

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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LORD
IT IS GOOD
THAT WE ARE HERE

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

SEÑOR
ES BUENO QUE
ESTEMOS AQUÍ

2º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

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:
Church Custodian: John Garantine
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.

Transfiguration Manifestation

It may seem odd to hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration of Jesus during Lent. Wouldn't it fit better after Easter? An answer is found a few verses after our Gospel selection. Jesus tells the disciples that he will suffer (Matthew 17:12). The vision of Jesus' glory shared by Peter, James, and John was meant to help them not to become discouraged by Jesus' death on the cross. Some of the details in the Gospel can help us understand how Lent leads to Easter.

First, we hear about Jesus' appearance, that "his face shone like the sun" (Matthew 17:2). If the disciples didn't believe that Jesus was the Son of God before, they surely did now. For us this can be a reminder that God is with us during this season of Lent, helping our faith to grow.

Next, the three disciples see Moses and Elijah, symbols of the Old Testament. Peter wants them to stay, but the voice of God interrupts and tells them that now they should listen to Jesus. The Gospel tells us to keep our eyes on Jesus throughout Lent. Do I grumble about Lent, seeing it is as another set of laws to be obeyed? Perhaps I'm forgetting that Lent is not about how much I do for God, but a time to reflect on what God has done for me.

The last line of the Gospel has Jesus telling the three not to tell anyone about their vision until after his resurrection. Maybe the disciples were tempted to brag that they were better than the other followers of Jesus. This reminds us that the sacrifices of Lent don't just make us look holy; they lead us to the new life of Easter. Tom Schmidt

La manifestación de la Transfiguración

Puede parecer extraño escuchar el Evangelio de la Transfiguración de Jesús durante la Cuaresma. ¿No sería más apropiado después de la Pascua? La respuesta se encuentra unos versículos después de este Evangelio. Jesús les dice a los discípulos que va a sufrir (Mateo 17,12). La visión de la gloria de Jesús, compartida por Pedro, Santiago y Juan, tenía como propósito ayudarlos a no desanimarse por su muerte en la cruz. Algunos detalles del Evangelio nos ayudan a comprender cómo la Cuaresma nos conduce a la Pascua.

Primero, escuchamos sobre la aparición de Jesús: "su rostro se puso resplandeciente como el sol" (Mateo 17,2). Si los discípulos no creían antes que Jesús era el Hijo de Dios, sin duda lo creían ahora. Para nosotros, esto puede ser un recordatorio de que Dios está con nosotros durante esta temporada de Cuaresma, ayudando a que nuestra fe crezca.

Luego, los tres discípulos ven a Moisés y Elías, símbolos del Antiguo Testamento. Pedro quiere que se queden allí, pero la voz de Dios interviene y les dice que ahora deben escuchar a Jesús. El Evangelio nos dice que mantengamos la mirada fija en Jesús durante toda la Cuaresma. ¿Me quejo acaso de la Cuaresma, viéndola como otro conjunto de leyes que obedecer? Quizás me olvido de que la Cuaresma no se trata de cuánto hago por Dios, sino de un tiempo para reflexionar sobre todo lo que Dios ha hecho por mí.

En la última línea del Evangelio Jesús advierte a los tres que no cuenten a nadie sobre su visión hasta después de su resurrección. Tal vez los discípulos sintieron la tentación de presumir de ser mejores que los demás seguidores de Jesús. Esto nos recuerda que los sacrificios de la Cuaresma no solo nos hacen parecer santos, sino que nos conducen a la nueva vida de la Pascua. Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 3/2	Communion Service
Tuesday 3/3	Edward Cryer
Wednesday 3/4	Donelly Family
Thursday 3/5	Thelma Ringer
Friday 3/6	Carolyn Sandel
Saturday 3/7	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 3/8 9:00 am	Leonard and Albertha Chavis, Doug Bell, Thelma Ringer, Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 3/8 11:30 am	Andrew Cronce, Kay and Gary Cooper

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 8-9/ 14-15 /21-22, 2026

Offertory	\$13,161/ 10,261.45 / 11,231
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$1,813/ 143 / 10
Insurance	\$25/ 1,525 / 2,643
Ash Wednesday offertory	\$3,057

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

2nd Collections for the Month of March

March 7 - 8	Bishop's Services Appeal
March 14 - 15	American Bishops Overseas
March 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.

Monday Lunes March/Marzo 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunion • 6:00 pm Catholic Daughters meeting
Tuesday Martes March/Marzo 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles March/Marzo 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 12:40–4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística • 6:00 pm CLJ (English) • 6:00 pm PREP
Thursday Jueves March/Marzo 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes March/Marzo 6	<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 March/Marzo 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo March/Marzo 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 10 am PREP • 11:30 am Mass / Misa • 1 pm Jr CDA meeting

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

March 7th and 8th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Michelle Lingo	Troy Gardner	Sheryl Douglas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Richard Skinner Dawn Skinner Matthew Lee Lesila Lee	Deacon Al Kathleen Nichols Jody Cline Katie Weinnig	Claire Vidrine Jacque Vidrine Danny Hernandez Laura Black
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Grayson Gardner Celeste Gardner Jayden Henry	Macie McBride Kaston McBride Tanner Roussel



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!

Loretta Young will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 9:00 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)



Joe Lingo, Polly St. Romain, Eartha Simon, Jennie Sliman, Helen Caisson, Mac Hebert, David Dimas, Ronnie Watson, Roberta Gray, 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.

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.

Las 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.

Reserva éstas fechas: El 22 de Marzo celebraremos el Altar de San José en el edificio de St Joseph Hall! edes traer un plato vegetariano y venir a compartir y comer con la feligresía. El 23 de Marzo tendrás la oportunidad de hacer confesión entre 5 y 7 pm en la Iglesia. Una gran oportunidad durante la Cuaresma.

SANTA KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955) - 3 de marzo

Nació en Filadelfia, en el seno de una familia muy rica. Debido a la muerte inesperada de su madre, su padre contrajo nupcias por segunda vez. De ambos aprendió a orar y a cuidar de los pobres y su mismo hogar se abrió para ellos. Puesto que era muy rica tuvo la oportunidad de viajar a los Estados Unidos y este viaje le transformó para siempre, pues pudo presenciar la discriminación y sufrimiento a que eran sometidos los afroamericanos y nativos americanos. Años después, renunció a una fortuna de 14 millones de dólares (250 millones actualmente) y se unió a las Hermanas de la Misericordia. Posteriormente fundó la Congregación de las Hermanas del Santísimo Sacramento, añadiendo a los votos religiosos uno muy especial: el cuidado y educación de afroamericanos y nativos americanos. Al momento de su muerte se habían construido 50 misiones en 16 estados, un sistema de escuelas para afroamericanos, 40 centros misioneros y 23 escuelas rurales. Gracias a ella se construyó la Universidad Xavier, en Nueva Orleans, la primera dedicada a la educación profesional de afroamericanos.
—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 Marzo
26 de Abril
24 de Mayo
28 de Junio

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

Please note there is no Lenten Mission this year in the Church! even though it was in the Lenten Calendar.

Catholic Daughters meeting will be on Monday, March 2, at 6 pm in Kern Hall.

JCDA Meeting on Sunday, March 8, at 1 pm in Kern Hall.

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:

6-Mar	Catholic Daughters
13-Mar	Confirmation class
20-Mar	Come Lord Jesus

Lenten Food Drive for Catholic Charities SWLA— We have been asked to collect 600 cans of green beans this year. Lets do it! Cans can be left in the foyer of the Church in the box for Catholic Charities or brought into the office. As of February 24rd, we have collected 357 cans. Thank you!

Save the dates:

March 22: St Joseph Altar after 11:30 am Mass
March 23: Lenten Penance Service from 5-7 pm



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. They will be due by March 29th.



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!

Many 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>

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



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 March 1, 2026

- Sunday** **Second Sunday of Lent**
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
- Monday** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-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** Gen 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 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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 KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955) - March 3

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a "gift on loan" to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest-friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, "My child, why not become a missionary yourself?" Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized "Mother Drexel," praising her "excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics." —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.