

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



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

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CUARESMA

Clear Conscience?

Usually, the first reading has something in common with the gospel. Today's however, has more in common with the second reading from St. Peter. They both talk about Noah and the ark, where the few good people were saved by going through the water. Peter compares that to the waters of Baptism, in which we are saved by God. Just as God washed away the evil of the world in the waters of the flood, so the waters of Baptism made us into a new people who have clear consciences, both because God has forgiven our sins and because we promise to follow only Him.

That leads to the Gospel, where Jesus is tempted by Satan. But unlike the people of Noah's time, Jesus does not fall to the temptations. Instead, he comes out of the desert, telling us to repent and believe in the good news.

That means we have a choice to make: Do we accept this kingdom and repent, or do we ignore our baptism and do what we want? Do we still have a clear conscience when we think of how much time we spend getting to know Jesus? Ever pray or read the bible outside of church? Do we spend near as much on the poor, as we do for our entertainment?

Next time you see a rainbow, think about the covenant that God made with Noah. Just as God's promises get better and better till the coming of Jesus, we are challenged to be more and more like Him. Are you satisfied with just a promise that God won't destroy us all in a flood? Or are you ready to live the New Covenant that Jesus promises to those who will follow him?

Tom Schmidt

Una conciencia limpia?

Generalmente la primera lectura tiene algo en común con el evangelio. La de hoy, sin embargo, tiene más en común con la segunda lectura de San Pedro. Ambos hablan de Noé y del arca, donde las pocas personas buenas se salvaron al pasar por el agua. Pedro compara eso con las aguas del bautismo, en las que somos salvados por Dios. Como Dios lavó el mal del mundo en las aguas del diluvio, de la misma forma las aguas del bautismo nos convirtieron en un nuevo pueblo que tiene la conciencia limpia, tanto porque Dios ha perdonado nuestros pecados como porque prometemos seguirlo sólo a Él.

Eso nos lleva al Evangelio, donde Jesús es tentado por Satanás. Pero a diferencia de la gente de la época de Noé, Jesús no cae en las tentaciones. En cambio, sale del desierto y nos dice que nos arrebatamos y creamos en la buena nueva.

Eso significa que tenemos que tomar una decisión: ¿Aceptamos este reino y nos arrebatamos, o ignoramos nuestro bautismo y hacemos lo que queremos? ¿Tenemos todavía la conciencia limpia cuando pensamos en cuánto tiempo dedicamos a conocer a Jesús? ¿Alguna vez has orado o leído la Biblia fuera de la iglesia? ¿Gastamos casi lo mismo en ayudar a los pobres que en nuestras diversiones?

La próxima vez que veas un arco iris, piensa en la alianza que Dios hizo con Noé. Así como las promesas de Dios mejoran cada vez más hasta la venida de Jesús, nosotros somos desafiados a ser cada vez más como Él. ¿Estás satisfecho con sólo la promesa de que Dios no nos destruirá a todos con un diluvio? ¿O estás listo para vivir la Nueva Alianza que Jesús promete a quienes lo seguirán?

Tom Schmidt

Prayer Corner:



WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	19	12:10 pm	The Sick & the Dying
Tues	20	12:10 pm	Michael Governale
Wed	21	12:10 pm	Leona "Weedy" McNair
Wed	21	12:40-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	22	12:10 pm	Leonard Smith
Fri	23	12:10 pm	The Sick and the Dying

Feb 24th & Feb 25th, 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, Jessie & Vida Miller, William Libert, Lenora, Charley & Stephen Hitchens, Geraldine Amer-son & Family, Mary Miller & Family, Fannie Upshaw

Sunday, 11:30am Trishia Skinner, Pat Trunick, Ray Trunick, David & Kathy Pendley, Therese & Bill Pendley, Bart Fazio, Maria Becerra Galvan, Theresa Fonseca, Michael Governale, Janith Monette, Leona "Weedy" McNair

Offertory for Feb 10th & 11th, 2024

Offertory	\$TBA
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$TBA
Insurance	\$TBA

**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

Feb 24th & Feb 25th, 2024

Extraordinary Ministers

<u>5:00pm</u>	Frank Rossi, Gertie Rossi
<u>9:00am</u>	Michelle Lingo, Janie Marin
	Deacon Al, Glenn Granger
	Kathleen Nichols, Katie Weinnig
<u>11:30am</u>	Deacon Al, John Burch
	Tara Lestage, Jeanette LaRosa

Lectors

<u>5:00pm</u>	Rayne Sills
<u>9:00am</u>	Melinda Granger
<u>11:30am</u>	Vanessa Walker

Altar Servers

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

Upcoming Announcements

Fridays of Lent, we will have a **5:30pm Mass** (no 12:10pm Mass) with Stations of the Cross after. Soup and Sustenance to follow the Stations in Kern Hall. Meal provided by 02/23– Knights of Columbus

Our Parish Mission this year is March 3-5, 2024 at 6pm.

Title: Keep the Faith, but Not to Yourself by Fr. Jeff Starkovich from St. Pius X.

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!!!

*Any organization, ministry or group that are needing the use of facilities such as Kern Hall, St. Joseph Hall, Ed bldg. or the Church, please email us so that we can make those arrangements. Email: julie@stjoederidder.org

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.

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

Scripture Readings for the Week of February 18, 2024

Sunday	First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
Monday	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

St. Joseph Youth game night, February 25th from 3-7pm in Kern Hall. Food, fun and fellowship! Come out and join the fun!

Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed to our youth fundraiser! We have 6 teens attending DYC the end of February! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

P.R.E.P is looking for volunteers to provide meals for the Wed. night youth. Meals need to feed about 50 and needs to be at Kern Hall between 5:30-5:45pm. Contact Nicole Kyle @ (337)348-1500 to be added to the calendar or use the QR code in the foyer, or go to <https://mealtraing.com/trains/lklykw>.

Monetary donations are gladly accepted for meals and can be placed in the offertory, mailed or brought to the Pastoral Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We continue to pray for Catechumens, Joshua O'Bryan and Breeana Sexton who are preparing for their 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.

Morning of Reflection for Catechumens 9:30am at Ave Maria Hall in LC 02/24/24

Rite of Conversion at 3pm, Cathedral in LC 02/25/24

If you or anyone you know is interested in the Catholic faith, needing to complete the sacraments, or would just like more information, please contact the Pastoral Center or Angela Lannen at 337-401-0078.