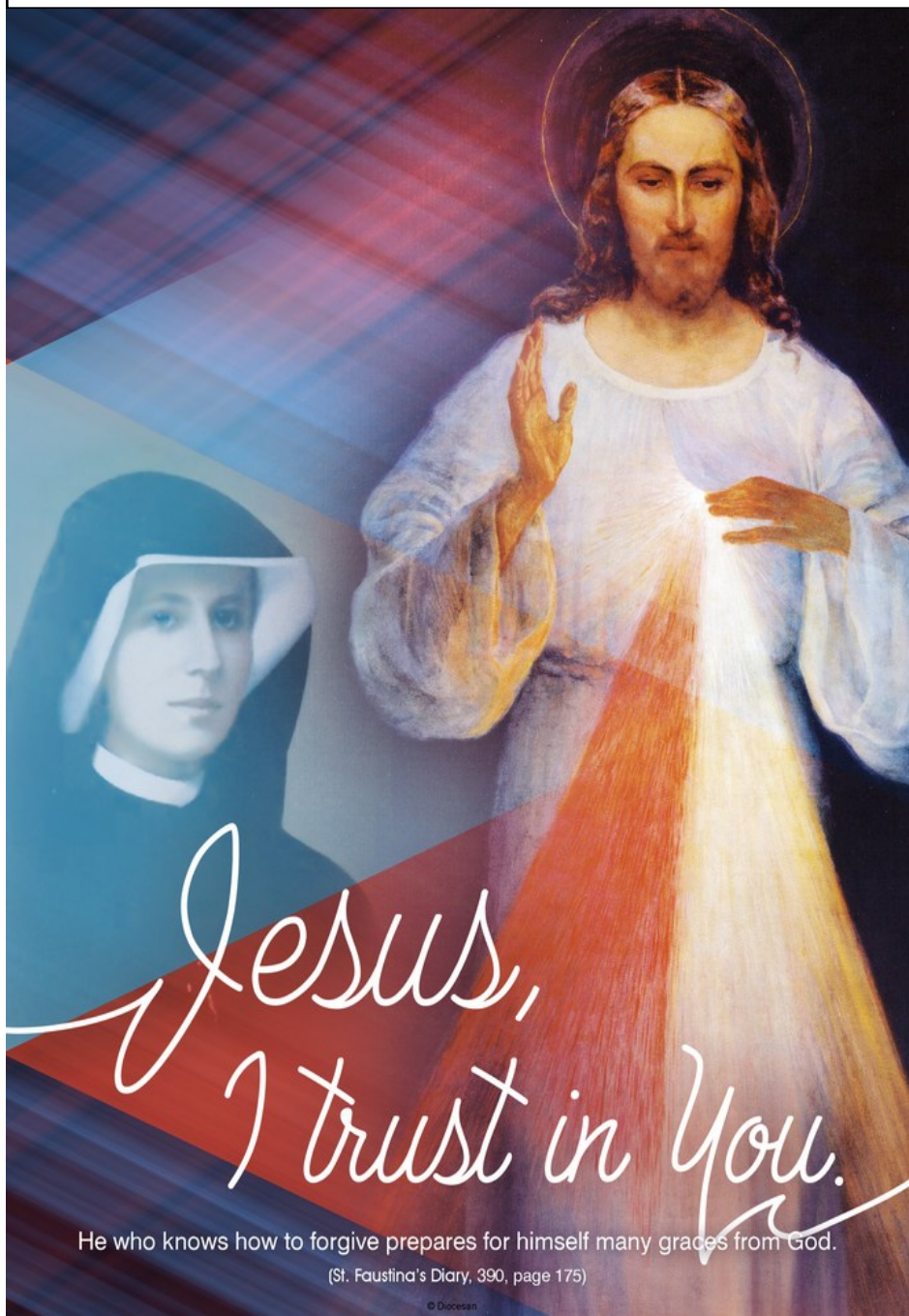


# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



## 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 Brasseur  
**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.

## X-treme Christians

You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor, tutor disadvantaged kids, or help build or repair houses in poor areas. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example—prayer. In the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46)—their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other. Tom Schmidt

## Cristianos Extremos

Quizás te has dado cuenta que el libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles es la fuente de las primeras lecturas durante la temporada de Pascua. Este libro describe cómo el cristianismo creció de un pequeño grupo de discípulos a una gran religión. La lectura de hoy, sobre una comunidad cristiana ideal, tiene como objetivo mostrar a los creyentes comunes cómo ser extraordinarios, utilizando tres ejemplos que llamo poder, propiedad y oración.

El poder se refiere a "los milagros y prodigios" (Hechos 2,43) realizados por los discípulos mediante el poder del Espíritu Santo. Esto debería mencionarse al final, ya que se necesita mucha fe para sanar a los enfermos. Si tuvieras la misma fe que los apóstoles, quizás podrías curar a los enfermos. O podrías estudiar para ser médico y curarlos con tus conocimientos médicos. Siempre que reconozcas que Dios te dio la inteligencia y el talento para ser médico, estarás haciendo la obra de Dios.

Por propiedad, me refiero a compartir lo que tienes con los necesitados. Muchos discípulos se sintieron impulsados a vender sus posesiones y compartirlas con los pobres, y la noticia de esto debió haberse difundido. Si no te sientes llamado a vender todas sus posesiones y convertirte en monje o monja, aún puedes dar el diezmo a tu iglesia o a los pobres, dar clases particulares a niños desfavorecidos o ayudar a construir o reparar casas en zonas pobres. La cuestión es que los seguidores de Cristo no son solo personas que hacen el bien individualmente. Son una comunidad de creyentes que se preocupan unos por otros y también por los no creyentes que necesitan ayuda de cualquier tipo.

Entonces, ¿de dónde obtuvieron estos primeros discípulos la fe para curar a los enfermos y el amor para ayudar a los necesitados? La respuesta es el tercer ejemplo: la oración. En la primera lectura escuchamos "eran constantes... en la fracción del pan y las oraciones". La fracción del pan era su nombre para la Eucaristía. También iban al templo a orar, porque en ese momento la mayoría de los discípulos eran judeocristianos. Al escuchar las Escrituras hebreas, vieron cómo las promesas de Dios se cumplían en Cristo. Todas estas prácticas los ayudaron a unirse a Cristo y entre sí. Tom Schmidt

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 4/13	Communion Service
Tuesday 4/14	Velma Brown
Wednesday 4/15	Jimmy Vethimvas
Thursday 4/16	Carolyn Sandel
Friday 4/17	Donnis Bell Sr.
Saturday 4/18	Thelma Ringer, John Lee Wilson, Donnelly Family, Lucy Acosta, Edward Cryer, end of abortion, fallen away Catholics
Sunday 4/19 9:00 am	Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Jimmy Vethimvas, Peggy Hineman Taylor, Andrew Cronce, Kay and Gary Cooper, Leticia "Levy" Aspertrand, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors, All priests and religious members
Sunday 4/19 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 March 28th/29th and April 4th/5th 2026

Offertory	\$10,734 / TBA
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$25 / TBA
Insurance	\$53 / 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 week-end 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.

Monday Lunes April 13/Abril 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión</li> </ul>
Tuesday Martes April 14 /Abril 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 am CLJ (English)</li> <li>• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> </ul>
Wednesday Miércoles April 15/Abril 15	<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 April 16/Abril 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>• 5:30 pm CLJ (English)</li> </ul>
Friday Viernes April 17/Abril 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:10 pm Mass</li> </ul>
Saturday Sábado April 18/Abril 18	<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 April 19/Abril 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Mass / Misa</li> <li>• 10 am PREP</li> <li>• 1 pm Jr CDA Meeting</li> </ul>

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

April 18th and 19th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Jill Simon	Nicole Kyle	Heather Vidrine
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Charlie Lannen Angela Lannen Gertie Rossi Frank Rossi	Deacon Al Tori Rider Suzanne Lestage Brian Lestage	Jacque Vidrine Claire Vidrine Cathy Bradley Danny Hernandez
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Leo Burke Sley Gardner Aiden Hauser	James Granger Andy Granger




**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!

Matthew and Lesila Lee 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)**




Pat McBride, Michael Guillory, Joe Lingo, Polly St. Romain, Eartha Simon, 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



### SANTA BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS- 16 de abril

Con el “Ave María” de *Immaculate Mary* (María Inmaculada) como estribillo, “Village of Saint Bernadette” (Pueblo de Santa Bernadette) por Andy Williams alcanzó el puesto número 7 dentro de los 40 primeros canciones de *Billboard* en la Navidad de 1959, transmitiendo en estaciones de radio por todo Los Estados Unidos. ¡Imagínate! En algunas diócesis, hoy se celebra la fiesta de Bernadette Soubirous, la adolescente que, mientras buscaba leña en un montón de basura, vio a una “hermosa dama” que se identificó con las palabras que Bernadette comunicó fielmente al obispo, aunque no entendió su significado: “ Yo soy la Inmaculada Concepción”. Interrogada incansablemente, nunca vaciló en su historia ni en su dulzura. Sufrió de una enfermedad crónica toda su vida y falleció a los treinta y cinco años, pero Bernadette dejó atrás el santuario de Lourdes donde aún brotan aguas sanadoras del manantial que su “bella dama” le indicó.—Peter Scagnelli



### 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

**Jr. CDA** will meet next Sunday, April 19th at 1pm in Kern Hall.

**May Crowning:** The Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a May Crowning in honor of Our Blessed Mother. We invite children, ages 4 and over, to join us in a processional bringing flowers to the altar. The May Crowning will be Sunday, May 3rd, at the 9 am mass. There will be a short practice for all those interested in participating on Wednesday, April 29, at 5:30 pm at the church. At the practice the children will draw to see who will crown Mary and bring the offertory gifts. For more information, call Cathy at 348-9991.



**The Mass for graduates** will be held on Sunday, May 3rd at the 11:30 pm Mass, followed by a reception in Kern Hall.

### Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the great Easter traditions is “mystagogy,” an ancient word meaning “reflection on the mysteries.” It is a style of catechesis, or passing on the faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life.

There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you’ve had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you’ve been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you’ve said “I do” to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God’s abundant love, of forgiveness, of community.

It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called “neophytes,” meaning “newly planted.” The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your faithful example.

—Rev. James Field

**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

**Confirmation Mass** will be on Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 pm. All candidates and their sponsors need to be at the Church by 4:30 pm for practice. There will be a reception following the Mass in St Joseph Hall.

## 2nd Sunday of Easter

G M A R K S M K K D  
 L B R E A T H E M D  
 R H S G F C F J M F  
 B A I N X D S I D E  
 L N G Q W O T K I B  
 E D N I P O I L C E  
 S S S I Y R P B Z K  
 S O C M V S S E E N  
 E V A F O R G I V E  
 D Y P E A C E H R Q

Doors  
 Peace  
 Hands  
 Side  
 Breathe  
 Forgive  
 Marks  
 Seen  
 Blessed  
 Signs



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### SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879) April 16

With Immaculate Mary's "Ave Maria" for its refrain, Andy Williams' "Village of Saint Bernadette" peaked at #7 on *Billboard's Top 40* at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! In some dioceses, today marks the feast of Bernadette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a "beautiful lady" who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their meaning: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her "beautiful lady" pointed out to her. —Peter Scagnelli

## Scripture Readings for the Week of April 12th, 2026

- 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
- Monday**      Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday**      Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday**      Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday**      Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday**      Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday**      Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday**      **Third Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

### 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

### April Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Abril Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Oremos por los sacerdotes que atraviesan momentos de crisis en su vocación, para que encuentren el acompañamiento que necesitan y para que las comunidades los sostengan con comprensión y oración.

### Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost

Let us pray for married couples, that they may live their vocations in fidelity, persevering in the commitments they made on their wedding day.

Oremos por los matrimonios, para que vivan su vocación con fidelidad, perseverando en los compromisos que asumieron el día de su boda.