

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY | DOMINGO DE RAMOS

OSANNA IN
THE HIGHEST!
MATTHEW 21:9

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EL CIELO!
MATEO 21, 9



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.

My Will be Done

One of the most comforting parts of the Passion story for me is the agony in the garden. If the Son of God had to tell himself and his Father, “not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39); I should be able to say the same. There are times when I would much rather have things always go my way, but that is not going to happen. So it’s comforting to know that Jesus did not take the easy way out, but accepted the Father’s will that he should suffer and die.

Whenever we say the Lord’s Prayer we pray, “Thy will be done.” But how often do we still take the easy way out? When I have a chance to help someone in need, do I tell myself it’s none of my business, or do I ask if there is anything I can do? When I am hurt by the death of a loved one, or am injured in an accident, do I get angry at God for letting this happen, or do I say with Jesus, “Not my will, but yours be done”?

Luke’s Gospel ends the temptation of Jesus in the desert with the phrase, “When the devil had finished every test, he left him until an opportune time” (Luke 4:13). That time came in the garden, and again Jesus had the last word, choosing to do his Father’s will. Even though we know God always does what is best for us when we would rather have what *we* think is best, at least remember to say, “Not my will, but yours be done.”

Tom Schmidt

Hágase mi Voluntad

Una de las partes más reconfortantes de la Pasión para mí es la agonía en el huerto. Si el Hijo de Dios tuvo que decirse a sí mismo y a su Padre: “que no se haga mi voluntad, sino la tuya” (Mateo 26,39), yo también debería poder decir lo mismo. Hay momentos en que preferiría que las cosas siempre salieran como yo quiero, pero eso no va a suceder. Por eso, es reconfortante saber que Jesús no tomó el camino fácil, sino que aceptó la voluntad del Padre de sufrir y morir.

Cuando rezamos el Padrenuestro, oramos: “hágase tu voluntad”. Pero, ¿con qué frecuencia seguimos tomando el camino fácil? Cuando tengo la oportunidad de ayudar a alguien necesitado, ¿me digo a mí mismo que no es asunto mío, o pregunto si hay algo que pueda hacer? Cuando me duele la muerte de un ser querido, o me lesiono en un accidente, ¿me enojo con Dios por permitir que esto suceda, o digo con Jesús: “que no se haga mi voluntad, sino la tuya”?

El Evangelio de Lucas concluye la tentación de Jesús en el desierto con la frase: “Después de haberle hecho todas las pruebas, el diablo lo dejó hasta el momento oportuno” (Lucas 4,13). Ese momento llegó en el huerto, y nuevamente Jesús tuvo la última palabra, eligiendo hacer la voluntad de su Padre. Aunque sabemos que Dios siempre hace lo que es mejor para nosotros cuando preferiríamos lo que creemos que es mejor, al menos recordemos decirle: “que no se haga mi voluntad, sino la tuya”.

Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 3/30	Communion Service
Tuesday 3/31	Jimmy Vethimvas
Wednesday 4/1	No Mass
Thursday 4/2	Dr. John Gregorio
Friday 4/3	No Mass
Saturday 4/4	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 4/5 9:00 am	Charles Duplechien, 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, Fannie Upshaw, Sammie J May, George Hoyte, Alice and Antoinette Barket, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 4/5 11:30 am	Leticia “Levy” Aspertrand, Jimmy Vethimvas, Peggy Hineman Taylor, Andrew Cronce, Kay and Gary Cooper, Aida Pittman, Eartha Simon (for health)

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 21th-March 22th, 2026

Offertory	\$10,289
Bishop’s Services Appeal	\$40
Insurance	\$2,176

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

Collections for the Month of April

April 2	Catholic Relief Services
April 3	Holy Land Collection
April 4&5	Second: Seminarian Collection
April 12	Second: Catholic Charities
April 19	Second: Insurance

Cereal for God’s Food Box is collected on the 2nd week-end of the month, please drop in the foyer.

Monday Lunes March/Marzo 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes March/Marzo 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles April 1/ Abril 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Mass, Chrism Mass at Cathedral in Lake Charles at 10:00 am / No hay misa—Misa Crismal en la catedral a las 10am
Thursday Jueves April / Abril 2	HOLY THURSDAY/JUEVES SANTO Office Closed/ Oficina Cerrada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 pm Mass 8:00 pm—midnight: Holy Adoration
Friday Viernes April / Abril 3	GOOD FRIDAY/ VIERNES SANTO Office Closed /Oficina Cerrada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross /Veneración de la Cruz 4:00 pm Stations of the Cross/ Viacrucis
Saturday Sábado April / Abril 4	EASTER VIGIL /VIGILIA PASCUAL Office Closed /Oficina Cerrada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass / Misa
Sunday Domingo April / Abril 5	EASTER SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Mass / Misa 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

April 4th and 5th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	NA	Melinda Granger	Sheryl Douglas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	NA	Deacon Al Jody Cline Glenn Granger Katie Weinnig	John Burch Theresa Stout Jeanette LaRosa Michelle Lingo
ALTAR SERVERS	NA	Ethen Deb Jayden Henry Adalyna Sandoval	Sebastian Ballona Macie McBride Kaston McBride



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!

Tim and Nicole Kyle 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, Michael Guillory, Joe Lingo, Polly St. Romain, Eartha Simon, Jennie Sliman, Patricia O'Reilly Singletary, Connie Granger, Helen Caisson, Mac Hebert, David Dimas, Roberta Gray, Jenna Picou Trim, Kalyon 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

No habrá misa el miércoles 1ro de Abril en la Iglesia, todos están invitados a la Misa Crismal en la Catedral en Lake Charles a las 10am

Horarios del Triduo Pascual:

Jueves Santo: Misa a las 7pm seguida de Adoración hasta medianoche

Viernes Santo: Veneración de la Cruz a las 3pm, seguida del Via Crucis a las 4:30 pm

Sábado– Vigilia Pascual: 8 pm

Domingo: Misas horario normal a las 9am y 11:30am



SEMANA SANTA

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El Viernes Santo es el día más impresionante que se conmemora en el calendario cristiano. Es el día en que Jesús, muriendo en la cruz, se revela al mismo tiempo como Hijo del Hombre e Hijo de Dios. Los hispanos conmemoramos este día no sólo con la liturgia oficial de la Iglesia, sino también con nuestras devociones populares como el Vía crucis en vivo, el Pésame a la Virgen y el sermón de las Siete Palabras. Esta última devoción es también conocida como el Sermón de tres horas y es mayormente usada por las Iglesias protestantes, sin embargo, tiene su origen gracias al sacerdote Jesuita Francisco del Castillo, en Perú.

Como Jesús, este santo varón dedicó toda su vida a los pobres y marginados. El Viernes Santo de 1660, mientras predicaba en la iglesia de Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados, ante la efigie del Señor en agonía, decidió hacer una comparación del sufrimiento de Cristo al sufrimiento de los desamparados, llamando a los cristianos al apostolado de caridad y justicia. Las siete últimas palabras de Jesucristo deben movernos al servicio de los desamparados.
—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 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 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

Have a Blessed Holy Week!

THANK YOU! Our celebration for St Joseph Table was great! Such a blessing for our Church. At least 212 people were counted being present. Thanks to everyone that attended, those that brought food to share, those that decorated, cooked, cleaned and did so many other things. Especial thanks to Sheila Manning who was the main organizer.

No Mass or Adoration on Wednesday, April 1st.

Chrism Mass: Everyone is invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Lake Charles on Wednesday, April 1st at 10 am.

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.



Triduum Schedule (April 2-4):

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

Good Friday: 3pm Service - Veneration of the Cross followed by Stations of the Cross at 4:30 pm.

Saturday: 8pm Easter Vigil Mass

Practices for Altar Servers/ Confirmation

Students Holy Thursday at 5 pm, Good Friday at 1:30 pm, Easter Vigil, at 1:30 pm.

OCIA candidates confessions and practice:

Confessions on Good Friday at 5 pm, on Saturday Vigil at 12 pm. Practice for Vigil Mass on Saturday at 1 pm.

Collections during Holy Week:

Holy Thursday: Catholic Relief Services, Good Friday: for the Holy Land, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday: Second collection for Seminarian Fund.

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

The Lenten Rice Bowls can be turned in with the Catholic Relief Services collection. Thank you for the support!

Lenten Food Drive for Catholic Charities SWLA— We did it! We collected over 600 cans of green beans! Thank you for your generosity!

Catechumens and Candidates: Please pray for the people that are entering or confirming into the Catholic Faith during our Easter Vigil Mass.



PREP will be out for Easter and Spring Break April 1st through April 10th. Students will return on April 12th and April 15th.

First Communion will be at the 11:30 am Mass, on Sunday, April 12th.



HAPPY Holy Week



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most Christians today receive a bunch of palm fronds, olive branches, pussy willow, or forsythia (a relative of the olive) to carry in procession and to bear home in blessing. Some even offer sprigs of palm or other branches as a gesture of peace to those they have offended. The desire is to make a clean sweep of your spiritual house before the Easter feast.

Accepting the branch is a token of the bearer's willingness to journey with the Church through a grateful remembrance of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and life-giving resurrection. Traditionally, the plants associated with today's feast are planted in cemeteries as a sign of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life.

The joy of this day's opening procession soon gives way to a solemn reading of the Passion, this year according to Matthew. The ritual is meant not only to strengthen us to hear this account, but to stir us up to accompany the Church on this journey through Holy Week. It also prepares us for next Sunday's joyful renewal of our baptismal vows.

—Rev. James Field

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 29, 2026

- Sunday** **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**
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
- Monday** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday** **Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday** **Good Friday of the Lord's Passion**
Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
- Saturday** **Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter**
Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rm 6:3-11, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
- Sunday** **The Resurrection of the Lord**
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35 (*Afternoon or Evening*)

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.