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## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive  
Deridder, Louisiana 70634  
337-463-6878

### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Communion Service at 12:10pm

Tuesday-Friday Mass at 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Holy Day Mass Schedule will be announced

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday—4:00-4:45pm

Sunday—8:00-8:45am & 10:45-11:15am

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Fr V. Wayne LeBleu

**Deacon:** Al Weinnig

**Director of Religious Education:** Julie Roussel

**Asst. Director of Religious Ed:** Tobi Ebarb

**Parish Secretary:** Julie Roussel

**Parish Bookkeeper:** Aimee Brasseaux

**Music Minister:** Sheila Manning

**Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA):** Angela Lannen

**Youth Ministers:** Danny Hernandez, Julie Roussel

**Maintenance Head:** Larry LaLande

### PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral Center	337-463-6878
Music Ministry	337-348-9367
Education Building	337-463-6878
St Joseph Hall	337-463-6878
Youth Ministry	337-396-5578

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

**OFFICE HOURS** Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Office closed 12:00 noon - 1:00pm

## Epiphany of the Lord

Did you know that the only reason we say that there were three wise men is that they brought three gifts? And these special gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—tell us much.

When one king visited or sent an ambassador to another, he would give a gift of gold to show that he acknowledged the kingship of the other. The second gift is a type of incense, which was used in Jesus time to worship God. The gift of myrrh is oil used to anoint the dying. So these gifts remind us of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and his dying for us.

So what gifts do we have for Jesus? Maybe we can take a hint from the wise men. If we acknowledge Jesus as king, maybe a better gift than gold would be to pledge our obedience to him. A better way than burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is to take time to pray throughout the day. As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear each day.

The song "Little Drummer Boy" reminds us that the best gift is not necessarily the most expensive. Instead, it is the simple gift that only we can give. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day. Tom Schmidt

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¿Sabías que la única razón por la que decimos que hubo tres reyes magos es porque trajeron tres regalos? Y estos regalos especiales (oro, incienso y mirra) nos dicen mucho.

Cuando un rey visitaba o enviaba un embajador a otro, le daba un regalo de oro para demostrar que reconocía el reinado del otro. El segundo regalo es un tipo de incienso, que se utilizaba en tiempos de Jesús para adorar a Dios. El regalo de la mirra es un óleo que se utiliza para ungir a los moribundos. Entonces, estos regalos nos recuerdan la realidad, la divinidad y la muerte de Jesús por nosotros.

Entonces, ¿qué dones tenemos para Jesús? Quizás los reyes magos nos pueden dar una pista. Si reconocemos a Jesús como rey, tal vez un regalo mejor que el oro sería prometerle obediencia. En lugar de quemar incienso, una mejor manera de rendir homenaje a la divinidad de Jesús sería tomarse un tiempo para rezar durante el día. En cuanto al don de la mirra, podemos regalarle a Jesús las cruces que cargamos todos los días.

La canción "Little Drummer Boy" (el pequeño tamborilero) nos recuerda que el mejor regalo no es necesariamente el más caro. Más bien, es un regalo sencillo que sólo nosotros podemos dar. Que la Epifanía nos recuerde ofrecer nuestras vidas a Jesús todos los días. Tom Schmidt

## Prayer Corner

The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphaino*, a verb that means "to shine upon," "to manifest," or "to make known." Thus, the feast of the Epiphany celebrates the many ways that Christ has made Himself known to the world, mainly the three events that manifested the mission and divinity of Christ:

the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12),  
the baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11), and  
the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11).



## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	8	12:10 pm	The Sick & the Dying
Tues	9	12:10 pm	Geraldine Richard
Wed	10	12:10 pm	Geraldine Richard
Wed	10	12:40-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	11	12:10 pm	Geraldine Richard
Fri	12	12:10 pm	Geraldine Richard

## Jan 13th & Jan 14th, 2024

**Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm:** for all Parishioners & Visitors, Sharon Henthorne, Michael Henthorne, Shirley Henthorne, Bill & Catherine Henthorne

**Sunday, 9:00am:** Beauregard Parish Doctors, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Dirk Robinson, Family of Jayne Robinson, Walter Gagliano, Special Intention, William Libert, Lori Bruce, Jessie & Vida Miller

**Sunday, 11:30am** Trishia Skinner, Pat Trunick, Ray Trunick, David & Kathy Pendley, Therese & Bill Pendley, Bart Fazio, Geraldine Richard, Johnny McCarty

### Offertory for Dec 23rd & 24th, 30th & 31st

Offertory \$18,544.76 \$ 7,775.41

Bishop's Services Appeal \$50.00

Insurance 0.00

\* Catholic Charities Christmas Collection \$3,951.25

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**  
**IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

### The 2nd collections for the Month

1st weekend of the month is-Bishop's Services Appeal

3rd weekend of the month is-Insurance

Cereal for God's Food Box is collected on the 2nd weekend of the month

# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Jan 13th & Jan 14th, 2024

### Extraordinary Ministers

<b>5:00pm</b>	Frank Rossi, Gertie Rossi Richard Skinner, Dawn Skinner
<b>9:00am</b>	Deacon Al, Tim Kyle Dwain Ducote, Missy Ducote
<b>11:30am</b>	Deacon Al, Jeanette LaRosa Sonia Maskas, JacqueVidrine

### Lectors

<b>5:00pm</b>	Rane Sills
<b>9:00am</b>	Nicole Kyle
<b>11:30am</b>	Heather Vidrine

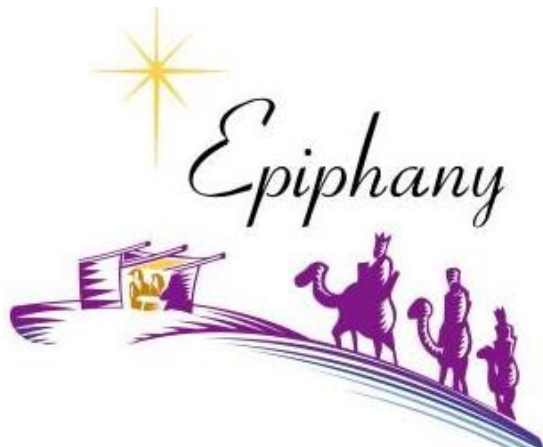
### Altar Servers

<b>5:00pm</b>	Cameron McGregor
<b>9:00am</b>	Bret Kyle
<b>11:30am</b>	Wesley Soileau, Cassian Cooley

## Upcoming Announcements

Altar Society will have their meeting Feb 19th, 2024  
@ 6pm in the Education Bld.

*"Wise Men Still Seek Him"*



Father Wayne, (celebrating his 30th Anniversary of Priesthood) is planning a 10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Pilgrimage dates: 05/26/2025—06/04/2025.

Brochures are available in the Foyer and the Pastoral Center.

## Scripture Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b> Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	<b>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 Mk 1:7-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday</b>	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

## YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

Wed, January 10th - P.R.E.P @ 6:30pm, meal starts at 6pm in Kern Hall

Confirmation Retreat—January 12-14th, Camp Karol. Please keep our Confirmandi in prayer as they journey to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We continue to pray for Catechumen, Joshua O'Bryan, Breeana Sexton who is preparing for her initiation in the Christian Faith by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter and Roxanne Carriere, Erin Russell and Sean Ledesma who will enter into the fullness of the faith through completing their sacraments.



Men of St Joseph, come and join many of your Brothers in Christ at the Annual Men's Silent Retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Chateau, January 18-21, 2024

Call Darryl Fontenot for info at 462-2323.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please see bulletin boards at each entrance for all upcoming events within the parish and the diocese.

Also visit our website at : [www.stjosephderidder.org](http://www.stjosephderidder.org)