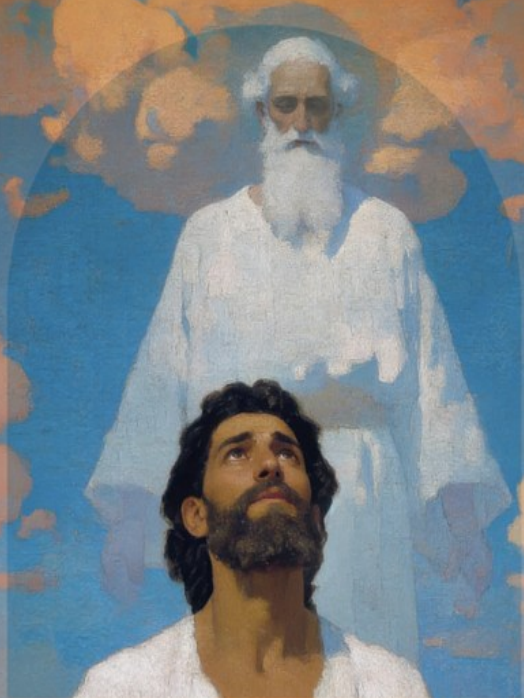


# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA



*I am going to* | *Yo Me voy*  
**THE FATHER** | **AL PADRE**  
JOHN 14:28 | JUAN 14, 28

## 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.

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

## Greater Things than Jesus?

Of all the promises Jesus gave to his disciples, sometimes I find the one at the end of today's Gospel to be the most amazing of all. Jesus tells his disciples that they would do greater works than he did. What could be greater than walking on water, curing a blind man, raising the dead, or feeding five thousand people with only a few loaves of bread?

First, we have to ask what Jesus would think is greater. The apostles performed many miracles because of their faith in the Lord. They cured the sick, and Peter even brought a dead woman back to life (Acts 9:40). But even these signs are not greater than what Jesus did.

I think Jesus meant greater in the sense of the true work of a disciple. The disciples started right after Pentecost, when they received the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter went outside and began preaching to the people, resulting in three thousand people being baptized.

I wonder if we have that same kind of trust in Jesus that the apostles had. Maybe we have to start like they did. They talked about their experience of finding the empty tomb. They prayed, they discussed what had happened, and they looked for Jesus to appear to them. We can do those same things. We can talk about our faith with our families or in a parish discussion group. We can pray to be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and to see Jesus in other people. And we can look for God to act in our lives so that we can share God's love, which has been given to us, with those who do not know the Lord.

Tom Schmidt

## ¿Cosas mayores que Jesús?

De todas las promesas que Jesús hizo a sus discípulos, a veces me parece que la que hizo al final del Evangelio de hoy es la más asombrosa de todas. Jesús les dice a sus discípulos que harían obras mayores que las que él hizo. ¿Qué podría ser mayor que caminar sobre el agua, curar a un ciego, resucitar a los muertos o alimentar a cinco mil personas con solo unos pocos panes?

Primero, debemos preguntarnos qué consideraría Jesús como algo mayor. Los apóstoles realizaron muchos milagros gracias a su fe en el Señor. Curaron a los enfermos, e incluso Pedro resucitó a una mujer (Hechos 9,40). Pero ni siquiera estas señales son mayores que las que hizo Jesús.

Creo que Jesús se refería a algo mayor en el sentido de la verdadera labor de un discípulo. Los discípulos comenzaron justo después de Pentecostés, cuando recibieron el poder del Espíritu Santo. Pedro salió y comenzó a predicar a la gente, lo que resultó en el bautismo de tres mil personas.

Me pregunto si tenemos la misma confianza en Jesús que tenían los apóstoles. Quizás debamos empezar como ellos. Hablaron de su experiencia al encontrar la tumba vacía. Oraron y hablaron sobre lo que había sucedido y esperaron que Jesús se les apareciera. Nosotros podemos hacer lo mismo. Podemos hablar de nuestra fe con nuestras familias o en un grupo de discusión parroquial. Podemos orar para ser llenos de los dones del Espíritu y para ver a Jesús en los demás. Y podemos esperar que Dios actúe en nuestras vidas para que podamos compartir el amor de Dios, que nos ha sido dado, con los que no conocen al Señor.

Tom Schmidt

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 5/4	Communion Service
Tuesday 5/5	Thelma Ringer
Wednesday 5/6	Craig Dupont
Thursday 5/7	Leonard Smith
Friday 5/8	Gwendolyn Myles
Saturday 5/9	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 5/10 9:00 am	Charles Chavis, Peggy Hineman Taylor, Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Tyler Walker (special intention), Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 5/10 11:30 am	Agnes Gregorio, Margarita Salgado, Kay and Gary Cooper, Andrew Crounce, Leticia "Levy" Aspertrand, Arnold family (special intention), Lovenia Dockins, Benedict Sugiyama

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 25th/26th 2026**

Offertory	\$9,891
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 50
Insurance	\$ 763

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

## **Collections for the Month of May**

<b>May 3</b>	<b>Bishop's Service Appeal</b>
<b>May 10</b>	<b>Pro-Life</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Insurance</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Catholic Communication Campaign</b>


**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 May 4/May 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunion</li> <li>• 6 pm CDA meeting</li> </ul>
Tuesday Martes May 5/May 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 am CLJ (English)</li> <li>• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> </ul>
Wednesday Miércoles May 6/May 6	<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> </ul>
Thursday Jueves May 7/May 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa</li> <li>• 5:30 pm CLJ (English)</li> </ul>
Friday Viernes May 8/May 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12:10 pm Mass</li> </ul>
Saturday Sábado May 9/May 9	<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 May 10 /May 10	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00 am Mass / Misa</li> <li>• 11:30 am Mass / Misa</li> </ul>

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

May 9th and 10th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Rane Sills	Shiladitho Deb	Sheryl Douglas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Angela Lannen Charlie Lannen Jeff Fogleman Nancy Simmons	Deacon Al Jason Waguespack Tori Rider Katie Weinnig	Jeanette LaRosa Danny Hernandez John Burch Michelle Lingo
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire MacGregor	Colson Bourque Lane Bourque Ethen Deb	Wesley Soileau Andrew Soileau Grayson Soileau




**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!

Loretta Young will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 9:00am 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)**



Elena Curay Herna, Pat McBride, Don Gallimore, 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, 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



Mayo es tradicionalmente reconocido por la Iglesia Católica como el **Mes de la Virgen María**, un tiempo dedicado a honrar a la madre de Jesús con devociones especiales, el rezo del Santo Rosario y la coronación de sus imágenes con flores. Esta tradición, arraigada en el siglo XIX, busca resaltar las virtudes de María y celebrar su papel como intercesora, coincidiendo a menudo con la primavera en el hemisferio norte, símbolo de vida y Pureza. **Significado:** Se enfoca en imitar las virtudes de María y acercarse a ella como protectora y guía hacia Jesús.

### Quinto Domingo de Pascua Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe.

El 20 de abril de 1906 los ojos de una imagen de la Dolorosa comenzaron a parpadear durante un lapso de 15 minutos en el colegio jesuita San Gabriel, en Quito, Ecuador. En 1995 en Cochabamba, Bolivia, donde una imagen del Divino rostro lagrimó sangre y después, una imagen de la Inmaculada hizo lo mismo. En el transcurso del siglo veinte, muchísimas imágenes de Cristo, María e incluso, el Espíritu Santo, lloraron lágrimas de agua, sangre u óleo, emitieron aroma de rosa o mostraron alguna manifestación paranormal.

La ciencia logró explicar algunos de estos fenómenos, pero en muchos casos no fue posible. Normalmente, la jerarquía eclesiástica prefiere no hacer declaraciones oficiales al respecto, por lo menos, no antes de mucho escrutinio. El apóstol san Juan recomienda examinar cada espíritu (1 Juan 4:1-3) y esto es lo que la Iglesia hace con estas manifestaciones sobrenaturales. Con investigaciones científicas, sociales y espirituales se examinan cuidadosamente estas manifestaciones a fin de asegurar que provienen de Dios y no del diablo u otros orígenes. En fin, la mejor prueba de la veracidad de estos fenómenos es la conversión de los fieles. —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)

24 de Mayo  
28 de Junio  
26 de Julio  
23 de Agosto

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



**Congratulations** to those that made their First Communion and Confirmation! May the grace of those sacraments strengthen their faith and bring them closer to God each day.

**First Communion:** Killian Burke, Harrison Comeaux, Emeric Comeaux, Oliver Comeaux, Abigail Deb, Sawyer Digby, Gloria Garcia, Kirkland Gargis, Breia Gibbs, Adeline Hooks, Anna Claire Joubert, Gemma Kyle, Brxlynn O'Bryan, Lillian Remedies, Augustus Schrader, Natalie Soileau, Ingrid Waguespack.

**Confirmation:** Catherine Broussard, Carson Broussard, Penney DeKerlegand, Luca Fazio, Grayson Gardner, Andrew Granger, Colt Hayes, Triston Rhodes.



**Month of Mary:** May is traditionally dedicated as the "Month of Mary" in the Catholic Church, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of God. This devotion stems from ancient traditions, including a 13th-century shift to Christianize May festivals. Key traditions include crowning Mary with flowers, daily Rosary, setting up special altars, and perform special acts of service, to celebrate her virtues. Pope Paul VI, in 1965, described May as a "moving tribute of faith and love" and encouraged using this time to pray for peace.

**Catholic Daughters meeting** is on Monday, May 4th, at 6pm in Kern Hall

**Catholic Daughters Tea Party** for the Month of Mary will be on May 17th, from 2-4 pm in Kern Hall. All ladies are invited!

### From the Diocese of Lake Charles: Wedding

**Anniversary Celebration:** We wish to honor any couple celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> or 70<sup>th</sup> year of marriage.

The diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at the 11:15 a.m. mass.

Group pictures of attendees will be taken immediately following Mass with refreshments to follow in the Ave Maria Hall. Family members are welcome to attend. **Please contact the church parish office to register by May 29, 2026.**

**ALL group pictures** taken of attendees will be emailed to the address provided. Any **certificate** not picked up the day of event will be mailed to the address provided on the registration form.

# PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



## Scripture Readings for the Week of May 3rd, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

### **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

## MARY, WOMAN OF LISTENING

by Pope Francis:

Mary, woman of listening, open our ears; grant us to know how to listen to the word of your Son Jesus among the thousands of words of this world; grant that we may listen to the reality in which we live, to every person we encounter, especially those who are poor, in need, in hardship. Mary, woman of decision, illuminate our mind and our heart, so that we may obey, unhesitating, the word of your Son Jesus; give us the courage to decide, not to let ourselves be dragged along, letting others direct our life. Mary, woman of action, obtain that our hands and feet move "with haste" toward others, to bring them the charity and love of your Son Jesus, to bring the light of the Gospel to the world, as you did. Amen.

### **May Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Mayo Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV**

That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Para que todos tengan alimento. Oremos para que todos —desde los grandes productores hasta los pequeños consumidores— se comprometan a evitar el desperdicio de alimentos y a asegurar que todos tengan acceso a alimentos de calidad.

**Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost**