

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: 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 |
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| 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



This is a test

I used to wonder how God could lie to Abraham about sacrificing his son Isaac. But the story begins by telling us God put Abraham to the test. Abraham himself seems to know it's a test. Apparently, I'm the only one fooled by God.

I don't know if I would have passed the test. I would have at least argued with God about it, begging him to spare my son. Yet in our second reading, St. Paul reminds us that God did not spare his own son. (Rom 8:32) He passed his own test. Jesus was sacrificed so that God could show us how much he loved us. If God loves us so much that he gives his Son to die for us, why would he not forgive us? He doesn't. But he is still testing us.

What does that tell us about life? You may have noticed that things don't always go your way. Does that mean those tragedies are our fault? No, God gives everyone free will and some people choose to do wrong. God intervenes sometimes and lives are saved. Other times, God intervenes by saving us after death with our resurrection. As long as people doubt God's love, there will be tests. That's why it is so important to proclaim the Kingdom: so that someday all people will know God's love and not need to be tested.

Tom Schmidt

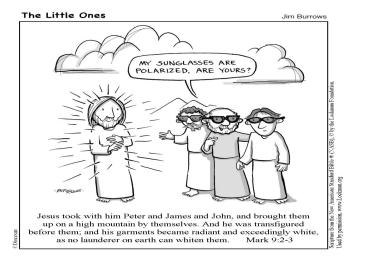
Es una prueba

Antes me preguntaba cómo Dios podía mentirle a Abraham acerca de sacrificar a su hijo Isaac, pero la historia comienza diciéndonos que Dios puso una prueba a Abraham. El propio Abraham parece saber que es una prueba. Al parecer, yo soy el único engañado por Dios.

No sé si hubiera pasado la prueba. Al menos habría discutido con Dios al respecto, rogándole que dejara vivir a mi hijo. Sin embargo, en la segunda lectura, San Pablo nos recuerda que Dios no dejó vivir a su propio hijo. (Romanos 8,32) Pasó su propia prueba. Jesús fue sacrificado para que Dios pudiera mostrarnos cuánto nos amaba. Si Dios nos ama tanto que entrega a su Hijo a morir por nosotros, ¿por qué no nos perdonaría? Sí nos perdona, pero todavía nos está poniendo a prueba.

¿Qué nos dice eso sobre la vida? Quizás hayas notado que las cosas no siempre salen como quieres. ¿Eso significa que esas tragedias son nuestra culpa? No, Dios les concede a todos el libre albedrío y algunas personas eligen hacer el mal. A veces Dios interviene y se salvan vidas. Otras veces, Dios interviene salvándonos después de la muerte con la resurrección. Mientras la gente dude del amor de Dios, habrá pruebas. Por eso es tan importante proclamar el Reino, para que algún día todas las personas conozcan el amor de Dios y no necesiten ser probados.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

| Mon | 26 | 12:10 pm | The Sick & the Dying |
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| Tues | 27 | 12:10 pm | Janith Monette |
| Wed | 28 | 12:10 pm | Janith Monette |
| Wed | 28 | 12:40-4:00 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction |
| Thurs | 29 | 12:10 pm | Janith Monette |
| Fri | 30 | 12:10 pm | The Sick and the Dying |

March 2nd & March 3rd, 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 Amerson & 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,

| Offertory for Feb 10 | 0th, 11th, 17th & 18th |
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| Offertory | \$8,384.69 / \$8,348.41 |
| Bishop's Services App | eal \$ 52.00 / \$120.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 57.00 / \$1,792.23 |

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

<u>Cereal for God's Food Box</u> is collected on the 2nd weekend of the month

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Feb 24th & Feb 25th, 2024

Extraordinary Ministers
Frank Rossi, Gertie Rossi

Michelle Lingo, Janie Marin

9:00am Deacon Al, Glenn Granger Kathleen Nichols, Katie Weinnig

11:30am Deacon Al, John Burch

Tara Lestage, Jeanette LaRosa

Lectors

 5:00pm
 Rayne Sills

 9:00am
 Melinda Granger

 11:30am
 Vanessa Walker

Altar Servers

5:00pm Jude Lowe 9:00am Bret Kyle

5:00pm

11:30am Andy Granger, James Granger

Upcoming Announcements

5:30pm Mass on Friday's (no 12:10pm Mass) with Stations of the Cross after.

Soup and Sustenance to follow the Stations in Kern Hall. Meal provided by Catholic Daughters, March 1, 2024.

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!!!

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 25, 2024

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 Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-

38

Monday

Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and

23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt

20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-

31

Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,

18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,

11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

Youth game night, for High Schoolers, February 25th from 3-7pm in Kern Hall. Food, fun and fellowship!

Come out and join the fun!

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, of the church, 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. Sean Ledesma and John Garantine who will enter into the fullness of the faith through completing their sacraments.

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.