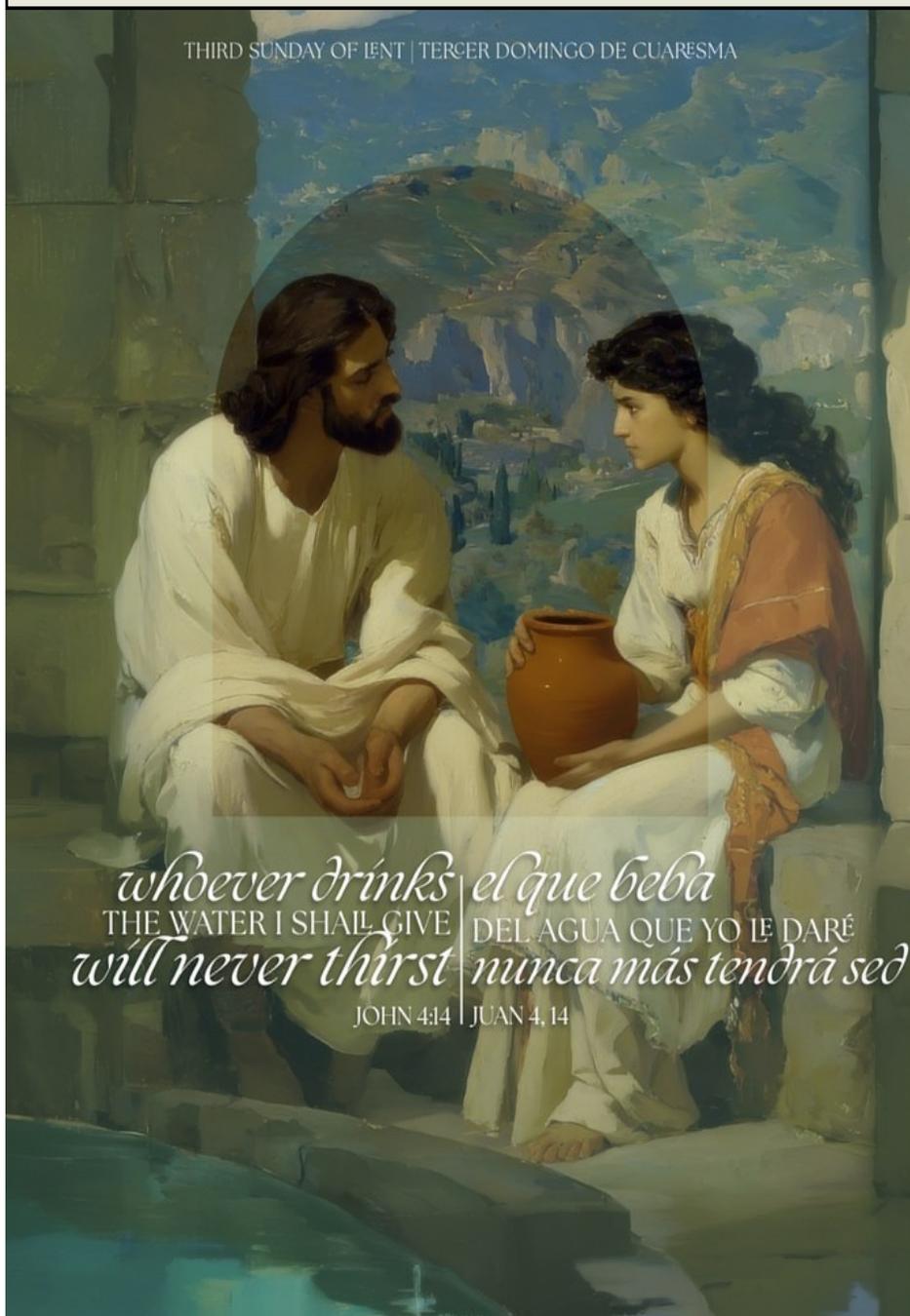


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | TERCER 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
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.

One Small Step

In today's Gospel, we see the Samaritan woman coming to faith. The steps she takes are our steps, too. Though she needs Jesus' help, he approaches her first. He invites us to make the journey of faith long before we start, by putting us into a faithful family, giving us a curious heart that seeks the truth, sending us a friend or spouse whose example draws us to the Lord.

The next step is acknowledging our need and our sinfulness. Admitting our need for God, and especially for God's forgiveness, opens us to God's saving grace. Another step is drawing closer to God in prayer. Jesus tells the woman, and us, that the best worship is honest and from the Spirit.

When we begin to share our faith with others, we take the step of living our faith. Like the woman who told her neighbors about Jesus, we find that the people we have touched begin to find the Lord on their own. Our catechumens are taking these steps now, thanks to those who have helped them experience Jesus' invitation to faith.

Tom Schmidt

Un Pequeño Paso

En el Evangelio de hoy, vemos a la samaritana empezar a creer. Los pasos que ella da también son los nuestros. Aunque necesita la ayuda de Jesús, él se acerca primero. Nos invita a emprender el camino de la fe mucho antes de comenzar al integrarnos en una familia fiel, al darnos un corazón curioso que busca la verdad, al enviarnos un amigo o esposo cuyo ejemplo nos acerca al Señor.

El siguiente paso es reconocer nuestra necesidad y nuestra condición de pecadores. Admitir nuestra necesidad de Dios, y especialmente de su perdón, nos abre a su gracia salvadora. Otro paso es acercarnos a Dios en la oración. Jesús le dice a la mujer, y a nosotros, que la mejor adoración es sincera y proviene del Espíritu.

Cuando comenzamos a compartir nuestra fe con los demás, damos el paso de vivirla. Como la mujer que habló de Jesús a sus vecinos, descubrimos que las personas a quienes hemos impactado comienzan a encontrar al Señor por sí mismas. Nuestros catecúmenos están dando estos pasos ahora, gracias a quienes les han ayudado a experimentar la invitación de Jesús a la fe.

Tom Schmidt



If today you hear
his voice, harden not
your hearts.



Señor, que no
seamos sordos a
tu voz.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 3/9	Communion Service
Tuesday 3/10	Velma Brown
Wednesday 3/11	Duane Watson
Thursday 3/12	Jimmy Vethimvas
Friday 3/13	Donnis Bell, Sr.
Saturday 3/14	Tom Wilson, John Lee Wilson, Thelma Ringer, Gertrude Morine, James Morine, Edward Cryer, Carolyn Sandel, Fanny Upshaw, Sammie J. May, George Hoyte, Alice And Antoinette Barket
Sunday 3/15 9:00 am	Thelma Ringer, Jimmy Vethimvas, Charley and Lenora Hitchens and family, Geraldine Amerson and family, Mary Miller and family, Cynthia and George St. Romaine and family, Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Andrew Cronce, Kay and Gary Cooper, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 3/15 11:30 am	For parishioners and visitors

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 28-March 1, 2026

Offertory	\$12,480
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$140
Insurance	\$39

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

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 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes March/Marzo 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles March/Marzo 11	<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 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am Senior Bingo/ Bingo Adultos Mayores • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30pm CLJ (English) • 7 pm KC Meeting
Friday Viernes March/Marzo 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross / Vía Crucis • 6:00pm Soup /Sopa •
Saturday Sábado March/Marzo 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo March/Marzo 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 10 am PREP • 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

March 14th and 15th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Kay Bourne	Glenn Granger	Heather Vidrine
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Nancy Simmons Jeff Fogleman Angela Lannen Charlie Lannen	Deacon Al Janelle Frost Bill Frost Melinda Granger	Jeanette LaRosa Sonia Maskas Michelle Lingo Theresa Stout
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire MacGregor	Colson Bourque Lane Bourque Sley Gardner	Jude Lowe Grayson Soileau Andrew Soileau



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!

Gerald and Linda Cryer will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 4:00 pm 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, Patricia O'Reilly Singletary, Helen Caisson, Mac Hebert, David Dimas, 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 Servicio de Comunión, Viacrucis, y Sopa 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 nuestros hermanos alrededor del mundo. 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! Puedes traer un plato vegetariano y venir a compartir y a 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.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Según un dicho árabe, si quieres conocer bien a una persona, debes convivir durante cuarenta días con ella. Cuarenta no puede tomarse al pie de la letra, ya que en las culturas semitas de siglos pasados cuarenta significaba “un largo periodo de tiempo”. Los judíos, cristianos y musulmanes provenimos de esas culturas antiguas y es por eso que para nosotros el número cuarenta es muy importante. Algunos ejemplos bíblicos: El diluvio duró cuarenta días. Moisés habló con Dios durante cuarenta días en el Sinaí. El pueblo de Israel pasó cuarenta años en el desierto purificándose de sus pecados. Jesús ayunó cuarenta días en el desierto antes de iniciar su ministerio público. El profeta Mahoma tenía cuarenta años cuando Dios lo llamó; asimismo, según el Islam, Dios creó a Adán en cuarenta días, y la persona que desea sabiduría necesita ayunar cuarenta días.

No se sabe de dónde viene esta conexión del número cuarenta con la religión. Algunos astrónomos piensan que es debido al planeta Venus. Venus (estrella matutina) viaja por el cielo regresando a su lugar de origen cada cuarenta años menos cuarenta días. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM



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



Senior Bingo will be this Thursday, March 12th at 10am in Kern Hall.

The Knights of Columbus will meet Thursday, March 12th at 7 pm.

Lent - Come join us every Friday during Lent at 5:30 pm for Stations of the Cross, and Soup after the Stations in Kern Hall. **Changes will be communicated in MyParish app. Lets get together as a faithful community!** Groups providing soup.

13-Mar	Confirmation class
20-Mar	Come Lord Jesus

The second Collection next weekend is for the American Bishops Overseas appeal. This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

St Joseph Table is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd after the 11:30 am Mass at St Joseph Hall! Everyone is invited to participate in this beautiful tradition and to bring a meatless dish, side or dessert that morning. Volunteers to help with decorations, food set-up and clean-up will be needed. Please contact the Pastoral Center or Sheila Manning if you can help. Let's make it a great fellowship event!



Lenten Food Drive for Catholic Charities SWLA— We have been asked to collect 600 cans of green beans this year. Cans can be left in the foyer of the Church in the box for Catholic Charities or brought into the office. As of March 3 We have collected 477 cans. Thank you!

A Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Monday, March 23th 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.

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 13th - 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 keynote, 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.

EGG HUNT!



The church Easter Egg hunt will be on Sunday, March 29th during PREP. Students will report to PREP then they will walk to St. Joseph's Hall for the activities with their teachers.

This is for ages 0 - 5th grade.

If your child is not enrolled in PREP, report to St. Joseph's Hall following the 9 am Mass.

Bring your baskets for the egg hunt!



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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Christians have always imagined initiation as a journey. Saul was on a journey on the Damascus road when he was knocked off his feet by an encounter with the Risen Lord. After stumbling, blind, to a Christian household, he emerged days later, baptized and clear-sighted, as Paul. Enlightened, he begins a life so disconnected with his former ways that it seems to require a new name.

The custom of acquiring a new name at baptism is thus very old, and is a deeper question than "naming the baby"; it is, rather, one of a break with the past and a place in the community. The first Christians mostly kept their pagan names, and therefore blended in with their neighbors. Eventually, some people began to name their children after Christian virtues or feasts, like "Ephiphanius" for a child born on Epiphany, or "Fides" for faith. Later, the names of beloved martyrs or saints began to take hold, as older converts exchanged their birth names for the names of admired saints. Today, catechumens may still choose to assume a "Christian name" before baptism, and parents are still asked to be mindful of our tradition as they give a name to a child. —Rev. James Field

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 8, 2026

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
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
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 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

March Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Marzo

Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Oremos para que las naciones avancen hacia un desarme efectivo, en particular el desarme nuclear, y para que los líderes mundiales elijan el camino del diálogo y la diplomacia en lugar de la violencia.

Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost

Let us pray for a renewal of faith in the lives of us all, that we will come to place all our trust in God's loving plan of Salvation.

Oremos por una renovación de la fe en la vida de todos nosotros, para que lleguemos a poner toda nuestra confianza en el plan amoroso de Salvación de Dios.