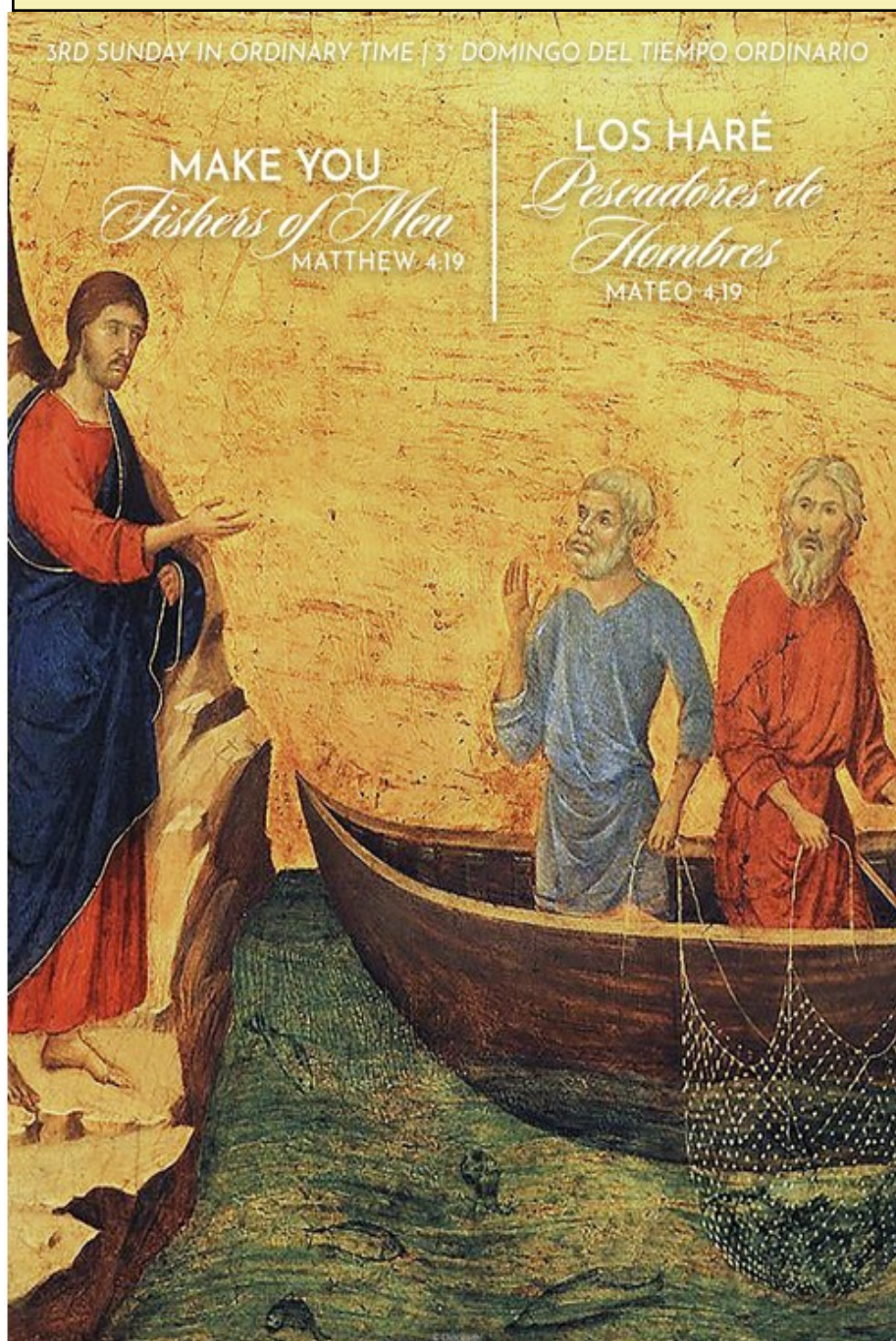


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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:
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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Send in the Clones?

In St. Paul's time, the Church was so new that everyone remembered how they came to the faith. It seems that some people in Paul's time actually boasted about who baptized them. They acted as if they were better Christians because of the person whose preaching first attracted them.

Paul, of course, would have no part in those rivalries. In fact, you can almost hear Paul laughing when he talks about people who consider Christ as just another leader of one of the factions. Christ should be the sign of unity for all Christians, not just one congregation. While no one says they want to divide the body of Christ, I'm sure you know someone who thinks the only way to have a unified Church is for everyone to pray the same way they do.

Yet even Paul did not expect all believers to be clones of one another. He frequently wrote about people having many different gifts. Those differences are necessary; we need all the gifts that the Spirit gives us. So what can we do to help unify the Church?

First, do what Jesus himself did—pray for unity in the Church (John 17:20–21). Pray that you come to know what your own gifts are, have the courage to use them for the Church, and appreciate the gifts of others. Second, Paul was very aware of his own weaknesses. Without weakness, how can we experience God's strength? Instead of looking down on those with whom we disagree, look up to see what God may be revealing to you through that person's differences. Tom Schmidt

¿Enviar a los Clones?

En tiempos de San Pablo, la Iglesia era tan nueva que todos recordaban cómo llegaron a la fe. Parece que algunos en tiempos de Pablo se jactaban de quién los había bautizado. Actuaban como si fueran mejores cristianos por la persona cuya predicación los atrajo inicialmente.

Pablo, por supuesto, no quería participar en esas rivalidades. De hecho, casi se puede oír a Pablo reírse cuando habla de quienes consideran a Cristo como un líder más de una de las facciones. Cristo debería ser el signo de unidad para todos los cristianos, no solo para una congregación. Aunque nadie dice que quiere dividir el cuerpo de Cristo, seguramente conoces a alguien que piensa que la única manera de tener una Iglesia unida es que todos recen de la misma forma que él.

Sin embargo, ni siquiera Pablo esperaba que todos los creyentes fueran clones unos de otros. Con frecuencia escribió sobre personas con muchos dones diferentes. Esas diferencias son necesarias; necesitamos todos los dones que el Espíritu nos da. Entonces, ¿qué podemos hacer para ayudar a unificar la Iglesia?

Primero, haz lo que Jesús mismo hizo: reza por la unidad en la Iglesia (Juan 17,20-21). Reza para que llegues a conocer tus propios dones, tengas la valentía de usarlos para la Iglesia y aprecies los dones de los demás. Segundo, Pablo era muy consciente de sus propias debilidades. Sin debilidad, ¿cómo podemos experimentar la fuerza de Dios? En lugar de menospreciar a quienes tienen una opinión diferente, miren hacia arriba para ver lo que Dios pueda estarles revelando a través de las diferencias de esa persona. Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 1/26	Communion Service
Tuesday 1/27	Edward Cryer
Wednesday 1/28	Lucille Guidry
Thursday 1/29	Brent Peavy (for healing)
Friday 1/30	Donelly Family
Saturday 1/31	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 2/1 9:00 am	Carolyn Sandell, Chris Muller, Thelma Ringer, Tom Wilson, John Lee Wilson, Charles Duplechien, Charles Chavis, Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 2/1 11:30 am	Andrew Cronic, Kay and Gary Cooper-Arnold Family (for healing), Eartha Simon (for healing)

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 17th and 18th, 2026

Offertory	\$ 11,704
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 50
Insurance	\$ 2,871.61

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 through

WEEKLY CAL-

Monday Lunes January / Enero 26	• 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes January / Enero 27	• 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles January / Enero 28	• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 12:40 - 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoracion Eucarística • 6:00 pm PREP • 6:00 pm CLJ (English)
Thursday Jueves January / Enero 29	• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes January / Enero 30	• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Saturday Sábado January / Enero 31	• 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo February / Febrero 1	• 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 10 am PREP • 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 31st/ February 1st, 2026	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Kay Bourne	Shiladitho Deb	Michelle Lingo
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Gertie Rossi Frank Rossi Charlie Lannen Angela Lannen	Deacon Al Nicole Kyle Melinda Granger Glenn Granger	Cathy Bradley Jeanette LaRosa Laura Black Eartha Simon
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Ethen Deb Leo Burke	Wesley, Grayson and Andrew Soileau

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!

Joe and Michelle Lingo 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)



Eartha Simon, Kinsley Johnson, Jennie Sliman, Helen Caisson, Mac Hebert, David Dimas, Danny Hernandez, Ronnie Watson, Roberta Gray, Susan Hill, Jenna Picou Trim, Kalyan Picou, Ryann Landry, Steven Boudreaux, Alice 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



Fechas de Mardi Gras— el 16 y 17 de Febrero, la Oficina estará cerrada

Miércoles de Ceniza— Se celebra el 18 de Febrero. Habrán misas a las 12:10 pm y a las 6 pm. En éste día comienza la época de Cuaresma.

Los Viernes, durante la Cuaresma, en la Iglesia habrá Misa, Viacrucis, y “Sopa y Sustento”. Todos están invitados a participar.

SANTOS TIMOTEO Y TITO (Siglo I) 26 de enero Timoteo y Tito fueron colaboradores cercanos del apóstol Pablo. Timoteo es descrito por Pablo como un “hombre de Dios” a quien le pide que no se abochorne de ser joven y que no permita que alguien lo desprecie por ser un líder joven. Asimismo, fue su compañero apostólico en la evangelización de Tesalónica, Corinto y Éfeso. De esta última comunidad fue su obispo y ahí tuvo como encargo organizar la comunidad y sus ministerios. Fue testigo del martirio de Pablo y, posteriormente, él mismo sufrió el martirio. Tito fue convertido al cristianismo por el mismo Pablo. Es Pablo quien destaca en Tito las cualidades de artífice de la paz, administrador, mediador en los conflictos y de gran capacidad para organizar las comunidades nacientes que enfrentaban el acecho de la falsa doctrina. Tito murió, según las fuentes a los 93 años. Pablo escribe a ambos, en sus cartas pastorales, respecto a las cualidades que ellos, como obispos, deben tener. Asimismo, recorre uno a uno los ministerios de la Iglesia y los comportamientos que deben ser observados por los miembros de la comunidad. —Miguel Arias



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

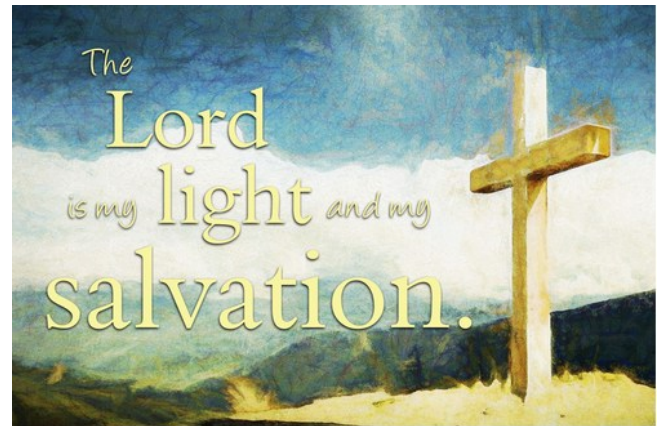
Tenemos una imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe Peregrina —por favor contactar a la oficina para que la recibas en casa! El Padre te la dará durante una

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



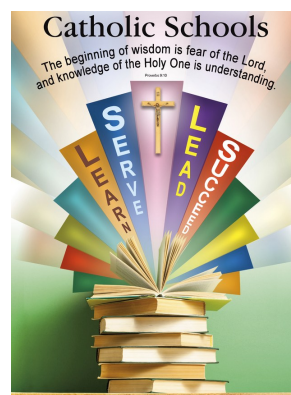
GOOD THINGS AHEAD

The annual CDA Heart speaks to Heart Ladies Luncheon will be on February 13th @ 12 pm in St Joseph Hall.

Mardi Gras Dates — February 16th and 17th, the Office will be closed.

Ash Wednesday will be on February 18th with Masses at 12:10 pm and 6 pm.

Lent activities will include Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Soup and Sustenance on Friday's starting on February 20th at 5:30 pm. National



Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It will be celebrated Jan 25-31.



Contribution Statements

Contribution statements have been 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 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.



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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540), January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves "companions," pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the "Company (compagnia) of Saint Ursula." Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries. —Peter Scagnelli

Scripture Readings for the Week of January 25, 2026

Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
Monday	Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

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

Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Oremos para que la oración con la Palabra de Dios sea alimento para nuestras vidas y fuente de esperanza en nuestras comunidades, ayudándonos a construir una Iglesia más fraterna y misionera.

Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost

Let us pray for peace in the world, especially in troubled areas like the Ukraine and the Mid-East. May our Heavenly Father grant us a resolution to conflicts and wars.

Oremos por la paz en el mundo, especialmente en zonas conflictivas como Ucrania y Oriente Medio. Que nuestro Padre Celestial nos conceda una solución a los conflictos y las guerras.