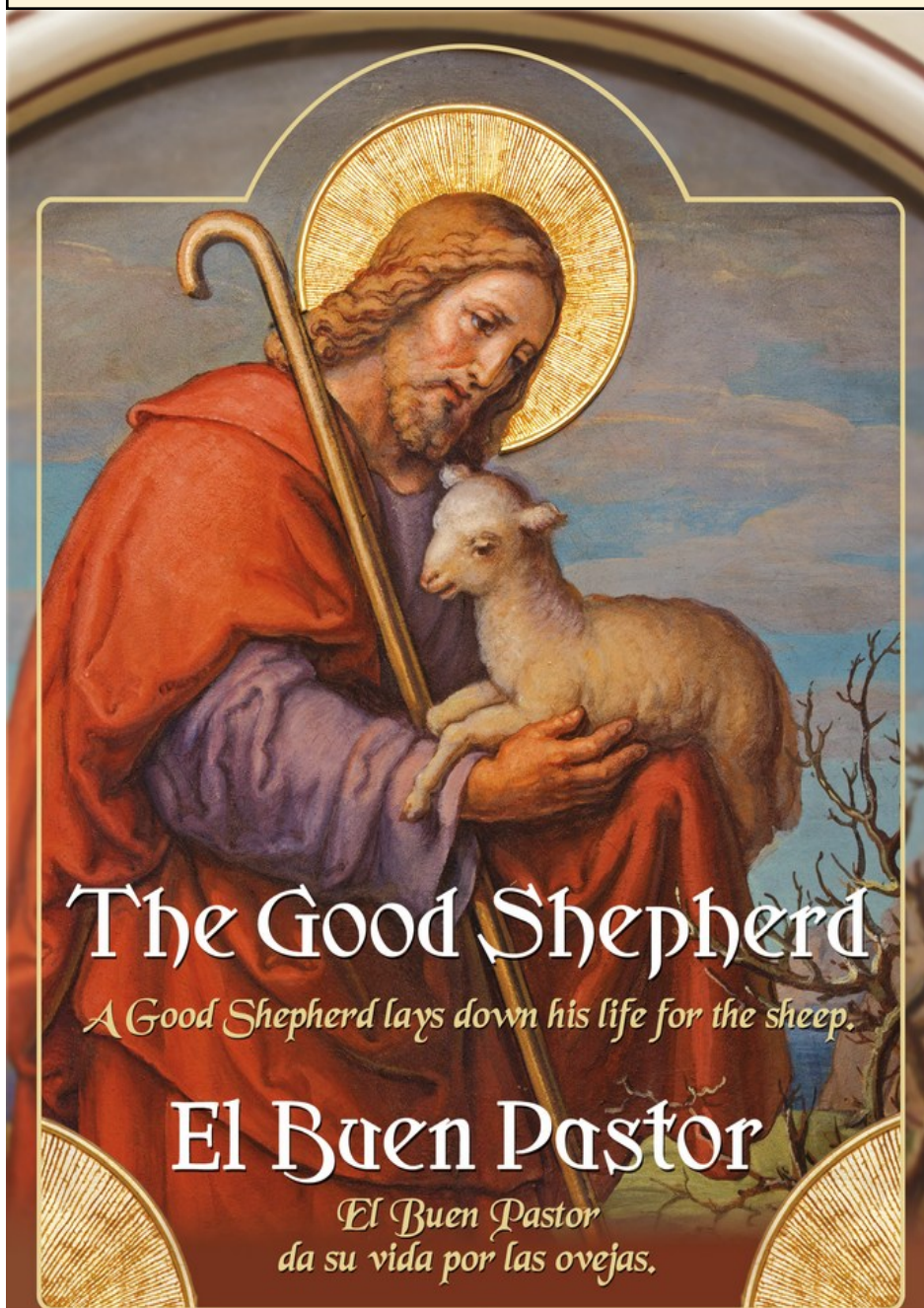


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

A Lot of Nerve

Peter, the apostle who had denied knowing Jesus before he died, now comes out and accuses the crowd of killing Jesus. Considering that he was outnumbered three thousand to one, it took a lot of nerve. So the Spirit gave him the courage to face that crowd. He asked them to repent, but not just profess a rejection of sin. What we call repentance, in Peter's time meant a change of heart away from sin and toward a new way of acting or believing. We too can make a change of heart. We can turn away from selfishness and begin to love as Jesus did. We can relinquish anger and begin to forgive. We can put aside fear and boldly proclaim our faith.

Peter also shows us another gift of the Spirit—the ability to suffer for doing good. That also takes a lot of nerve. It's hard enough to suffer for our sins. Yet that is just what Jesus did for us. Following the example of Jesus on the cross, we accept the suffering that comes to us. It may be ridicule for expressing our faith, the pain of losing someone we love, or the eventual pain of dying ourselves. We accept pain because we love the Lord and so love others enough to bear the pain of helping them. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us repent from selfishness to live a new life of love for God and our neighbor.

Tom Schmidt

Mucho Valor

Pedro, el apóstol que había negado conocer a Jesús antes de su muerte, ahora se presenta y acusa a la multitud de haber matado a Jesús. Considerando que estaba en minoría, con tres mil personas en su contra, se requirió mucho valor. El Espíritu le dio el coraje para enfrentarse a esa multitud. Les pidió que se arrepintieran, pero no solo que profesaran un rechazo al pecado. Lo que hoy llamamos arrepentimiento, en tiempos de Pedro significaba un cambio de corazón, alejándose del pecado y dirigiéndose hacia una nueva forma de actuar o creer. Nosotros también podemos experimentar un cambio de corazón. Podemos dejar atrás el egoísmo y comenzar a amar como Jesús. Podemos abandonar la ira y comenzar a perdonar. Podemos dejar de lado el miedo y proclamar la fe con valentía.

Pedro también nos muestra otro don del Espíritu: la capacidad de sufrir por hacer el bien. Eso también requiere mucho valor. Ya es bastante difícil sufrir por nuestros pecados. Sin embargo, eso fue precisamente lo que Jesús hizo por nosotros. Siguiendo el ejemplo de Jesús en la cruz, aceptamos el sufrimiento que nos llega. Puede ser el menosprecio por expresar la fe, el dolor de perder a un ser querido o el dolor final de nuestra propia muerte. Aceptamos el dolor porque amamos al Señor y, por lo tanto, amamos a los demás lo suficiente como para soportar el dolor de ayudarlos. Pidamos al Espíritu Santo que nos ayude a arrepentirnos del egoísmo y a vivir una nueva vida de amor a Dios y al prójimo.

Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 4/27	Communion Service
Tuesday 4/28	Carolyn Sandel
Wednesday 4/29	Joe Lingo (for health)
Thursday 4/30	Donelly Family
Friday 5/1	Leticia "Levy" Aspertrand
Saturday 5/2	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 5/3 9:00 am	Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, All Seminar-ians, Margo Roll, Tim Hughes, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 5/3 11:30 am	Kay and Gary Cooper, Andrew Cronce, Levy Aspertrand, Peggy Hineman Taylor, Joe Lingo (for health), Eartha Simon (for health), In Thanksgiving

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 11th/12th and 18th/19th 2026

Offertory	17,738 / 15,095.42
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 198/ 95
Insurance	\$ 78/ 2,654

**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 27/Abril 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunion
Tuesday Martes April 28/Abril 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles April 29/Abril 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Mass / Misa 12:40—4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística 6:00 pm CLJ (English)
Thursday Jueves April 30/Abril 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Mass / Misa 5:30 pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes May 1/May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Mass
Saturday Sábado May 2/May 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 pm Mass / Misa 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo May 3/May 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Mass / Misa 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

May 2nd and 3rd	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Michelle Lingo	Tim Kyle	Terrence Carter
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Lesila Lee Matthew Lee Frank Rossi Gertie Rossi	Deacon Al Bill Frost Janelle Frost Jody Cline	Sonia Maskas Jacque Vidrine Claire Vidrine Laura Black
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Grayson Gardner Adalyna Sandoval	Tanner Roussel 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!

Joe and Michelle Lingo will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 11:30 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

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 CATALINA DE SIENA (1347-1380) 29 de abril

Catalina, siendo la más pequeña de una familia de 24 hermanos pidió a su madre un cuarto privado para orar. Este deseo ferviente de Dios fue el hilo conductor de su vida. Siendo muy pequeña hizo del amor a Dios y a los pobres el centro de su vida. A los 16 años ingresó a la Orden Terciaria de las Dominicas llevando una vida de oración, de obras de misericordia y viviendo recluta en su casa. Sus encuentros místicos con Dios eran frecuentes después de la comunión, pero no quería que se hablara de ello. También se dedicó a visitar presos y motivarlos a la conversión; en épocas de plagas se apresuraba a visitar enfermos, llevar comida a los pobres y a sepultar a los difuntos. Fue ella misma quien le urgió al Papa Gregorio XI que regresara a Roma, que allá estaba su lugar. En vida dictó más de 400 cartas y dos libros. En su tiempo fue vista por todos como una gran líder. Murió a los 33 años y en 1970 Pablo VI la declaró Doctora de la Iglesia. —Miguel Arias

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 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 hosted by Catholic Daughters.

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380) April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my “Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women “doctors of the Church.” —Peter S

AROUND THE DIOCESE: Friday, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker Day

LAKE CHARLES — Saint Henry Catholic Church will celebrate Joseph the Worker on Friday, May 1. The evening will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Blessing of vehicles in the church parking lot. There will be a chance to visit the the parish’s newest building, the St. Joseph Youth house at 6:10 p.m., followed by a viewing of “The Hobbit” movie at 6:15 p.m.

In the St. Henry Catholic Church Community Center, people can gather to enjoy International food, be entertained by the St. Henry Folkloric Ballet, see a short performance of the “Carpentry of St. Joseph,” listen to English and Spanish music, hear bilingual testimonies about St. Joseph, and receive a blessing for jobs by Father Trey Ange.

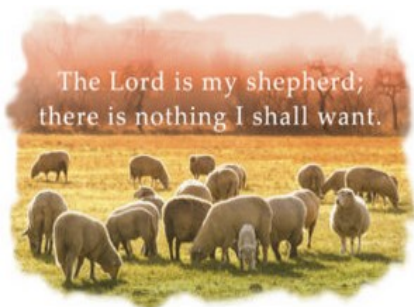
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Parish Religious Education Program

Congratulations!! To all that did their Confirmation this April 23rd!

Save the Date!!!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 15 - 18
5:30 - 8:00 PM
REGISTER NOW!
stjosephderidder.org

RAINFOREST FALLS
 Exploring The Nature of God



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 26th, 2026

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
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5,6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21, 22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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.