

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT | 5º DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

JESUS *Wept.*

JOHN 11:35

JESÚS *Lloró.*

JUAN 11,35



## 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

**Administrator:** Fr. Jeffrey Starkovich  
**Priest of Residence:** Fr. Levi Thompson  
**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.

## Greater Than You Expect

Sometimes a prophet says more than he intended. Ezekiel in the first reading is talking about restoring Israel after the Babylonian exile. The Jews saw the Exile as punishment for their sins. God demonstrates forgiveness by bringing them back to Israel; God also shows them divine power and glory so that they return to the Lord for their protection.

Jesus came to show us God in a new way and to fulfill the promises of all previous prophecies. Notice how the first reading repeats two phrases: "open your graves" and "know that I am the Lord." Jesus demonstrates that God's promise is much greater than anything Ezekiel expected.

When Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus, he knew that he was going to raise Lazarus from death to help his disciples believe. So why was he "perturbed and deeply troubled"? It could be that he was disappointed that his friends did not seem to believe that he could do this. Like Ezekiel, the people of Jesus' time did not expect him literally to raise the dead. But God used the prophet's message to prepare for Jesus' message that not only would he rise from the dead, but we will also. And like the friends and relatives of Lazarus, we too may question how it could be possible. Fortunately, Jesus helps with that, too.

Look at the second reading to the Romans. Because we have God's Spirit living in us, we who are sinners can be raised to new life by that Spirit. When our sins are forgiven, we begin to live a new life by loving the people we hurt by our sins, forgiving people who have hurt us, being more concerned for the poor than for our own comfort. We are freed from worrying about the future, all because we have experienced the new life of God's Spirit and, as Ezekiel says, know that God is the Lord.

Tom Schmidt

## Más Grande de lo que Esperas

A veces, un profeta dice más de lo que pretendía. Ezequiel, en la primera lectura, habla de la restauración de Israel tras el exilio babilónico. Los judíos veían el exilio como un castigo por sus pecados. Dios demuestra su perdón al traerlos de vuelta a Israel; también les muestra su poder y gloria divinos para que regresen al Señor en busca de protección.

Jesús vino a mostrarnos a Dios de una manera nueva y a cumplir las promesas de todas las profecías anteriores. Noten cómo la primera lectura repite dos frases: la de abrir los sepulcros y la de saber que Él es el Señor. Jesús demuestra que la promesa de Dios es mucho mayor de lo que Ezequiel esperaba.

Cuando Jesús fue a la tumba de Lázaro, sabía que iba a resucitarlo para ayudar a sus discípulos a creer. Entonces, ¿por qué "se conmovió hasta lo más hondo"? Quizás se sintió decepcionado de que sus amigos no parecieran creer que pudiera hacerlo. Al igual que Ezequiel, la gente de la época de Jesús no esperaba que resucitara literalmente a los muertos. Pero Dios usó el mensaje del profeta para preparar el mensaje de Jesús: que no solo él resucitaría, sino que nosotros también. Y al igual que los amigos y familiares de Lázaro, también nosotros podemos preguntarnos cómo será posible. Afortunadamente, Jesús también nos ayuda con eso.

Veamos la segunda lectura de la carta a los Romanos. Gracias a que el Espíritu de Dios mora en nosotros, como pecadores todavía podemos ser resucitados a una nueva vida por medio de ese Espíritu. Cuando nuestros pecados son perdonados, comenzamos a vivir una nueva vida amando a quienes hemos herido con nuestros pecados, perdonando a quienes nos han herido y preocupándonos más por los pobres que por nuestra propia comodidad. Nos liberamos de la preocupación por el futuro, todo porque hemos experimentado la nueva vida del Espíritu de Dios y, como dice Ezequiel, sabemos que Dios es el Señor.

Tom Schmidt

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 3/23	Communion Service
Tuesday 3/24	Margo Roll
Wednesday 3/25	Carolyn Sandel
Thursday 3/26	Thelma Ringer
Friday 3/27	Donnelly Family
Saturday 3/28	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 3/29 9:00 am	Frances Bell, 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, Tom Wilson, Fanny Upshaw, Sammie J. May, George Hoyte, Alice and Antoinette Barket, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 3/29 11:30 am	Jimmy Vethimvas, Andrew Cronce, Kay and Gary Cooper, Gerald Gilley, Ray and Lavenia Lambert, Gwendolyn Myles

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 March 14th-March 15th, 2026

Offertory	\$11,486
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$114
Insurance	\$493

**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 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunción</li> <li>• 5 –7 pm Lenten Penance Service / Confesiones</li> </ul>
Tuesday Martes March/Marzo 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 am CLJ (English)</li> <li>• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> </ul>
Wednesday Miércoles March/Marzo 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>• 12:40–4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística</li> <li>• 6:00 pm CLJ (English)</li> <li>• 6:00 pm PREP</li> </ul>
Thursday Jueves March/Marzo 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 Catholic Charities Food Distribution</li> <li>• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>• 5:30pm CLJ (English)</li> </ul>
Friday Viernes March/Marzo 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:30 pm Mass</li> <li>• 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross / Vía Crucis</li> <li>• 6:30 pm Soup and Sustenance</li> </ul>
Saturday Sábado March/Marzo 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4:00 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>• 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)</li> </ul>
Sunday Domingo March/Marzo 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PALM SUNDAY</li> <li>• 9:00 am Mass / Misa</li> <li>• 10 am PREP—EGG HUNT</li> <li>• 11:30 am Mass / Misa</li> <li>• 5 pm Mass in Spanish</li> </ul>

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

March 28th and 29th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Rane Sills	Shiladitho Deb	Terrence Carter
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Kay Bourne Michelle Lingo Missy Ducote Nancy Simmons	Deacon Al Jason Waguespack Nicole Kyle Tim Kyle	Cathy Bradley Laura Black Claire Vidrine Jacque Vidrine
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire MacGregor	Ethen Deb Leo Burke Bret Kyle	Ayden Wilber Wesley Soileau Monica Garcia



**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 Touchette 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)**



Pat McBride, Connie Granger, Joe Lingo, Polly St. Romain, Eartha Simon, Jennie Sliman, Patricia O’Reilly Singletary, Helen Caisson, Mac Hebert, David Dimas, Roberta Gray, Jenna Picou Trim, Kalyrn Picou, Ryann Landry, Steven Boudreaux, Alice Kidder

**Names will be removed after 1-3 months depending on circumstances and information**

“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**

**Habr  Misa, Viacrucis y Sopa** en la Iglesia  ste Viernes, 27 de Marzo a las 5:30 pm. Todos est n invitados a participar.

**Nuestra proxima Misa en espa ol** ser  el 29 de Marzo a las 5 pm.

### **Horarios del Triduo Pascual:**

**Jueves Santo:** Misa a las 7pm seguida de Adoraci n hasta medianoche

**Viernes Santo:** Veneraci n de la Cruz a las 3pm

**Sabado- Vigilia Pascual:** 8 pm

**El lunes, 23 de Marzo,** tendr s la oportunidad de hacer confesi n entre 5 y 7 pm en la Iglesia. Una gran oportunidad durante la Cuaresma.

### **Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma-Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe**

En el cristianismo hay muchas y variadas im genes de la escena de la Anunciaci n narrada por Lucas (1:26-38). Casi siempre se ve al  ngel Gabriel que, bajando del cielo, se acerca a la Virgen Mar a. La jovencita, a veces est  trabajando, pero casi siempre est  en oraci n o leyendo la Sagrada Escritura. Ella se voltea para ver al  ngel, quien normalmente apunta hacia el cielo con un dedo, recordando que su mensaje es de origen divino. Estas im genes son reconocidas como "La Anunciaci n" y conmemoran el mensaje anunciado: Jes s.

Hay que ver m s all  del  ngel y la Virgen en estas im genes. Es necesario seguir el dedo de Gabriel y ver que Dios se manifiesta en este anuncio. Muchas veces Dios es presentado como el Padre celestial y/o el Esp ritu Santo que env a rayos de luz hacia el vientre de la Virgen. A veces en estos rayos se encuentra un peque o grano de trigo: semilla del Verbo Divino. En esa semillita se encuentra el anuncio verdadero: Dios se hace uno de nosotros. El anuncio es la Encarnaci n del Hijo de Dios.—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM



### **Ven Se or Jes s Estudio B blico**

 Est s listo para que la Misa cobre vida al abrir y leer las Escrituras?  Est s listo para que tu vida de oraci n se transforme?  nete a una de nuestras peque as comunidades de fe para estudiar la palabra de Dios. **S bado** a las 5 p.m. Edificio de educaci n

*Si quieres una intenci n durante una misa, favor comunicarte a la oficina. La donaci n por intenci n es de \$5 m nimo.*

Misas en Espa ol 2025-2026  
(4to Domingo del mes)

29 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 dar  durante una Misa si quieres.

### **VELAS (\$5)**



Puedes encender velas en la Iglesia para acompa ar oraciones e intenciones espec ficas. La luz de la vela simboliza la luz de Cristo y las oraciones que se elevan a Dios.

## **Parish Announcements**

**A Lenten Penance Service** is scheduled for Monday, March 23rd from 5-7 pm.

**Food Distribution by Catholic Charities** will be on Thursday March 26 at 9:30 am

**Lent Friday** - We will have Mass at 5:30 pm followed by Stations of the Cross, and soup and sustenance, this Friday, March 27th.

**Chrism Mass:** Everyone is invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday, April 1st.

### **Triduum Schedule (April 2-4):**

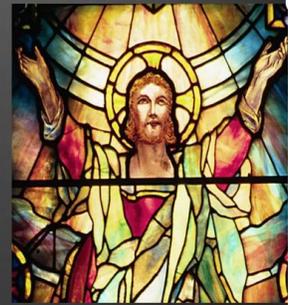
**Thursday:** 7pm Mass Followed by Holy Adoration until midnight

**Friday:** 3pm Service - Veneration of the Cross

**Saturday:** 8pm Vigil Mass

### **Why is the Holy Triduum so Important?**

- ⊕ The Triduum is a celebration that **highlights** the **Paschal mystery**.
- ⊕ Through the liturgy of these three days the Church remembers that Christ suffered and died, but that he also came to life.
- ⊕ The Triduum is the celebration of the Church's salvation through Christ.



**Office Closure:** The Church Office will be closed Thursday, April 2nd through Monday, April 6th.

### **Lenten Food Drive for Catholic Charities SWLA—**

As of March 17 we have met and exceeded our goal in the collection of green beans. Thanks for the generosity!

**The Lenten Rice Bowls** should be turned in no later than March 29th. Thank you for the support!

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to have your loved one remembered by donating for easter d cor / flowers, please fill out the form distributed previously in the bulletin or call/visit the Pastoral Center. These are due by **March 25, 2026.**

**Spanish Mass:** will now be next Sunday, March 29 at 5 pm.

**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](mailto:aimeeb@stjoederidder.org)

# PREP

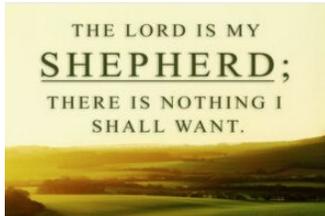
Parish Religious Education Program



## 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.



**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.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today, we know more about the beginnings of Lent than our ancestors did. We know that Lent is first of all about baptism, and secondly that it is about the desire of all the baptized to renew the power and potential of that sacrament at Easter. For centuries, this deep truth was largely obscured, but today documents have come to light to reshape the Church's thinking and practice.

One source, discovered in the 1880s, is the pilgrim diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, writing her sisters a detailed travelogue of a fourth-century sojourn in Jerusalem during Holy Week. She describes in vivid detail her participation in liturgies that are close cousins of our own Holy Week prayer, from a festive procession with palms to a procession to the cross. Her greatest delight is in the huge number of elect: men, women, and children who experience a time of deep retreat and identification with Christ's cross, guided by the bishop and supported by their godparents' constant nurture. The discovery of Egeria's diary proved to be a moment of grace for the Church; after a long period of "ecclesial amnesia," we know at last that baptism is really the work of a whole community of faith, convened by God.

—Rev. James Field

## Scripture Readings for the Week of March 22, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 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
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</b> Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 1:1-45-56
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</b> Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

## 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.