



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John;
you will be called Cephas" – which is translated Peter.

Jn 1:42

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive
Deridder, Louisiana 70634
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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

Hello God

Just before our first reading it says that “the word of the **LORD** was rare; ” (1Sam 3:1) I imagine most people today would think that was true. Do you think God has stopped talking? People apparently felt that way in Samuel’s time. Let’s look at the reading to see what Samuel’s experience can teach us.

At first Samuel thinks it is Eli calling him. It is not unusual for people to miss a sign from God.

If you have a talent that you are proud of, perhaps it is a sign that God wants you to use that talent to help others. Or if a friend tells you she is concerned about your health, it could be God’s way of telling you to get help. Try to see God speaking in whatever happens to you and you may hear a lot more than you think.

Samuel also gets help from Eli. Eli began to recognize that the **LORD** was speaking to Samuel. Sometimes we need help discerning what the Lord is telling us. A good spiritual director can help. He or she will probably ask how often you pray. In our reading Samuel finally speaks directly to God, instead of going back to Eli. So if you wonder what God plans for your life, try spending more time in prayer with him. I bet we have all had times where we didn’t know if we are doing God’s will because we didn’t take time to pray. But don’t do all the talking. Give God some quiet time to hear his response. For God hasn’t stopped talking; we just stopped listening.
Tom Schmidt

Justo antes de la primera lectura dicen las Escrituras que “la palabra del Señor era rara; no hubo muchas visiones”. (1 Sam 3,1) Me imagino que la mayoría de la gente hoy en día pensaría que eso es cierto. ¿Crees que Dios ha dejado de hablar? Parece que la gente se sentía así en la época de Samuel. Analicemos la lectura para ver qué nos puede enseñar la experiencia de Samuel.

Al principio, Samuel cree que es Elí quien lo llama. No es raro que la gente pase por alto una señal de Dios. Si tienes un talento del que estás orgulloso, quizás sea una señal de que Dios quiere que utilices ese talento para ayudar a otros. O si una amiga te dice que está preocupada por tu salud, podría ser la manera en que Dios te está diciendo que busques ayuda. Intenta ver a Dios hablando en cualquier cosa que te suceda y es posible que escuches mucho más de lo que piensas.

Samuel también recibe ayuda de Eli. Elí comenzó a reconocer que el Señor le estaba hablando a Samuel. A veces necesitamos ayuda para discernir lo que el Señor nos está diciendo. Un buen director espiritual puede ayudar. Probablemente te va a preguntar con qué frecuencia rezas. En la lectura, al final Samuel habla directamente con Dios, en lugar de volver a Elí. Si cuestionas el plan de Dios para tu vida, intenta pasar más tiempo en la oración con él. Creo que todos hemos tenido momentos en los que no sabíamos si estábamos haciendo la voluntad de Dios porque no nos tomamos el tiempo para rezar. Pero no seas el único que hable. Dale a Dios un momento de tranquilidad para escuchar su respuesta. Porque Dios no ha dejado de hablar, somos nosotros que hemos dejado de escucharlo.

Tom Schmidt

Prayer Corner



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	15	12:10 pm	The Sick & the Dying
Tues	16	12:10 pm	The Sick & the Dying
Wed	10	12:10 pm	The Sick & the Dying
Wed	10	12:40-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	11	12:10 pm	The Sick & the Dying
Fri	12	12:10 pm	

Jan 20th & Jan 21st, 2024

Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm: for all Parishioners & Visitors

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

Sunday, 11:30am Trishia Skinner, Pat Trunick, Ray Trunick, David & Kathy Pendley, Therese & Bill Pendley, Bart Fazio, Romona Vidrine

Offertory for Jan 6th & 7th, 2024

Offertory	\$11496.41
Bishop’s Services Appeal	\$2368.00
Insurance	\$557.00

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 20th & Jan 21st

Extraordinary Ministers

<u>5:00pm</u>	Charlie Lannen, Nancy Simmons Judy Scallon, Angela Lannen
<u>9:00am</u>	Deacon Al, John Burch Janelle Frost, Melinda Granger
<u>11:30am</u>	Deacon Al, John Burch Jennifer Hernandez, Danny Hernandez

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u>	Jill Simon
<u>9:00am</u>	Glenn Granger
<u>11:30am</u>	Terrance Carter

Altar Servers

<u>5:00pm</u>	Jude Lowe
<u>9:00am</u>	Bret Kyle
<u>11:30am</u>	Jacob Hernandez, Andy Granger

Upcoming Announcements

** Please make sure when writing out your checks for offering or any of the collections, to date with the current year, 2024.*

New ministry announcement - home outreach!!!

Father Wayne would like to get to know families where they feel most comfortable –the dining room table. Starting in February, Father will block off one night a month for this ministry. Please call the Pastoral Center to schedule. The dinner does not need to be a 7 course meal!!!

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

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 14, 2024

Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 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
Monday	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr and Saint Sebastian, Martyr 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

Middle School Rally, Jan 27th @ St. Philip Neri in Kinder. Cost is \$15.00 If your middle schooler would like to attend please contact Julie Roussel (337) 396-3207

DYC '24 (Feb 23-24th) "Here to hear" For more information email: youth.ministry@lcediocese.org



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