

## 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
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

out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

He made a whip

John 2: 15,16

As we are now well into Lent, we can take a look at what it means to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. A good place to start would be the Ten Commandments. The reading from Exodus presents us with one of the first listings of the Commandments. In this passage, God explains some of the laws to show how serious they are. For the first one, God includes making images to be used for worship.

In the days of Moses, people of other cultures made images of their gods and declared that the image was the god, and so should be worshipped. The LORD wanted his people to remember that God cannot be limited to an image or idea. That is still true today. Our images and statues are meant to help us pray to God, not to that work of art.

On the other hand, some people give a superstitious meaning to religious articles. Burying a statue to help sell your house could be one example. If you want to ask for a favor from God, just ask Him. God is much more likely to listen to a sincere prayer than a superstitious action.

God also emphasizes some commands by duplicating them. He tells us not to steal from others, and also not to plan to steal from our neighbor. The same with adultery: Planning it is just as bad as doing it.

Jesus simplified all these commands when he reminds us to love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Let's remember that as we turn away from sin to serving God better during Lent.

Tom Schmidt

### Tercer domingo de Cuaresma

Como ya han pasado unas semanas de la Cuaresma, podemos echar un vistazo a lo que significa alejarse del pecado y ser fiel al Evangelio. Un buen lugar para empezar serían los Diez Mandamientos. La lectura del Éxodo nos presenta una de las primeras listas de los Mandamientos. En este pasaje, Dios explica algunas leyes para mostrar cuán serias son. En el primero, Dios incluye hacer imágenes para adorarlas.

En los días de Moisés, la gente de otras culturas hacía imágenes de sus dioses y declaraba que la imagen era el dios y debería ser adorada. El Señor quería que su pueblo se acordara que Dios no puede limitarse a una imagen o una idea. Eso sigue siendo cierto hoy en día. Las imágenes y estatuas están hechas para ayudarnos a orar a Dios, no a esa obra de arte.

Por otro lado, algunas personas dan un significado supersticioso a los artículos religiosos. Un ejemplo podría ser enterrar una estatua para ayudarte a vender tu casa. Si quieres pedirle un favor a Dios, sólo pídeselo. Es mucho más probable que Dios escuche una oración sincera que una acción supersticiosa.

Dios también enfatiza algunos mandamientos repitiéndolos. Nos dice que no robemos a los demás y que tampoco planeemos robarle a nuestro prójimo. Lo mismo ocurre con el adulterio, planearlo es tan malo como hacerlo.

Jesús simplificó todos estos mandamientos cuando nos recuerda amar a Dios con todo el corazón y amar al prójimo como a uno mismo. Recordemos eso mientras nos alejamos del pecado para servir mejor a Dios durante la Cuaresma. Tom Schmidt



### Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive

Catholic Charites is asking for our participation in their

Lenten Food Drive. They have asked us to collect 1000 cans of meat. It is meant to be a challenge not a burden and they are grateful for our efforts in assisting them in reaching their goals. Lent is a great season to be reminded of the physical hunger experienced by some in our community and our part in feeding the hungry.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	4	12:10 pm	The Sick & the Dying
Tues	5	12:10 pm	Andrew Cronce
Wed	6	12:10 pm	Andrew Cronce
Wed	6	12:40-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	7	12:10 pm	Andrew Cronce
Fri	8	12:10 pm	Andrew Cronce

### March 9th & March 10th, 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, Janith Monette

Offertory for Feb 24th	& 25th
Offertory	\$ 6,770.50
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 780.00
Insurance	\$ 40.00

# 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**

### March 9th & 10th, 2024 Extraordinary Ministers

5:00pm Frank Rossi, Gertie Rossi Dawn Skinner, Janie Marin 9:00am Deacon Al, Tim Kyle

Janelle Frost, Bill Frost

11:30am

Deacon Al, Jacque Vidrine

Theresa Stout, Sonia Maskas

### **Lectors**

5:00pmRosemary Lestage9:00amShiladitho Deb11:30amHeather Vidrine

**Altar Servers** 

5:00pm Cameron MacGregor 9:00am Arjun Deb, Ethan Deb

11:30am Wesley Soileau, Macie McBride

### **Upcoming Announcements**

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.

Beginning March 16th, 2024 the Saturday evening Mass will start at 4pm with confessions an hour before.

**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 the **Confirmation Class** March 8th, 2024.

### 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!!!

<u>Father Wayne</u>, (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.

### Scripture Readings for the Week of March 3, 2024

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

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24

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Monday

**Tuesday** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-

9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt

5:17-19

**Thursday** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-

23

Friday Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,

14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk

18:9-14

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 Chr 36:14-16,

23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn

3:14-21

### YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

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/lklvkw.

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.

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.

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