

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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<https://www.stjosephderidder.org>

PROCLAIMING  
THE PRAISES OF  
THE LORD

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PROCLAMANDO  
LAS ALABANZAS  
DEL SEÑOR

LA EPIFANÍA DEL SEÑOR



## OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm  
Office closed 12:00 noon - 1:00pm

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Communion Service at 12:10pm  
Tuesday-Friday Mass at 12:10pm  
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am  
Mass in Spanish every 4th Sunday  
of the month at 5:00 pm  
Holy Day Mass Schedule will be  
announced

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm  
Sunday: 8:00-8:45am & 10:45-11:15am

## ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every  
Wednesday after the 12:10pm Mass from 12:40  
to 4:00pm, ending with Benediction at 4:00pm.

## PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Fr V. Wayne LeBleu

**Deacon:** Al Winnig

**Parish Secretary:** Gracia Acosta

**Parish Bookkeeper:** Aimee Brasseaux

**Maintenance Head:** Trevor Smith

**Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL):**

Julie Roussel

**Assistant PCL:** William Frost

**Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):**

Angela Lannen

**Music Minister:** Darlene Watson

## PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral Center 337-463-6878

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The couple preparing for marriage must contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the desired time.

Confirmation of date of wedding must be made by the priest officiating the wedding.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Pastoral Center to schedule an interview and register for Baptism. 337-463-6878

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the funeral liturgy.

# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

## The Star of Bethlehem

Almost every year at Christmastime, you can find a newspaper article or TV documentary about the star of Bethlehem. Astronomers give various theories about whether the magi saw a supernova, or a comet, or a conjunction of two or more planets. But for us, the star has a deeper meaning.

In Matthew's Gospel, light is used as a symbol of the good news of Jesus coming into the world. That's why verse 9 of the Gospel has the image of the star preceding the wise men and stopping over the house where Jesus was. By following the star, they become followers of Christ. So what do the magi show us about following Jesus? First, they take the initiative. They saw the star, figured out what it meant, and made their journey. As followers of Jesus, we can look for what needs to be done (in our family, parish, or community) and do it.

Second, they expressed their faith in Jesus by the gifts they brought: gold—a gift for a king, who is worthy to be followed; frankincense—Jesus is worthy to be worshiped as Son of God; and myrrh—Jesus becomes king by dying for us all. We can express our faith in many ways. We can volunteer to help the poor, the elderly, or the disabled. We can teach our children how to pray and tell them about all that God has done for us.

Third, they were not afraid to take risks for Jesus. How often do we take risks for the Lord, by openly speaking about our faith, or giving God credit for the good that we do? Let the star of Bethlehem remind us that Jesus is the star of our lives.

Tom Schmidt

## La Estrella de Belén

Casi todos los años durante la temporada de Navidad, se puede encontrar un artículo o un documental sobre la estrella de Belén. Los astrónomos ofrecen diversas teorías sobre si los magos vieron una supernova, un cometa o la conjunción de dos o más planetas. Pero para nosotros, la estrella tiene un significado más profundo.

En el Evangelio de Mateo, la luz se usa como símbolo de la buena nueva de la venida de Jesús al mundo. Por eso, el versículo 9 del Evangelio presenta la imagen de la estrella que precede a los Reyes Magos y se detiene en la casa donde estaba Jesús. Al seguir la estrella, se convierten en seguidores de Cristo. Entonces, ¿qué nos enseñan los magos sobre seguir a Jesús? Primero, toman la iniciativa. Vieron la estrella, comprendieron su significado y emprendieron su camino. Como seguidores de Jesús, podemos identificar lo que hay que hacer (en nuestra familia, parroquia o comunidad) y hacerlo.

Segundo, expresaron su fe en Jesús con los regalos que trajeron: oro, un regalo para un rey digno de ser seguido; Incienso, Jesús es digno de ser adorado como Hijo de Dios; y mirra, Jesús se convierte en rey al morir por todos nosotros. Podemos expresar nuestra fe de muchas maneras. Podemos ofrecernos como voluntarios para ayudar a los pobres, a los ancianos o a los discapacitados. Podemos enseñar a nuestros hijos a orar y contarles todo lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros.

En tercer lugar, no tuvieron miedo de arriesgarse por Jesús. ¿Con qué frecuencia nos arriesgamos por el Señor, hablando abiertamente de nuestra fe o atribuyéndole a Dios el mérito por el bien que hacemos? Que la estrella de Belén nos recuerde que Jesús es la estrella de nuestras vidas.

Tom Schmidt

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 1/5	Communion Service
Tuesday 1/6	Communion Service
Wednesday 1/7	Communion Service
Thursday 1/8	Communion Service
Friday 1/9	Communion Service
Saturday 1/10	Edward Cryer, Margarita Salgado, Kay and Gary Cooper, Lucille Guidry, Milbrey Etta Redler, John Lowe, Gertrude Morine, James Morine, Brent Peavy (for healing)
Sunday 1/11 9:00 am	Connie Frost, Andrew Cronic, Charles Hebert, Jesse and Eva Blakeman, Dr. Ted J. Hoerner, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 1/11 11:30 am	For parishioners and visitors

### Why do we have Mass Intentions?

In the Catholic Church, Mass intentions are specific requests for which a Mass is offered. These intentions are a way for individuals to connect their prayers with the sacrifice of the Mass, seeking God's grace for particular needs or in memory of loved ones. While every Mass benefits the entire Church, intentions allow for a focused application of the Mass's graces towards a specific person or situation.

Suggested minimum donation per intention is \$5

## Church Registration

Do you worship with us regularly? Please consider registering with us online at our website:

<https://www.stjosephderidder.org/>

Scroll to the bottom of the welcome page and click on register.

### Offertory for December 27th and 28th 2025

Offertory	\$ TBA
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ TBA
Insurance	\$ TBA

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

### 2nd Collections for the Month of January

January 3–4	Bishop's Services Appeal
January 17–18	Insurance
January 24–25	Church in Latin America

Cereal for God's Food Box is collected on the 2nd week-end of the month, please drop in the foyer.

Catholic Charities accepts non-perishable items throughout the year, they can be dropped in the box in the foyer.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR/CALENDARIO SEMANAL

Monday Lunes January / Enero 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión</li> <li>6 pm CDA meeting</li> </ul>
Tuesday Martes January / Enero 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 am CLJ (English)</li> <li>12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión</li> </ul>
Wednesday Miércoles January / Enero 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión</li> <li>12:40 - 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoracion Eucarística</li> <li>6:00 pm PREP</li> </ul>
Thursday Jueves January / Enero 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 am Senior Bingo</li> <li>12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión</li> <li>5:30pm CLJ (English)</li> <li>7pm KC meeting</li> </ul>
Friday Viernes January / Enero 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión</li> </ul>
Saturday Sábado January / Enero 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)</li> </ul>
Sunday Domingo January / Enero 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b></li> <li>9:00 am Mass / Misa</li> <li>10 am PREP</li> <li>11:30 am Mass / Misa</li> </ul>

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 10th/11th, 2026	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Rosemary Lestage	Troy Gardner	Terrence Carter
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Matthew Lee Lesila Lee Michelle Lingo Kay Bourne	Deacon Al Kathleen Nichols Brian Lestage Suzanne Lestage	Sonia Maskas Laura Black Danny Hernandez Cathy Bradley
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Colson Bourque Lane Bourque Celeste Gardner	Macie McBride Kaston McBride

## Saint Joseph Catholic Church



### Vocation Prayer Book and Cross

We recognize the importance of praying for vocations for the Priesthood and Religious Life. Each week a family or member will pick up the Cross and Prayer Book to pray for increase vocations. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the Church. Please sign up!

The Rojas family will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 11:30 am Mass. (Return the Cross and book by the next Friday by 4:30pm)

*"The Priest brings God to the people and the people to God"*  
~ Fr. Michael Caraway

### **Pray for our sick**

#### **(Please contact the Pastoral Center)**



Kidder

**Names will be removed after 1-3 months depending on circumstances and information**

"Father God, you alone heal hearts and bodies, minds, and spirits. Today, we ask you to lay your healing hand on our loved ones. We ask for the healing of illness, physical weakness, and of broken hearts and spirits. " Tamela Turbeville

### **Candles \$5**



Candles are available to burn in the Church or to take home. When lit they represent an expression of faith and devotion, often used to accompany prayers for specific intentions, such as intercession for the deceased, the sick, for loved ones, in thanksgiving. The light of the candle signifies the light of Christ and the prayers rising to God.

**Our Organizations and Ministries**  
**You can get involved and assist in our Church-** Contact the Pastoral Center

Altar Society  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
(CDA)

Junior Catholic Daughters  
Knights of Columbus  
Come Lord Jesus

Altar Servers / Lectors /  
Extraordinary Ministers



## **Avisos de la Parroquia**



**Festival de comida Internacional!** Ven y comparte un platillo con la feligresía y disfruta de otras comidas, el Domingo, 25 de enero, después de la misa de las 12:30 pm.

### **NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL PRONTO SOCORRO** 8 de enero

María es patrona de la ciudad de Nueva Orleans y del estado de Luisiana bajo esa advocación. La estatua de Nuestra Señora del Pronto Socorro fue traída a Nueva Orleans en 1810 por la hermana ursulina francesa, Madre St. Michel Gensoul, en agradecimiento por haber obtenido el permiso para unirse a las ursulinas allí. "Nuestra Señora del Pronto Socorro, apresúrate a socorrernos".



### **Ven Señor Jesús Estudio Bíblico**

¿Estás listo para que la Misa cobre vida al abrir y leer las Escrituras? ¿Estás listo para que tu vida de oración se transforme? Únete a una de nuestras pequeñas comunidades de fe para estudiar la palabra de Dios. **Sábado** a las 5 p.m. Edificio de educación

*Si quieres una intención durante una misa, favor comunicarte a la oficina. La donación por intención es de \$5 mínimo.*

Misas en Español 2025-2026  
(4to Domingo del mes)

25 de Enero  
22 de Febrero  
22 de Marzo  
26 de Abril

Tenemos una imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe Peregrina —por favor contactar a la oficina para que la recibas en casa! El Padre te la dará durante una

### **VELAS (\$5)**



Puedes encender velas en la Iglesia para acompañar oraciones e intenciones específicas. La luz de la vela simboliza la luz de Cristo y las oraciones que se elevan a Dios.

## **Parish Announcements**



**CDA Meeting**—will be on Monday, January 5th, at 6 pm in Kern Hall.

**Senior Bingo** will be on Thursday, January 8th, at 10 am in Kern Hall. Come join!



### **The Knights of Columbus**

meeting will be on Thursday, January 8th at 7 pm.



**Save the Date:** Church Cleaning Day on Saturday, January 24th from 8 am to 2 pm. Please come and assist, we need volunteers! Lunch will be provided.

### **The Annual International Food Festival**

will be on Sunday, January 25th after the 11:30 mass in St. Joseph Hall. Sign up for a table prior to January to the date with any CDA member or by calling the Rectory at 337-463-6878. Bring a dish from your favorite country or culture. A flyer will go out with more information.



## **DON'T MISS THE TAX BREAK**



*Your gift makes an impact while reducing your taxable income.*

**QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM YOUR IRA!**

Age 70 ½ or older Distribution must be made by Dec 31, 2025 Contribution must be sent directly from your IRA to your church parish



Other year-end gifts - by check, online donation, or appreciated stock - are also welcome.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you are 73 or older, while reducing your taxable income.

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Meal Train Account!** Please consider donating a meal to feed our students on Wednesdays! **We have a priority for meals in January and February!** Sign Up using the QR Code or by using this link:



Meal Train®

<https://mealtrain.com/qgqn71>

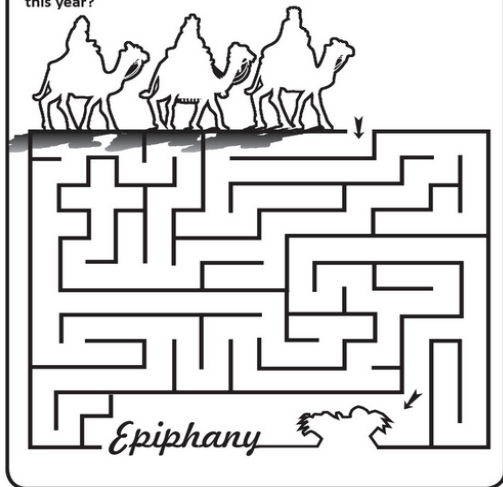
The purpose of this Meal Train Ministry is to provide a hot meal on Wednesday night for our PREP students. This gives them time for fellowship together prior to instruction beginning.



**PREP classes resume** on Wednesday, January 7th and on Sunday, January 11th.

Epiphany, Mt 2:1-12

Three wise men were searching for Jesus. They traveled from very far away to meet him. They followed a star and finally found him in Bethlehem. They adored him and gave him special gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gift would you like to give to Jesus this year?



### **CDA Scholarship**

Please be on the lookout for the 2026 Graduate applications mailed by the Catholic Daughters. If you do not receive a copy, please contact the office and we can email you a form.

These will be due back by Monday, January 26th.

### **OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR January 8**

Mary is patroness of the city of New Orleans and the state of Louisiana under this title. The statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor was brought to New Orleans in 1810 by a French Ursuline sister, Mother St. Michel Gensoul, in thanksgiving for receiving permission to join the Ursulines there. "Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us."

### **Scripture Readings for the Week of January 4, 2026**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop</b> 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22
<b>Friday</b>	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 3:13-17

### **Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study**



Are you ready for Mass to come alive for you as the Scriptures are open and read? Are you ready for your prayer life to be transformed? Join one of our small faith communities in studying God's word.

**Tuesday** at 9:30am in the Education Bldg  
**Wednesday** at 6:00pm in the Pastoral Ctr  
**Thursday** at 5:30pm in the Education Bldg

### **January Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Enero**

#### **Key Themes for January 2026 Prayers:**

- **World Day of Peace (Jan 1):** Focus on dialogue, non-violence, overcoming conflict, and fostering true human fraternity.
- **Spiritual Warfare:** The powerful prayer of St. Michael the Archangel, attributed to Leo XIII, remains a staple for protection against evil.
- **General Catholic Prayers:** Expect focus on compassion, the poor, and divine mercy.