

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive  
Deridder, Louisiana 70634  
<https://www.stjosephderidder.org>



**HE HAS BEEN RAISED  
FROM THE DEAD**

**HA RESUCITADO DE  
ENTRE LOS MUERTOS**

## 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.

## Believing is Seeing

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Even they did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.

So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31).

What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies.

Tom Schmidt

## Creer es ver

Han oído el dicho: "Ver para creer". La primera lectura de hoy parece decir todo lo contrario. Podríamos pensar que, cuando Jesús resucitó, todos lo verían. Sin embargo, Pedro dice que solo fue visible para algunos de los discípulos. Ni siquiera ellos lo vieron de inmediato. Lo primero que vieron fue la tumba vacía, con las telas funerarias en el suelo. Quizás pensaron que si sus enemigos hubieran robado el cuerpo de Jesús, no habrían quitado las telas funerarias, porque tocar un cadáver los habría vuelto impuros.

Así que parece que la tumba vacía los ayudó a creer, y la fe les permitió ver al Señor. La excepción podría ser Tomás, quien dijo que no creería hasta que viera y tocara el cuerpo resucitado de Jesús. Sin embargo, cuando ve al Señor, Jesús mismo declara que la fe es lo primordial al bendecir a quienes no han visto pero creen (Juan 20,31).

¿Qué significa esto para nosotros? Jesús parece estar oculto de nuevo. Sin embargo, decimos que está presente en los sacramentos; el bautismo, la Eucaristía y la confirmación muestran que el Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo viven en nosotros. Así que quizás solo tenemos que creer para verlo. La Madre Teresa pudo hacerlo. Dijo que estaba asombrada del amor que sentía al ver a Jesús en los pobres y los moribundos de Calcuta. Quizás necesitamos crecer en la fe para poder ver a Jesús en los pobres, los moribundos, las personas que nos molestan, incluso en nuestros enemigos. Tom Schmidt

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 4/6	Communion Service
Tuesday 4/7	Gwendolyn Myles
Wednesday 4/8	Thelma Ringer
Thursday 4/9	John Lee Wilson
Friday 4/10	Carolyn Sandel
Saturday 4/11	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 4/12 9:00 am	Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 4/12 11:30 am	Leticia "Levy" Aspertrand, Jimmy Vethimvas, Peggy Hineman Taylor, Andrew Cronce, Kay and Gary Cooper

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 28th-March 29th, 2026

Offertory	\$TBA
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$TBA
Insurance	\$TBA

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

## Collections for the Month of April

**Cereal for God's Food Box** is collected on the 2nd weekend of the month, please drop in the foyer.

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

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**Catholic Charities** accepts non-perishable items through the year, they can be dropped in the box in the foyer.

<b>Monday</b> Lunes April 6/Abril 6	<b>Office Closed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión</li> <li>6 pm CDA Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b> Martes April 7 /Abril 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30 am CLJ (English)</li> <li>12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b> Miércoles April 8/Abril 8	<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>
<b>Thursday</b> Jueves April 9/Abril 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 am Senior Bingo /Bingo Adultos Mayores</li> <li>12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>5:30 pm CLJ (English)</li> <li>7 pm KC Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b> Viernes April 10/Abril 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12:10 pm Mass</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday</b> Sábado April 11/Abril 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday</b> Domingo April 12/Abril 12	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 am Mass / Misa</li> <li>10 am PREP</li> <li>11:30 am Mass / Misa - First Communion</li> </ul>



### 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!

Gracia Acosta will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 4:00 a9mMass. (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, Kalyne 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.

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

April 11th and 12th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Kay Bourne	Troy Gardner	Julie Roussel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Matthew Lee Lesila Lee Nancy Simmons Michelle Lingo	Deacon Al Jason Waguespack Bill Frost Janelle Frost	Laura Black Sonia Maskas Todd Granger Tessa Granger
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire MacGregor	Colson Bourque Lane Bourque Grayson Gardner	Wesley Soileau Grayson Soileau Andrew Soileau

**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



**La oficina estará cerrada** el lunes, 6 de Abril.

**Bingo para adultos mayores** será el Jueves, 9 de Abril a las 10:00am en Kern Hall.

**Felicidades** a 21 personas que entraron o se confirmaron en la fe católica durante la Vigilia Pascual.

**SAN ESTANISLAO, OBISPO Y MÁRTIR (1030-1079) 11 de abril**

¿Alguna vez has tenido que enfrentar el mal o la injusticia? ¿Alguna vez has tratado de razonar con quienes no podían entender la razón, o compartir tu fe con los que no están abiertos a Dios? Me acuerdo de algunos episodios en la preparatoria cuando les pedía a los que me rodeaban que no utilizaran groserías o cuando decidí no asociarme con los que eran conocidos por beber, fumar o ser promiscuos. Pero todo esto no era nada en comparación con lo que le pasó a Estanislao. Nació cerca de Cracovia, Polonia, en 1030. Fue ordenado sacerdote, se hizo conocido por su predicación y su santo ejemplo, y fue ordenado obispo de Cracovia en 1072. Era conocido por su audacia y hablaba en contra de las guerras injustas, la inmoralidad y otros males. Precediendo a Tomás Moro y Tomás Becket, los tres se opusieron vigorosamente a los males de un gobierno injusto, incluso hasta el punto de enfrentarse al rey. El mismo Rey Boleslao mató a Estanislao, después de que el santo obispo lo excomulgó por sus malas costumbres. Que aprendamos del ejemplo de San Estanislao a proclamar con valentía la verdad, cueste lo que cueste.—Tami Urcia



### 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)

26 de Abril  
24 de Mayo  
28 de Junio  
26 de Julio

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

*May your hearts be filled with faith,  
peace, and Easter blessings!*



**Office Closure:** The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 6th.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet on Monday, April 6th, at 6 pm in Kern Hall.



**Senior Bingo** will be on April 9th at 10 am in Kern Hall.

**Knights of Columbus** will meet at 7 pm on Thursday, April 9th.

**OCIA AND OCIC:** Congratulations to all Catechumens and Candidates received or confirmed into the Catholic Faith during Easter Vigil. Catechumens: Windy Bergeron, Murray Cromlich, Nykima James, Brooklyn Jones, Johnathan Marshall, Luke Shaulis, Mykle Saulis, Jr., Katelyn Bergeron, Lillie LaValley Candidates: Dylan Bergeron, Nicholas Castro, Detrich Fassero, Acacia Fassero, Noel Frey, Alyson Jackson, Brittany Jimenez, Leonard McWilliams, Guillermo Montoya, Brey Reeves, Katelyn Reeves, Rhyette Wildblood, Baptism: Alessia Fassero, First Communion: Lawren Morrow

**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. Thank you!



**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>

# PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

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

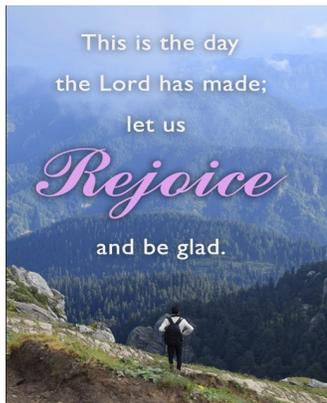
**First Communion** will be at the 11:30 am Mass, on Sunday, April 12th, followed by a reception.

Easter Sunday

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Tomb  
Morning  
Stone  
Loved  
Disciple  
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Burial  
Cloth  
Saw  
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## Easter Sunday TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Lenten journey is now complete, its mission of renewal and preparation to receive new life fulfilled. The call to worship the Risen Lord has been received, and we gather to experience together the consoling presence of Christ in word and sacrament. We are at our best today, crowded and cramped to be sure, but the fullest sign of who we are meant to be. Christ has claimed us in the waters of baptism, we have acquired wonderful companions, and together we can accomplish great things.

This is the day for rekindling the old flames of baptismal commitment, so we light the paschal candle, and by its light we make yet again the ancient promises to reject evil's grip and empty promises. Today we do not recite the Creed, but respond with one voice to age-old questions. New life has to be nurtured, both the life of the newly baptized and the renewed life of those who have passed through Lent's refining prayer, fasting, and giving alms. At any Mass during the next fifty days, you may be surprised by grace and splashed by water! — Rev. James Field

## Scripture Readings for the Week of April 5th, 2026

- 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 20:1-9 or Mt  
28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35 (*Afternoon or  
Evening*)
- Monday**      Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5,7-8, 9-10,  
11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday**      Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22;  
Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday**      Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk  
24:13-35
- Thursday**      Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk  
24:35-48
- Friday**      Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-  
27a; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday**      Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19  
-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday**      **Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt  
1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

## 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 Educa-  
tion Bldg
- Wednesday** at 6:00pm in the  
Pastoral Ctr
- Thursday** at 5:30pm in the Edu-  
cation Bldg

## March Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Marzo Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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## Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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