

The Cathedral's website donation link now has a comment section. You may let us know if your donation should be applied to a collection other than the offertory.

If you haven't signed up for the Cathedral's **Flocknote** yet, we urge you to register **so that you can keep up with our news, latest developments and more.**

You can either visit flocknote.com/iccathedral or text **ICCATHEDRAL** to **84576** from your cell phone to subscribe. Then follow instructions from there. Flocknote is free, safe, secure, and your personal information will not be sold to 3rd parties. You can unsubscribe at any time, but please give it a try!

Formed is a valuable resource for your homeschooling, religious ed, study and entertainment!

Don't forget to access formed.org, the Cathedral's gift to you! Go to formed.org, enter our parish code on the homepage: **J8M3GP**, create a personal account with your email and password. Start enjoying inspiring movies and video series, Catholic ebooks, and audio presentations. The best Catholic content is all in one place...and it's free!

Home School & Public School Parishioners:

We are proud of all our students who are parishioners of the Cathedral and we want to include them in our bulletin! If you have any news to share, please send it to us by Tuesday afternoons as we have to submit the bulletin to the publisher on Wednesday mornings. Email it to: iccathedral@structurex.net or drop it by the church office.

Next weekend is our **Fruitful Sunday!** Please drop your canned fruit donation off in the basket located in the foyer of the Day Chapel or during the week at the Cathedral office. We are grateful for your generosity!



Happening in the Diocese of Lake Charles:

The Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles is helping the *Ruth Institute* to promote its **Third Annual Awards Dinner and Summit for Survivors of the Sexual Revolution**. It will take place at Treasures of Marilyn's in Lake Charles on July 17-18, 2020.

These three main issues will be covered:

- ◆ Pornography: confronting porn at home and in public policy
- ◆ Confronting the Gender ideology: dealing with gender dysphoria and same sex attraction
- ◆ Childhood sexual abuse: facts and recovery

For more information and registration please visit: ruthinstitute.org/summit-2020

"Rachel's Vineyard," a retreat for healing after abortion, will be held Friday-Sunday, Aug. 21-23, at Saint Charles Center, 2151 Sam Houston Jones Parkway. The weekend retreat offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles is for anyone struggling with guilt, depression, regret or other difficult emotions from an abortion.

The three-day experience will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is strictly confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

The cost is \$225.00, which includes meals, private room, and all retreat materials. For more information or to register, contact: Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, ext. 317, or email: rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org



A position for a French Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at St. Louis Catholic High School is available. Please e-mail resume and the Diocese of Lake Charles teacher application to Mia Orgeron, Principal, at morgeron@slchs.org.

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
JUNE 22—28

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, June 20...(4:00 p.m.)—Delma & Gladys Devillier; Annette Pronia; Souls in Purgatory.

SUNDAY, June 21...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People)

(9:30)—Dena & Fred Nodier; Gauthreaux, Gremillion, Percle & Woods Families; Bev Wise; H. R. Stoma Family; L.D.Gervais Family; Larry Miller; Erlinda & Joselito Tolentino; Alex Miller; John Derouen; Dulva Derouen; Enos Miller; Ursan Miller; Edgar Gervais; R. A. Stoma; Regina Hidalgo (living); Blake Broussard (living).

(11:15)—Bernard Leger.

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

MONDAY, June 22... (12:05)—Anthony Navarro (living).

(5:30 p.m., Extraordinary Form)—Steve Clancy Family (living).

TUESDAY, June 23...(12:05)—Keith Gragson.

WEDNESDAY, June 24...(12:05)—Joselito V. Tolentino.

THURSDAY, June 25...(12:05)—Flora Belle, Alvin & Donnell Trahan.

FRIDAY, June 26.....(12:05)—Sue & Joseph Scurria.

SATURDAY, June 27...(4:00 p.m.)—Dora Jean "Dori" Scalisi Rogers; Ione "Tookie" Vincent.

SUNDAY, June 28...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People)

(9:30)—Enos Miller Family; Ryan Skrnich; Bernard Leger; Butras Stoma; H. R. Stoma.

(11:15)—Mabel & Lee Trahan.

(5:00 P.M. Extraordinary Form)—Waldean Broussard.

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; 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; 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 June:

Pope Francis: The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Bishop Provost: For the newly ordained priests and deacons, may their ministry be rich in service to the faithful and may their relationship with God deepen intensely and yield abundant fruit.