

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Return to me with
your whole *heart*.

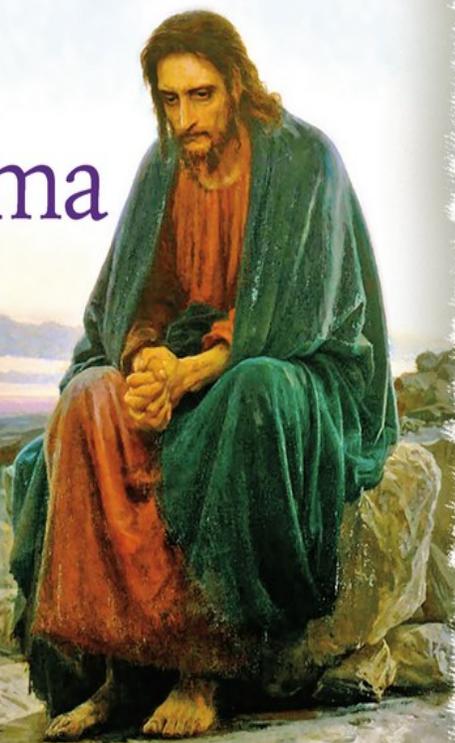
Joel 2:12

Lent
40 Days

Vuelvan a mí con
todo *corazón*.

Joel 2, 12

Cuaresma
40 Días



Ivan Kramskoi
Christ in the Wilderness
1872

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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.

1st Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

Connections

In The second reading this Sunday is not easy to follow, especially when some of Paul's sentences are more like paragraphs. But you will notice that he makes several important connections: between sin and death, between Adam and Jesus, and between obedience and disobedience.

Sin, he says, is the cause of death. Of course, everyone is subject to death at some point, even if they haven't sinned. A less serious sin can be a little "death" when it makes us feel that we are not as close to God as we could be. And sins that we might think are not a big deal, like smoking, can lead to serious health problems.

The connection between Adam and Jesus is not so obvious. Adam was the first to bring sin and death into the world. Jesus is the first to bring forgiveness by his death on the cross. The main difference between them is that Adam disobeyed God, while Jesus was obedient to his Father. Adam reminds me of a child who knows what he is supposed to do, but thinks that he can do the opposite and get away with it.

In the Gospel, Satan can be thought of as trying to get Jesus to do things the easy way. When he tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, he shows Jesus an easy way to feed the people. But Jesus takes a better way, when he feeds us with himself in the Eucharist. The devil says Jesus can throw himself off the temple as a dramatic way to attract followers; Jesus lets himself hang from the cross to draw people to himself. Satan promises the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will only worship him. But Jesus chose to be crowned with thorns and receive his kingdom when he rose from the dead.

Tom Schmidt

Conexiones

La segunda lectura de este domingo no es fácil de seguir, especialmente porque algunas frases de Pablo parecen más bien párrafos. Pero notarán que establece varias conexiones importantes: entre el pecado y la muerte, entre Adán y Jesús, y entre la obediencia y la desobediencia.

El pecado, dice, es la causa de la muerte. Por supuesto, todos estamos sujetos a la muerte en algún momento, incluso si no hemos pecado. Un pecado menos grave puede ser una pequeña "muerte" cuando nos hace sentir que no estamos tan cerca de Dios como podríamos estar. Y pecados que podríamos pensar que no son graves pueden causar graves problemas.

La conexión entre Adán y Jesús no es tan obvia. Adán fue el primero en traer el pecado y la muerte al mundo. Jesús es el primero en traer el perdón mediante su muerte en la cruz. La diferencia principal entre ellos es que Adán desobedeció a Dios, mientras que Jesús obedeció a su Padre. Adán me recuerda a un niño que sabe lo que debe hacer, pero cree que puede hacer lo contrario y salirse con la suya.

En el Evangelio, se puede pensar que Satanás intenta que Jesús haga las cosas de la manera fácil. Cuando lo tienta a convertir piedras en pan, le muestra una manera fácil de alimentar a la gente. Pero Jesús elige un camino mejor, cuando nos alimenta consigo mismo en la Eucaristía. El diablo dice que Jesús puede arrojarse del templo como una forma dramática de atraer seguidores; Jesús se deja colgar de la cruz para atraer a la gente. Satanás promete los reinos del mundo si Jesús lo adora. Pero Jesús eligió ser coronado de espinas y recibir su reino al resucitar de entre los muertos.

Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 2/23	Communion Service
Tuesday 2/24	Edward Cryer
Wednesday 2/25	Thelma Ringer
Thursday 2/26	John Lee Wilson
Friday 2/27	Donelly Family
Saturday 2/28	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 3/1 9:00 am	Robert J. Touchette, Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 3/1 11:30 am	Carlos Mendoza, Andrew Cronce, Kay and Gary Cooper, Pat Stroud, Return of Fallen Away Catholics

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 14th and February 15th, 2026

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

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 weekend 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.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

WEEKLY CAL-

Monday Lunes February/ Febrero 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunion
Tuesday Martes February/ Febrero 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunion
Wednesday Miércoles February/ Febrero 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 12:40 Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística • 6:00 pm CLJ (English) • 6:00 pm PREP
Thursday Jueves February/ Febrero 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes February/ Febrero 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo March/Marzo 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 10 am PREP • 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

February 28th/ March 1st	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Jill Simon	Nicole Kyle	Julie Roussel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Dwain Ducote Missy Ducote Michelle Lingo Kay Bourne	Deacon Al Tim Kyle Janelle Frost Bill Frost	Theresa Stout John Burch Eartha Simon Sonia Maskas
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire MacGregor	Colson Bourque Lane Bourque Bret Kyle	James Granger Andy Granger Mónica García



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!

Juan and Luz Ledesma 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

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.

Se necesitan jardineros: Si algún feligrés está interesado en ayudar con el mantenimiento de nuestros jardines, quitando malas hierbas, regando las plantas, plantando flores, etc., por favor, comuníquese con la oficina.



Campaña de recolección de alimentos para Cuaresma a beneficio de Caridades Católicas: Nos han pedido que recolectemos 600 latas de frijolitos verdes este año. Si cada familia trae al menos una lata, ¡lo lograremos! Pueden dejar las latas en el vestíbulo de la iglesia, en la caja destinada a Caridades Católicas.

La Cajitas de Plato de Arroz de CRS están disponibles cerca de los Misales. A través de ellas puedes marcar una diferencia en la vida de millones de nuestros hermanos. Al final de la Cuaresma puedes entregar la cajita con tus donaciones,

SAN POLICARPO (c. 60-155) 23 de febrero

San Policarpo fue discípulo del apóstol Juan y conoció a Jesús por medio de él. Fue el mismo Juan quien lo consagró obispo de Esmirna (Turquía). Ahí predicó valientemente la fe y dirigió a su comunidad en tiempos de persecución, pues se les culpó de que “traían mala suerte” a la ciudad por adorar a Jesús y no a los dioses romanos. Dado que era el líder de la comunidad fue apresado y llevado ante las multitudes reunidas en la arena pública quienes pedían su muerte. Una vez ante la gente y el gobernador, éste le pidió que hablara en contra de Jesús, prometiéndole la libertad. Policarpo respondió: “Ochenta y seis años he servido al Señor Jesús y él no ha hecho nada malo. ¿Cómo crees que voy a blasfemar contra mi Señor y redentor? Soy cristiano”. Fue sentenciado a ser devorado por los leones, pero estos se apartaron de él. Posteriormente, el gobernador ordenó que se le quemara vivo, pero el fuego no le hizo daño. Lleno de furia ordenó que lo degollaran y mandó que su cuerpo fuera quemado. —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)

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 Misa si quieres.

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

Lent - Come join us every Friday during Lent 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



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. If each family brings at least one can, we can do it! Cans can be left in the foyer of the Church in the box for Catholic Charities.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to have your loved one remembered by donating for easter décor / flowers, please fill out the form distributed previously in the bulletin or call/visit the Pastoral Center. These are due by March 25, 2026.



The Lenten CRS Rice Bowls have been placed at all the exits of the Church. An opportunity for almsgiving during the Lenten Season.

First Sunday of Lent TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In a few weeks' time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive-bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores. —Rev. James Field

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

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

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.



Scripture Readings for the Week of February 22, 2026

- 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
- Monday** Lev 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** Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- 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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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

SAINT POLYCARP (died 155) February 23

“Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior?” Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today’s “Senior Citizen Saint,” demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through life-long fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John, who is said to have consecrated him bishop of Smyrna in modern day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may separate us, Jesus’ gift of the Eucharist unites us. Polycarp’s final words, preserved by the Church of Smyrna, sounds like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: “Lord, almighty God, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself . . . may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice . . . through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ . . . through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.” —Peter Scagnelli

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.