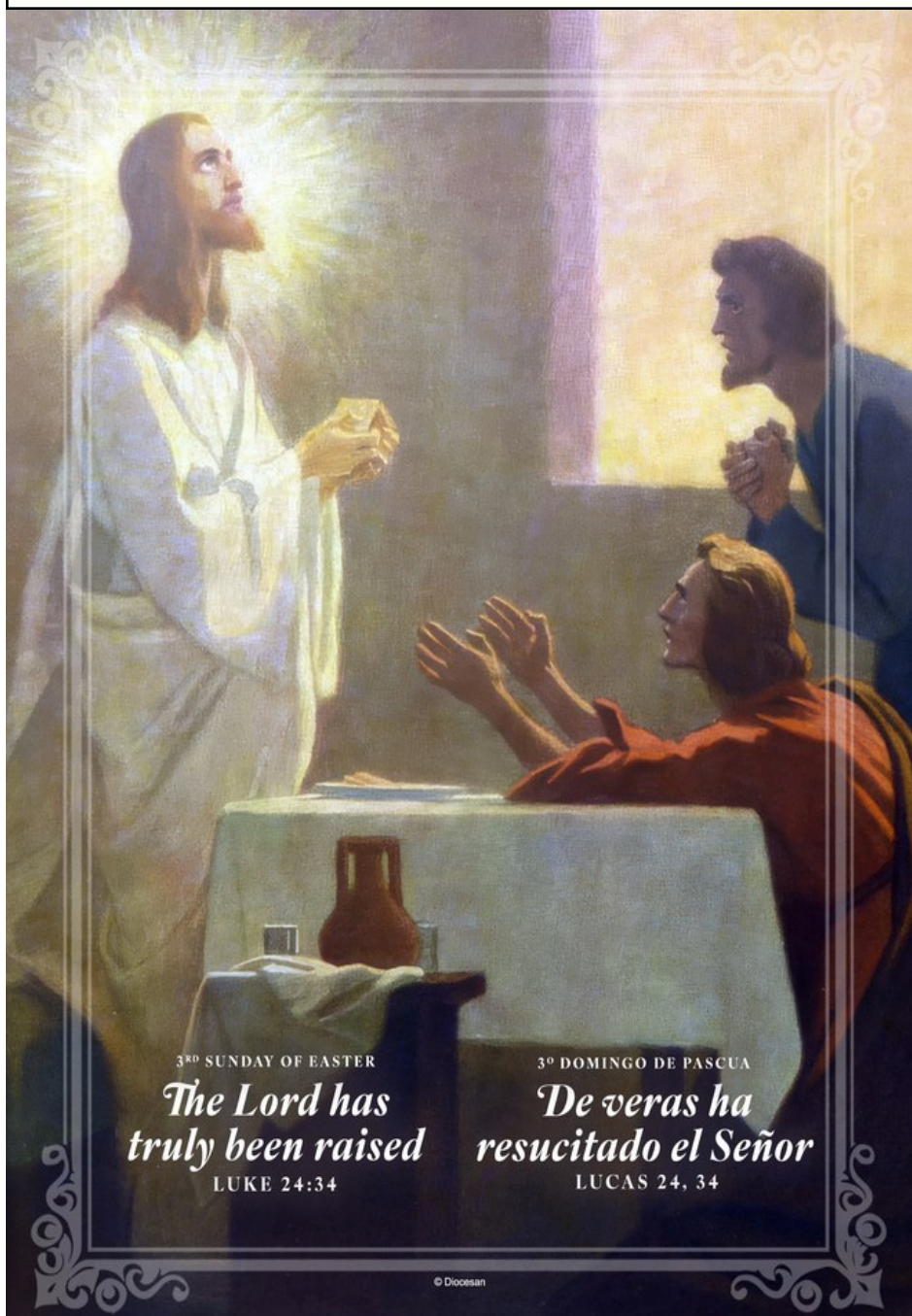


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 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.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

Emmaus Amazement

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb.

That leads to the second point. They were amazed at how Jesus explained the scriptures. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there.

Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him.

Tom Schmidt

El Asombro de Emaús

El Evangelio de hoy presenta algunas sorpresas para los discípulos que iban camino a Emaús. La primera es que Lucas nos cuenta que Jesús se les apareció, "pero los ojos de los dos discípulos estaban velados y no lo reconocieron" (Lucas 24,16). Lo más probable es que su falta de fe les impidiera reconocerlo. Sabían que Jesús había muerto, así que este hombre de aspecto familiar no podía ser él. Lo único que habían oído era que el cuerpo de Jesús no estaba en la tumba.

Esto nos lleva al segundo punto. Se asombraron de la manera en que Jesús les explicaba las Escrituras. Ni siquiera los discípulos habían pensado que estas predijeran el sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesús. Sin embargo, parecían comprender la verdad de lo que Jesús decía. Su historia también puede ayudarnos a nosotros.

Si a veces te resulta difícil ver a Jesús en las personas o en los acontecimientos de tu vida, quizás necesites fortalecer tu fe. Una manera de hacerlo es hablarlo con otros. Los dos discípulos fortalecieron su fe al conversar sobre lo que habían oído. Tu fe crecerá a medida que aprendas a expresarla. Otra manera de fortalecer tu fe es leer y meditar en las Escrituras. Pregúntale a Dios qué te quiere decir a través de ellas. Los discípulos camino a Emaús comenzaron a comprender cómo Jesús cumplió las promesas que se encuentran en ellas.

Pídele a Dios que te ayude a ver a Jesús en los demás. Recibe a Jesús en la Comunión tan a menudo como puedas (al menos una vez por semana). Confía en él y espera ver a Jesús tanto en las personas que te rodean como en los cambios que se presenten en tu vida. Cuanto más busques a Jesús, más fácil te será verlo.

Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 4/20	Communion Service
Tuesday 4/21	Jimmy Vethimvas
Wednesday 4/22	Margo Roll
Thursday 4/23	Levy Aspertrand
Friday 4/24	Thelma Ringer
Saturday 4/25	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 4/26 9:00 am	Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, All Priests, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors, All priests and religious members
Sunday 4/26 11:30 am	Kay and Gary Cooper, Andrew Cronce, Levy Aspertrand, Jimmy Vethimvas, Peggy Hineman Taylor, Pat Stroud, Tim Hughes, Margo Roll, 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.

April 4th/5th and April 11th/12th 2026

Offertory	\$14,988/ TBA
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 816/ TBA
Insurance	\$ 138/ TBA
Catholic Relief Services	\$2,531 / -
Holy Land	\$1,636 / -
Seminary Fund	\$2,307 / -
Catholic Charities	\$ - / 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

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 April 20/Abril 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunion • 6pm Altar Society Meeting • 7 pm 4th Degree Knights meeting
Tuesday Martes April 21 /Abril 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles April 22/Abril 22	<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 April 23/Abril 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Catholic Charities Food Distribution • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30 pm CLJ (English) • 6:30 Confirmation Mass
Friday Viernes April 24/Abril 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Mass
Saturday Sábado April 25/Abril 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español) • Bethlehem Nativity Group after Masses
Sunday Domingo April 26/Abril 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 10 am PREP • Bethlehem Nativity Group after Masses • 5:00 pm Mass in Spanish / Misa en Español

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

April 25th and 26th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Jeff Fogleman	Glenn Granger	Sonia Maskas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Dawn Skinner Richard Skinner Missy Ducote Nancy Simmons	Deacon Al Nicole Kyle Kathleen Nichols Tim Kyle	Michelle Lingo Jeanette LaRosa Theresa Stout John Burch
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire MacGregor	Celeste Gardner Peyton Rider Bret Kyle	Ayden Wilber Tanner Roussel



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 Deb 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, Don Gallemore, Michael Guilory, Joe Lingo, Polly St. Romain, Eartha Simon, Patricia O'Reilly Singletary, Connie Granger, Helen Caisson, Mac Hebert, David Dimas, Roberta Gray, Jenna Picou Trim, Kalyn Picou, Ryann Landry, Steven Boudreaux, Alice Kidder

“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

Nuestra siguiente misa en español será el próximo Domingo, 26 de Abril a las 5 pm. Esperamos que puedan atender!



La coronación de la Virgen María será el Domingo 3 de Mayo durante la misa de las 9 am. Si tienen hijos mayores de 4 años que quieran participar llevándole flores a la Virgen, por favor contactar a la oficina. La práctica será el Miércoles 29 de abril a las 5:30 pm.

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 Bernardette 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

Altar Society will meet on Monday, April 20th at 6 pm.

4th Degree Knights will meet Monday, April 20th at 7pm.

Food Distribution by Catholic Charities will be this Thursday, April 23rd at 9:30 am

Bethlehem Group will be here next weekend after Masses selling religious items from the Holy Land.

The Mass in Spanish will be next Sunday, April 26th at 5pm

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.



SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109) April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed Church-State issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule's balanced "prayer and work," this monk-scholar, called from his Abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today's *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: "Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!" "Faith seeking understanding" was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed "A Prayer for My Friends" and "A Prayer for My Enemies," reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly. —Peter Scagnelli

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.

Congratulations!! To all that did their First Communion this past April 12th!



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JUNE 15 - 18
5:30 - 8:00 PM
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Exploring The Nature of God

Use this code to register



Third Sunday of Easter

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

“Mystagogy,” reflection on the Easter mysteries, is the chief task of these great fifty days, a “pentecost,” in other words, of grace and renewal. Every Sunday we have accounts of Resurrection appearances of the Lord, and sketches of the earliest efforts at being church.

Lent is described as a journey to the font, and Easter may be described in similar terms, since at the very beginning an angel tells the apostles that the Risen Lord “has gone before you into Galilee.” Galilee, of course, was the place where Jesus did his finest work, his preaching, his healing, his gathering the lost and the marginalized to the table. At Easter, we hurry to catch up, putting our renewed baptismal promises to work in our own personal Galilees, our little worlds waiting for a word of grace, a healing, an act of pardon, an invitation to share a meal. The water often splashed on our Sunday assemblies in Eastertide reminds us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter. —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!



Scripture Readings for the Week of April 19th, 2026

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
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

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.