

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive  
Deridder, Louisiana 70634  
<https://www.stjosephderidder.org>



## 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 Baptism of the Lord

January 11, 2026

## Well Pleased

The first reading from Isaiah begins by describing the servant "with whom I am well pleased" (Isaiah 42:1). These are the words of the voice from the heavens that was heard at Jesus' baptism. Isaiah gives us more hints about who Jesus is.

The verses that say that he will not break the bruised reed or quench the smoldering wick (Isaiah 42:3) are descriptive of Jesus' mercy toward sinners. The reed and the wick were disposed of because they were useless. But God, out of love for us, is always ready to forgive sinners and give them another chance. So God sent Jesus to forgive sinners, not reject them. We can ask God to help us see our sinfulness and bring it to God for healing.

Isaiah also says that the servant is a "covenant of the people." A covenant was an agreement between unequal partners, in which the stronger one agrees to protect or defend the weaker one. God is offering a new covenant through Jesus, not just for the Jews, but for all peoples. In this covenant, God has forgiven our sins before we were even born, much less committed any sins. But we still have to live that covenant, by loving God and our neighbor. When we forgive each other, we are setting free prisoners of sin. When people see God's love acted out in our lives, we are a light to the world. As we learn to do these things, we will find that God is well pleased with us.

Tom Schmidt

## Complacido

La primera lectura de Isaías comienza describiendo al siervo "en quien tengo mis complacencias" (Isaías 42,1). Estas son las palabras de la voz celestial que se escuchó en el bautismo de Jesús. Isaías también nos da más pistas sobre quién es Jesús.

Los versículos que dicen que no romperá la caña resquebrajada ni apagará la mecha que aún humea (Isaías 42,3) describen la misericordia de Jesús hacia los pecadores. La caña y la mecha fueron desechadas porque eran inútiles. Pero Dios, por amor a nosotros, siempre está dispuesto a perdonar a los pecadores y darles otra oportunidad. Por eso, Dios envió a Jesús para perdonar a los pecadores, no para rechazarlos. Podemos pedirle a Dios que nos ayude a reconocer nuestra pecaminosidad y a presentársela a Dios para que Él la sane.

Isaías también dice que el siervo es una "alianza de un pueblo". Una alianza era un acuerdo entre socios desiguales, en el que el más fuerte se comprometía a proteger o defender al más débil. Dios ofrece una alianza nueva a través de Jesús, no solo para los judíos, sino para todos los pueblos. Pero aún debemos vivir esa alianza, amando a Dios y al prójimo. Cuando nos perdonamos unos a otros, liberamos a los cautivos del pecado. Cuando las personas ven el amor de Dios manifestado en nuestras vidas, somos una luz para el mundo. Al aprender a hacer estas cosas, descubriremos que Dios también tiene sus complacencias en nosotros.

Tom Schmidt

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 1/12	Communion Service
Tuesday 1/13	Edward Cryer
Wednesday 1/14	Lucille Guidry
Thursday 1/15	Brent Peavy (for healing)
Friday 1/16	Gertrude Morine
Saturday 1/17	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 1/18 9:00 am	Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Jesse and Eva Blakeman, Dr. Ted J. Hoerner, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 1/18 11:30 am	Andrew Cronic, Kay and Gary Cooper

### 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 January 3rd and 4th, 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 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión</li> </ul>
Tuesday Martes January / Enero 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 am CLJ (English)</li> <li>12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> </ul>
Wednesday Miércoles January / Enero 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>12:40 - 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoracion Eucarística</li> <li>6:00 pm PREP</li> </ul>
Thursday Jueves January / Enero 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>5:30pm CLJ (English)</li> </ul>
Friday Viernes January / Enero 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> </ul>
Saturday Sábado January / Enero 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30am Confirmation Retreat</li> <li>4:00 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús</li> </ul>
Sunday Domingo January / Enero 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Mass / Misa</li> <li>10 am PREP</li> <li>11:30 am Mass / Misa</li> </ul>

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 17th/18th, 2026	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Rane Sills	Glenn Granger	Julie Roussel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Charlie Lannen Angela Lannen Missy Ducote Dwain Ducote	Deacon Al Jason Waguespack Jody Cline Melinda Granger	Tessa Granger Todd Granger Jeanette LaRosa John Burch
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire Macgregor	Sley Gardner Aiden Hauser	Tanner Roussel Monica Garcia

## 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!

Matthew and Lesila Lee will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 4 pm 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)**



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**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

Money Counters: Team 3



## **Avisos de la Parroquia**

**Día de limpieza en la Iglesia** Ven a ayudar a limpiar la Iglesia y otros edificios el sábado, 24 de enero de las 8 am a las 2 pm. Habrá almuerzo.



**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.

### **El Bautismo del Señor**

#### **TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Al escribir *Tradiciones de nuestra fe* me he encontrado con muchas fiestas patronales en España, Latinoamérica y Estados Unidos de América. Muchas de ellas mantienen su carácter religioso mientras que otras son simplemente una excusa para festejar, mejorar la economía local o hacer política, pero no por estas razones deben ser descartadas.

Tomemos, por ejemplo, la fiesta de san Sebastián de las Ovejas en la frontera entre Argentina y Chile. Esta fiesta es más vieja que ambas naciones y su peregrinación pisa los dos suelos. A lo largo del tiempo, esta fiesta ha sufrido por razones políticas entre ambas naciones, pero a partir de 1980 las autoridades eclesiásticas, civiles y gubernamentales han intentado revitalizar esta fiesta por varios motivos.

Las autoridades eclesiásticas la usan para renovar el cristianismo añadiendo las enseñanzas y prácticas del Concilio Vaticano II a las tradiciones antiguas. Las autoridades civiles la utilizan para incrementar el comercio y el turismo en la región. Los gobiernos de Chile y Argentina la ven como un enlace benéfico entre ambas naciones.

Las fiestas patronales buscan integrar todos los aspectos del ser humano, su política, economía, cultura, celebración y religión.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-GlZ, OFM



#### **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**

**Office closed** on the Monday, January 19th for Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Holiday.



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

### **The Annual International Food**

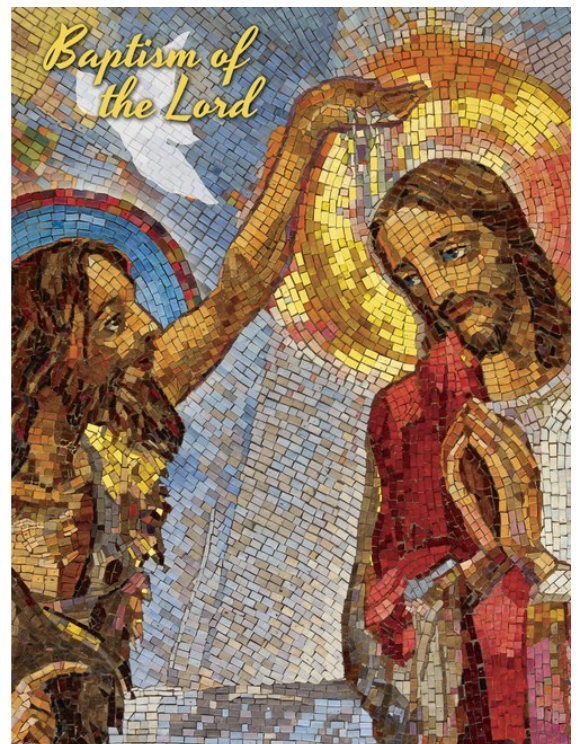
**Festival** will be on Sunday, January 25th after the 11:30 mass in St. Joseph Hall. Sign up for a table prior to January to the date with any CDA member or by calling the Rectory at 337-463-6878. Bring a dish from your favorite country or culture. A flyer will go out with more information.



### **Contribution Statements**

Contribution statements will be emailed to your email address on file. If your information is not current, please email Aimee to update your information or fill out the registration form in the foyer of the church. Please be watching for the email.

If you need to pick up a copy of your statement, please email Aimee and let her know or call the church office 337.463.6878  
aimeeb@stjoederidder.org





**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.



#### **To Confirmation Parents, Candidates**

**& Sponsors:** Our upcoming Confirmation Retreat is January 17-18, 2026. To be held at Dry Creek Baptist Camp for a day retreat and concluding at St. Joseph for a time of reflection and Mass with their sponsors. This will be an opportunity for our candidates to spend intentional time together and with the Lord, to grow deeper in their journey toward Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers and may they always be guided by the Holy Spirit.

#### **CDA Scholarship**

The Catholic Daughters have mailed out the 2026 Graduate applications. Please be on the lookout for them. 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.

#### **The Baptism of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Through the centuries, artists and craftspeople have depicted Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. At first in mosaics and frescoes, and later in tapestries, stained glass, and paintings, the scene is familiar. Jesus is standing waist-high in flowing water. Above him, standing on dry land, John the Baptist pours water over Jesus. The first artists to depict this were sketching from memory. This is exactly how most people were baptized in the early days: as adults, standing or kneeling in the water, with water poured over their heads.

This method of baptizing, called immersion, is the favored way today. An adult enters a font, or an infant is lowered a bit into the water supported by a parent's hand, and water is poured or splashed over them. The treasures of baptismal art attest that submersion, or plunging beneath the water's surface, is not really in our tradition, and that "infusion," the mere pouring of a few drops of water, yields too narrow an understanding of what it means to be plunged into Christ's life. Jesus Christ has gone before us into the water, and waits for us there with abundant gifts. No wonder the tradition calls for abundant symbols!

—Rev. James Field

#### **Scripture Readings for the Week of January 11, 2026**

<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
<b>Monday</b>	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sam 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>	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> Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

#### **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.