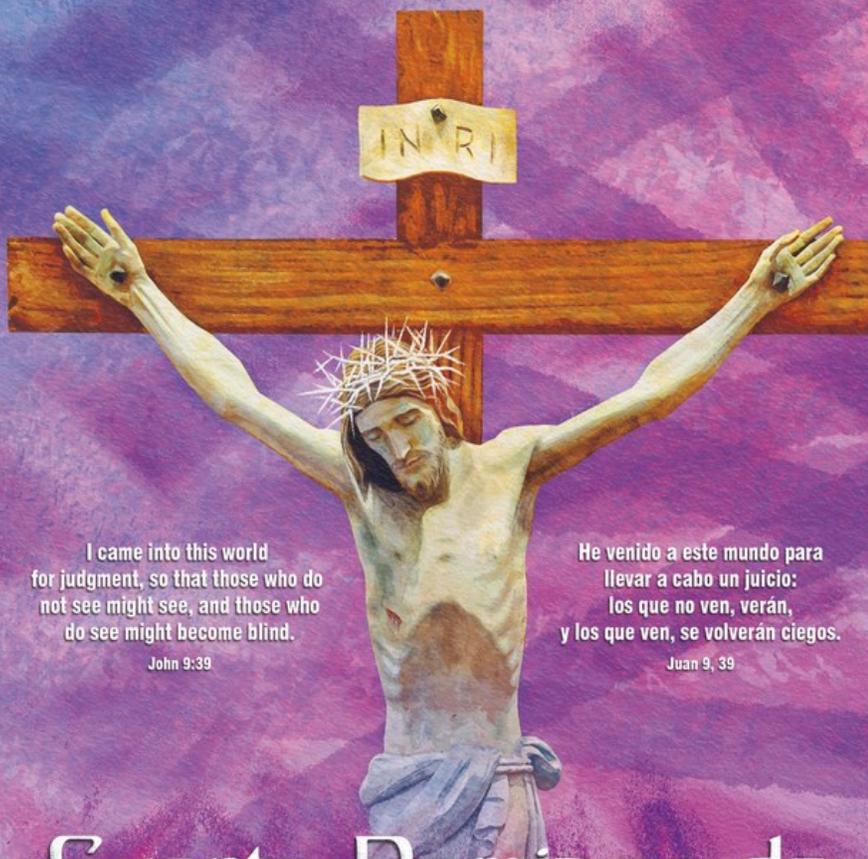


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of LENT



I came into this world
for judgment, so that those who do
not see might see, and those who
do see might become blind.

John 9:39

He venido a este mundo para
llevar a cabo un juicio:
los que no ven, verán,
y los que ven, se volverán ciegos.

Juan 9, 39

Cuarto 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.

Beware of the Dark Side

Do you remember the *Star Wars* movies, in which the Dark Side was a symbol of evil? In our second reading Paul tells the Christians in Ephesus that they were once darkness. Paul uses darkness as a symbol of shame. Shame is not just sorrow for sins; it is the fear of being caught in sin, or of telling our weaknesses to another because we think the other will look down on us. Paul was a sinner himself and was blinded when Jesus appeared to him, asking, "Why do you persecute me?" So he knew that the only way to be free of shame is not to hide sins, but to expose them.

Does that mean we have to broadcast our sins on the evening news, or post them all on our social media pages? No; we just need to confess them to God and receive God's forgiveness. We can do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest shows that God loves sinners, no matter what they have done. If you wreck your car, you take it to the repair shop and tell the mechanics what is broken so they can repair it. In reconciliation we bring our sins to the priest so that we can experience forgiveness.

Sometimes other people try to shame us. In the Gospel, Jesus told the Pharisees that they were the sinners, because they had judged the blind man. So when we know that God forgives us and still loves us, we don't have to fear what others might think. Let us instead hold our sins up to the light of forgiveness and be free of our shame.

Tom Schmidt

Cuidado con el Lado Oscuro

¿Recuerdan las películas de *Star Wars*, donde el Lado Oscuro era un símbolo del mal? En la segunda lectura, Pablo les dice a los cristianos de Éfeso que antes andaban en la oscuridad. Pablo usa la oscuridad como símbolo de vergüenza. La vergüenza no es solo el dolor por los pecados; es el temor a ser descubiertos en el pecado o a confesar nuestras debilidades a otros por miedo a que nos juzguen. El mismo Pablo era pecador y estaba cegado cuando Jesús se le apareció y le preguntó: "¿Por qué me persigues?" Por eso sabía que la única manera de liberarse de la vergüenza no es ocultar los pecados, sino exponerlos.

¿Significa esto que tenemos que divulgar nuestros pecados en las noticias o publicarlos en nuestras redes sociales? No. Solo debemos confesarlos a Dios y recibir su perdón. Podemos hacerlo mediante el sacramento de la reconciliación. El sacerdote demuestra que Dios ama a los pecadores, sin importar lo que hayan hecho. Si chocas el carro, lo llevas al taller y le dices a los mecánicos qué está roto para que lo reparen. En la reconciliación, presentamos nuestros pecados al sacerdote para experimentar el perdón.

A veces, otras personas intentan avergonzarnos. En el Evangelio, Jesús les dijo a los fariseos que ellos eran los pecadores, porque habían juzgado al ciego. Por eso, cuando sabemos que Dios nos perdona y nos sigue amando, no tenemos por qué temer lo que piensen los demás. Expongamos nuestros pecados a la luz del perdón y liberémonos de la vergüenza.

Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 3/16	Communion Service
Tuesday 3/17	Leticia "Levy" Aspertrand
Wednesday 3/18	Carolyn Sandel
Thursday 3/19	Thelma Ringer
Friday 3/20	No service
Saturday 3/21	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 3/22 9:00 am	Thelma Ringer, 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, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 3/22 11:30 am	Leticia "Levy" Aspertrand, Jimmy Vethimvas, Vernon Lee Chaffin, Andrew Cronce, Kay and Gary Cooper, Leroy Cesco, Aida Pittman

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	\$12,026
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$1,710
Insurance	\$160

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

2nd Collections for the Month of March

<i>March 7 - 8</i>	<i>Bishop's Services Appeal</i>
<i>March 14 - 15</i>	<i>American Bishops Overseas</i>
<i>March 21 - 22</i>	<i>Insurance</i>

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 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión • 6 pm Altar Society Meeting • 7 pm 4th Degree Knights
Tuesday Martes March/Marzo 17	ST PATRICK DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles March/Marzo 18	<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 19	ST JOSEPH DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes March/Marzo 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross / Via Crucis • 6:00pm Soup /Sopa
Saturday Sábado March/Marzo 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo March/Marzo 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 10 am PREP • 11:30 am Mass / Misa • 12:30 pm ST JOSEPH TABLE at St Joseph Hall • 5pm Mass in Spanish/ Misa en español

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

March 21st and 22nd	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Jeff Fogleman	Tim Kyle	Sonia Maskas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Frank Rossi Gertie Rossi Lesila Lee Matthew Lee	Deacon Al Suzanne Lestage Brian Lestage Tori Rider	Todd Granger Tessa Granger John Burch Danny Hernandez
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Aiden Hauser Peyton Rider Adalyna Sandoval	Andy Granger James Granger Sebastian Ballona



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!

The Waguespack Family 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, 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 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: Hemos recolectado 521 latas de frijolitos verdes, ya casi lo logramos! 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.

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.

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos católicos aprovechan el tiempo de Cuaresma para confesarse. El sacramento de Reconciliación tiene una historia un poco complicada, pues ha sufrido muchos cambios con el transcurrir de los siglos. Al principio, la penitencia sólo se celebraba una sola vez en la vida de un cristiano y era necesaria en caso de pecado grave, como lo era la apostasía, el adulterio y el asesinato. El penitente tenía que hacer una confesión en público, frente al obispo y la comunidad entera. La penitencia consistía de un ayuno severo y vestir una indumentaria especial que lo distinguía. Esta penitencia podía durar semanas, y a veces, meses. Durante este tiempo, el penitente no podía estar presente en la mesa de la Eucaristía hasta que el obispo le diera la bendición de reconciliación, la cual, a menudo, se llevaba a cabo el Jueves Santo. Con el paso del tiempo, los cristianos se dieron cuenta de la necesidad de celebrar el sacramento de la Reconciliación con más frecuencia y por otras clases de pecado.

Algún tiempo después, esta práctica cayó en el desuso y fue sustituida por la confesión privada, la cual se originó entre los monjes irlandeses. Después, esta práctica fue aceptada por toda la Iglesia. De esta manera es que nació el sacramento de la reconciliación que conocemos hoy. Actualmente, a pesar de que la Iglesia dice que no es necesario acercarse al confesionario antes de recibir la Comunión, se nos exhorta a confesarnos por lo menos una vez al año, o lo antes posible después de haber cometido pecado grave. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz,



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

OFM

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

Meetings this week:

Altar Society will meet on Monday, March 16th at 6pm in the Education building, and the The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will meet also on Monday, 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.

20-Mar	Come Lord Jesus
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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 10 We have collected 521 cans. Thank you!

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

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

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



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!

4th Sunday of Lent

A K V I S I B L E X
 N C E S V E B O J W
 L W Y I N Q L H G O
 W A E G Y W I C R R
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Blind
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 Works
 Visible
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 Wash
 Anointed
 Sight
 Believe



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.

SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY March 19

Joseph, someone once joked, was indeed the perfect husband: the only major character in Jesus' story who never utters a word! But the Gospel recounts and the liturgy celebrates his silent witness of faith-filled deeds: "With a husband's love he cherished Mary, the Virgin Mother of God; with fatherly care he watched over Jesus" (Preface of Saint Joseph, *Sacramentary*). Catholic devotion, therefore, hails him as patron-protector of the universal Church. Some cultures set a festive "Saint Joseph's Table," welcoming the poor and strangers to feast with family and friends. Tradition keeps today as the anniversary of his death, which we presume was peaceful, with Jesus and Mary present. Thus, Catholics invoke Joseph as "patron of a happy death." Descended from David's house, which God finished "building" through Joseph's provision of a home for Mary and Jesus, he was, fittingly, a carpenter by trade; thus, patron of workers. Spring, nature's rebirth, begins between his feast and Annunciation (March 25), appropriately, since Joseph's silent obedience and Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) usher in humanity's spiritual rebirth.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 15, 2026

- 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
- Monday**
 Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday**
 Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday**
 Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Friday**
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday**
 Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent**
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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.