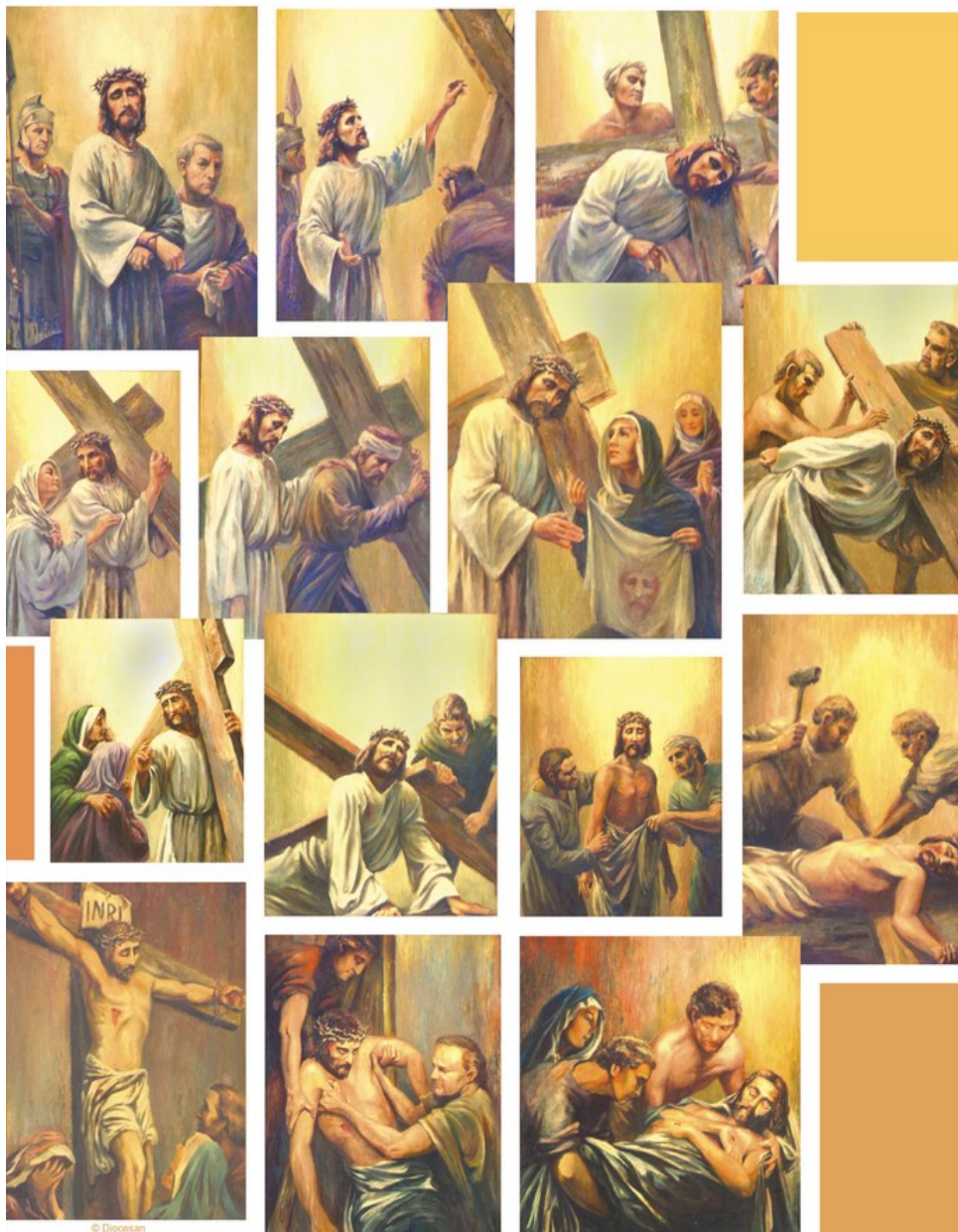


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Lord Jesus,
HELP US WALK IN YOUR STEPS.



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 Weinnig
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.

License to sin

In the James Bond movies, 007 has a license to kill. He can shoot all the bad guys he wants without worrying about being charged with murder. God, however, does not issue a license to sin. The first reading from Sirach reminds us that any time we choose between life and death, good and evil, it is our free choice and our responsibility. God may allow us to make bad choices, but God never commands anyone to sin.

Jesus goes even deeper than Sirach. The people of Sirach's time had followed the laws and commandments that governed external actions. But Jesus taught that thoughts and desires that lead to sin can also be freely chosen or rejected. In the Gospel he gives us some examples.

The first is about killing. Jesus says that anyone who gets angry enough to kill or who looks down on his neighbor as not deserving to live has committed murder in his heart. Because the Eucharist is our sacrament of unity, we should take care to be reconciled with others before coming to the altar.

The next warnings are about adultery and divorce, breaches that also begin with interior feelings. Jesus exaggerates when he tells us to cut off a hand or tear out an eye, because he knew how easily we rationalize our feelings and pretend they are harmless. Jesus takes marriage seriously and expects his disciples to do the same.

His final example concerns taking oaths. Jesus gets to the point and says that we wouldn't need oaths if we always told the truth and kept our promises. Our faith is based on the knowledge that God keeps promises. Shouldn't we do the same? Tom Schmidt

Permiso para Pecar

En las películas de James Bond, 007 tiene permiso para matar. Puede disparar a todos los malos que quiera sin preocuparse por ser acusado de asesinato. Sin embargo, Dios no nos da permiso para pecar. La primera lectura del Sirácida nos recuerda que cada vez que elegimos entre la vida y la muerte, el bien y el mal, elegimos libremente y es nuestra responsabilidad. Dios puede permitirnos tomar malas decisiones, pero nunca le ordena a nadie pecar.

Jesús va aún más a fondo que el Sirácida. La gente de la época del Sirácida seguía las leyes y los mandamientos que regían las acciones externas. Pero Jesús enseñó que los pensamientos y deseos que conducen al pecado también pueden ser libremente elegidos o rechazados. En el Evangelio nos da algunos ejemplos.

El primero se trata de matar. Jesús dice que cualquiera que se enfade lo suficiente como para matar o que menosprecie a su prójimo como si no mereciera vivir, ha cometido asesinato en su corazón. Dado que la Eucaristía es nuestro sacramento de unidad, debemos procurar reconciliarnos con los demás antes de acercarnos al altar. Las siguientes advertencias se tratan del adulterio y el divorcio, infracciones que también surgen de sentimientos internos. Jesús exagera cuando nos dice que nos cortemos una mano o nos saquemos un ojo, porque sabe con qué facilidad racionalizamos nuestros sentimientos y fingimos que son inofensivos. Jesús toma en serio el matrimonio y espera que sus discípulos hagan lo mismo.

Su último ejemplo se refiere a los juramentos. Jesús va al grano y dice que no necesitaríamos juramentos si siempre dijéramos la verdad y cumpliéramos nuestras promesas. Nuestra fe se basa en el conocimiento de que Dios cumple sus promesas. ¿No deberíamos hacer lo mismo? Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 2/16	No Service
Tuesday 2/17	Thelma Ringer
Wednesday 2/18	Edward Cryer
Thursday 2/19	Carolyn Sandel
Friday 2/20	James Morine
Saturday 2/21	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 2/22 9:00 am	Michael Brenski, Jr., Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 2/22 11:30 am	Vernon Lee Chaffin, Andrew Cronic, Kay and Gary Cooper, Eartha Simon (healing), Shae Budnick

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 February 7th and February 8th, 2026

Offertory	\$ 13,161
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 1,813
Insurance	\$ 25

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

2nd Collections for the Month of February

February 7 - 8	Bishop's Services Appeal
February 14 - 15	Black and Indian Mission
February 21 - 22	Insurance

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 the year, they can be dropped in the box in the foyer.

WEEKLY CAL-

Monday Lunes February/ Febrero 16	MARDI GRAS OFFICE CLOSED / OFICINA CERRADA 12:10 pm No Service • 6:00 pm Altar Society Meeting • 7:00 pm 4th Degree KC meeting
Tuesday Martes February/ Febrero 17	MARDI GRAS OFFICE CLOSED / OFICINA CERRADA • 9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles February/ Febrero 18	• ASH WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 12:40 Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística • 6:00 Mass / Misa
Thursday Jueves February/ Febrero 19	• 9:30 am Food Distribution Catholic Charities • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes February/ Febrero 20	• 5:30 pm Mass / Misa • 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross / Vía Crucis • 6:30 pm Soup and Sustenance/ Sopa y Sustento
Saturday Sábado February/ Febrero 21	• 8 am CHURCH CLEANING DAY / DIA DE LIMPIEZA • 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo February / Febrero 22	• 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 10 am PREP • 11:30 am Mass / Misa • 12:30 pm INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST / FESTIVAL DE COMIDA INTERNACIONAL • Spanish Mass / Misa Español

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

February 22nd/23rd	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Rane Sills	TBD -JCDA	Terrence Carter
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Angela Lannen Charlie Lannen Frank Rossi Gertie Rossi	Deacon Al Brian Lestage Suzanne Lestage Jason Waguespack	Danny Hernandez Michelle Lingo Cathy Bradley Jeanette LaRosa
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Ethen Deb Leo Burke Adalyna Sandoval	Wesley Soileau Grayson Soileau 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!

The Vidrine 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)



Polly St. Romain, Eartha Simon, Jennie Sliman, Helen Caisson, Mac Hebert, David Dimas, Ronnie Watson, Roberta Gray, Susan Hill, Jenna Picou Trim, Kalyn Picou, Ryann Landry, Steven Boudreaux, Alice Kidder

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

"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” comenzando a las 5:30 pm. Todos están invitados a participar.

Día de limpieza en la Iglesia Ven a ayudar a limpiar la Iglesia y otros edificios el sábado, 21 de Febrero de las 8 am a las 2 pm. Se proveerá almuerzo.



Festival de comida Internacional! Ven y comparte un platillo con la feligresía y disfruta de otras comidas, el Domingo 22 de Febrero, después de la misa de las 12:30 pm. Por favor llamar a la Iglesia para decir si compartirás un platillo (337-483-6878).



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)

22 de Febrero
22 de Marzo
26 de Abril
24 de Mayo

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

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

Altar Society will meet Monday, February 16th at 6 pm and **4th Degree Knights** will meet Monday, February 16th at 7 pm.

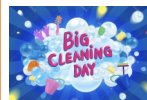
Ash Wednesday will be on February 18th with Masses at 12:10 pm and 6 pm. This marks the beginning of the Lenten Season.



Catholic Charities Food Distribution will be on Thursday, February 19th, at 9:30 am.

Lent - Come join us every Friday during Lent starting on February 20th at 5:30 pm for Mass, Stations of the Cross, and Soup and Sustenance. The latter will be in Kern Hall after the Stations. Groups providing soup.

20-Feb	Altar Society
27-Feb	Knights of Columbus
6-Mar	Catholic Daughters
13-Mar	Confirmation class
20-Mar	Come Lord Jesus



Church Cleaning Day will be on Saturday, February 21st from 8 am to 2 pm. Please come and assist! Lunch will be provided.

The Annual International Food Festival will be on Sunday, February 22nd after the 11:30 Mass in St. Joseph Hall. Sign up for a table prior to the date with any CDA member or by calling the office at 337-463-6878. Bring a dish from your favorite country or culture. A flyer went out with more information.



St. Barbara JCDA will be celebrating JCDA Day on February 22nd at 9am Mass. Please join them after the Mass for donuts and juice in Kern Hall.



Gardeners Needed: If any Parishioners are interested in helping with upkeep of our flower beds by pulling weeds, watering plants, planting flowers, etc, please contact the office or contact Debbie McCarty at 337-401-9239. Thank you!

Lenten Food Drive for Catholic Charities SWLA -We have been asked to collect **600 cans of green beans** this year by March 25th. **We can do it!** Cans can be left in the foyer of the Church in a box for Catholic Charities or brought into the office.

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! Thank you to everyone that contributed to the Youth's meals on Wednesdays at 6 pm. We have all remaining classes covered with someone supplying food. Your assistance is truly appreciated by the youth, catechists, parents and Church personnel.

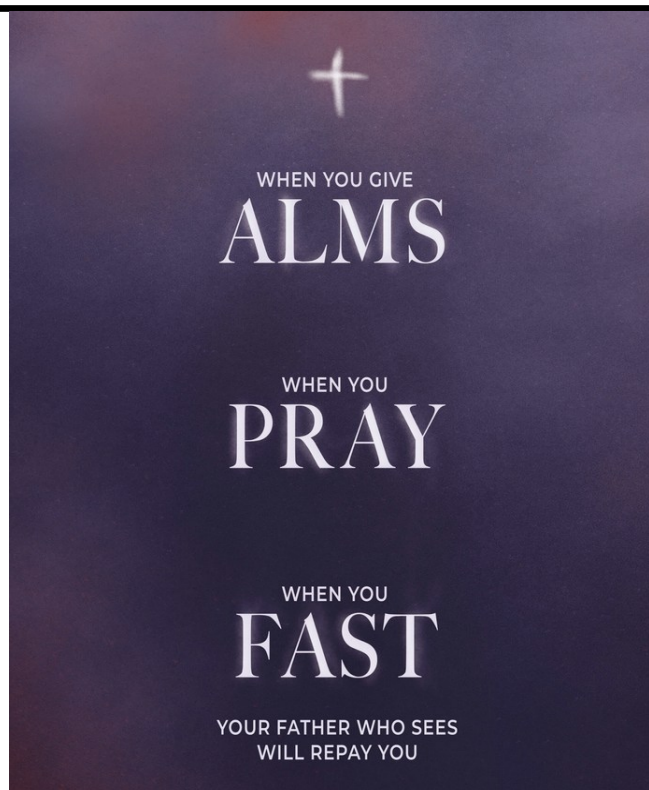


Meal Train®

The Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC) is being held Friday, March 13 - Sunday, March 15th in Eunice, LA at the ABC Retreat Center. The theme for DYC 2026: EYES WIDE OPEN. It is a powerful three-day faith-filled experience of prayer, catechesis, fellowship, and formation for Catholic teens, (8th - 12th grade), young adults and adult chaperones. At DYC, the young Church encounters our Lord through keynotes, live music, breakout sessions, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass. In addition, there will be an interactive area with various prayer and service activities as well as crafts and games. Information, cost and registration is available using the following link:

<https://34912.sites.ecatholic.com/>

You can contact Julie Roussel for any questions.



Diocese activities can be found in the Diocese of Lake Charles website (retreats, meetings, special Masses, conferences, workshops, pilgrimages, etc) <http://www.lcdiocese.org/3-news/3044-upcoming-events-at-a-glance>

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 15, 2026

Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

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

February Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Febrero

Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Oremos para que los niños que padecen enfermedades incurables y sus familias reciban la atención médica y el apoyo necesarios, sin perder nunca la fuerza ni la esperanza.

Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost

Let us pray for the healing of our sick and the comfort of our dying, that they will know the abiding presence of our Lord in their lives and the comfort that only He can bring.

Oremos por la sanación de nuestros enfermos y por el consuelo de quienes están a punto de morir, para que experimenten la presencia constante de nuestro Señor en sus vidas y el consuelo que solo Él puede brindar.