

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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<https://www.stjosephderidder.org>



God took the fragrance
of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of
morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty
of the twilight hour...
The soul
of a starry night...
The laughter of a
rippling brook...
The grace of a bird
in flight...
Then God fashioned
from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his
masterpiece was through
He called it simply -
Mother.
~Herbert Farnham

In Honor of Our Mothers

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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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Share in the Power

This Sunday is two weeks before Pentecost, but already the readings prepare us for that feast. The first reading from Acts shows us the conversion of the Samaritans, thanks to Philip's preaching and curing the sick. He did this through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit makes Jesus present today, not just in the sacraments, but through us, his disciples.

Jesus knew that after his Resurrection appearances, he would not be visible as a man. Instead, he would live in all of his followers through the power of the Holy Spirit. That's why he tells the disciples that the Spirit will be with them and in them. So the Sacrament of Confirmation, the laying on of hands (Acts 8:17), reminds us that when God lives in us, we share in the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the second reading, Peter gives us practical advice. First, he tells us to be ready to explain our hope in the Lord. That hope comes from our faith in the Resurrection. When you hear that people saw and talked to Jesus after he rose from the dead, then hear that anyone who follows Jesus will share in that resurrection, you begin to have real hope. Next, Peter tells us to avoid sin, not because we won't be forgiven again, but to show that we can live a life free from sin, selfishness, and hatred. Freedom from sin allows us to give a good example of how to live. Abandoning selfishness allows us to love others without counting the cost. When we are free from hatred, we are able to forgive others as we have been forgiven. As we live in Jesus and he in us, our happiness will attract people to God.

Tom Schmidt

Compartir el Poder

Este domingo estamos a dos semanas de Pentecostés, pero las lecturas ya nos preparan para esa fiesta. La primera lectura de los Hechos de los Apóstoles nos muestra la conversión de los samaritanos, gracias a la predicación y a la curación de los enfermos de Felipe. Él hizo esto por el poder del Espíritu Santo. El Espíritu hace presente a Jesús hoy, no solo en los sacramentos, sino también a través de nosotros, sus discípulos.

Jesús sabía que después de sus apariciones tras la Resurrección, no sería visible como hombre. En cambio, viviría en todos sus seguidores por el poder del Espíritu Santo. Por eso les dice a los discípulos que el Espíritu estará con ellos y en ellos. Así que el Sacramento de la Confirmación, la imposición de las manos (Hechos 8,17), nos recuerda que cuando Dios vive en nosotros, participamos del poder del Espíritu Santo.

En la segunda lectura, Pedro nos da consejos prácticos. Primero, nos dice que estemos preparados para explicar nuestra esperanza en el Señor. Esa esperanza proviene de nuestra fe en la Resurrección. Cuando escuchamos que la gente vio y habló con Jesús después de que resucitó de entre los muertos, y luego escuchamos que cualquiera que siga a Jesús participará de esa resurrección, comenzamos a tener una esperanza verdadera. Luego, Pedro nos dice que evitemos el pecado, no porque no seamos perdonados de nuevo, sino para demostrar que podemos vivir una vida libre de pecado, egoísmo y odio. La libertad del pecado nos permite dar un buen ejemplo de cómo vivir. Abandonar el egoísmo nos permite amar a los demás sin importar el costo. Cuando estamos libres del odio, podemos perdonar a los demás como hemos sido perdonados. Al vivir en Jesús y él en nosotros, nuestra felicidad atraerá a las personas hacia Dios.

Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 5/11	Communion Service
Tuesday 5/12	Levy Asperstrand, Jerry Demary
Wednesday 5/13	Felipe Acosta
Thursday 5/14	Carolyn Sandel
Friday 5/15	Thelma Ringer
Saturday 5/16	For parishioners and visitors
Sunday 5/17 9:00 am	Peggy Hineman Taylor, Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 5/17 11:30 am	Kay and Gary Cooper, Andrew Cronce, Leticia "Levy" Asperstrand, Benedict Sugiyama, Willa Ann Herford

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.

May 2nd /3rd 2026

Offertory	\$13,939
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 2,021
Insurance	\$ 45

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

Collections for the Month of May

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


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 11/May 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes May 12/May 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles May 13/May 13	<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 May 14/May 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 am Senior Bingo / Bingo Adultos Mayores • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30 pm CLJ (English) • 7:00 pm KC Meeting
Friday Viernes May 15/May 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:10 pm Mass
Saturday Sábado May 16/May 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo May 17 /May 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 11:30 am Mass / Misa • 1:00 pm Jr. CDA Meeting • 2 pm CDA Tea Party / Fiesta de Té

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

May 16th and 17th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Kay Bourne	Melinda Granger	Julie Roussel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Missy Ducote Dawn Skinner Michelle Lingo Angela Lannen	Deacon Al Brian Lestage Suzanne Lestage Glenn Granger	Tessa Granger Todd Granger Cathy Bradley Sonia Maskas
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Monica Garcia Sley Gardner Aiden Hauser	James Granger Andy Granger Sebastian Ballona




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!

Bill and Janelle Frost 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)




John Chavis, Elena Curay Herna, Pat McBride, Don Gallemore, Michael Guillory, Joe Lingo, Polly St. Romain, Eartha Simon, Patricia O’Reilly Singletary, Connie Granger, Mac Hebert, David Dimas, Roberta Gray, Ryann Landry, Steven Boudreaux, Alice Kidder

Names will be removed after 1-3 months depending on circumstances and information given

“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



Ningún lenguaje puede expresar el poder, belleza y heroísmo del amor de una Madre. Edwin Chapin

*Padre Celestial:
Te damos gracias por nuestras madres, a las que Tu les has confiado el cuidado precioso de la vida humana desde su inicio.*

María, Madre del Cielo, intercede por todas las madres, sé su guía y consuelo. Alcánzales de Dios la Gracia para esta vida y la alegría eterna en la Gloria.

Fiesta de Té: Las Damas Católicas invitan a todas las damas y niños a una fiesta de té el Domingo 17 de Mayo a las 2 pm en Kern Hall. Ven a tomar té, bocaditos y compartir con otras damas.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE FÁTIMA 13 de mayo

Hace poco escuché una versión en audio del libro *Heaven is for Real* (El cielo de verdad existe). No entraré en detalles sobre la increíble experiencia que tuvo este niño pequeño, pero compartiré lo que repitió una y otra vez a sus padres después de que pasó: "Jesús ama a los niños... Jesús realmente ama a los niños pequeños... ¡¡Jesús ama tanto a los niños!!" Esto se hace evidente por las repetidas apariciones marianas que vivieron tres niños portugueses en 1917. Jesús envió a su Madre a Francisco, Jacinta y Lucía, para pedirles que rezaran el rosario por la paz mundial, el fin de la Primera Guerra Mundial, por los pecadores y por la conversión de Rusia. Nuestra Señora también les confió tres secretos, que fueron revelados públicamente en diferentes momentos. Estas apariciones fueron aprobadas por el obispo local en 1930, y desde ese momento empezaron a celebrar su fiesta en Portugal. Fue agregado al calendario de la Iglesia Católica en todo el mundo en 2002. Que las palabras de Nuestra Señora sigan tocando los corazones de los amados hijos de Dios y nos motiven a rezar el rosario con frecuencia, rogando a nuestro Señor por la paz mundial y la conversión de los pecadores.—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 pm.

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

*Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect. May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(From the Archdiocese of New Orleans)*



Senior Bingo will be on Thursday, May 14th at 10 am in Kern Hall.

The Knights of Columbus will have their meeting on Thursday, May 14th at 7pm.

Jr CDA meeting will be on Sunday, May 17th at 1 pm in Kern Hall.

Catholic Daughters will have their Annual Month of Mary Tea Party on Sunday, May 17th at 2pm in Kern Hall!. All ladies are invited!

The Catholic Daughters would like to thank the following children for participating in the May Crowning and for honoring the Blessed Mother in such a special way: Ava, Faye, and Ingrid Waguespack, Evie and Maverick Smith, Hadley and Ayden Wilber, Eloise and Clarise Weekly, Charlotte Weinnig, Paisley and Athena Picou, Emma and Olivia Potts, Brantley Smith and special thanks to Aubree Weaver!

From the Diocese of Lake Charles: Wedding Anniversary Celebration: We wish to honor any couple celebrating their 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th or 70th 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.

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/304-upcoming-events-at-a-glance>

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Register by June 1 to be guaranteed a VBS tshirt.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 15 - 18
5:30 - 8:00 PM
REGISTER NOW!
stjosephderidder.org
 4 years old - 5th grade (completed)

RAINFOREST FALLS
 Exploring The Nature of God




VBS registration is now available, please use the QR code or go to the Church website. There is no charge. We will be providing a t-shirt to each child guaranteed if you register before June 1. VBS donations are accepted and can be made online or by labeling your donation and placing it in the weekly collection basket. Thanks!

6th Sunday of Easter

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Love
Keep
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[Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima](#)

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

[Scripture Readings for the Week of May 10th, 2026](#)

- Sunday** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
 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
- Monday** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a
- Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday** **Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Friday** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

In those places where the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used.
 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Mt 28:16-20

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

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

Let us pray for immigrants and the most vulnerable, that they may live at peace, secure in the knowledge that we care for them and their needs.

Oremos por los inmigrantes y por los más vulnerables, para que vivan en paz, seguros de saber que nos preocupamos por ellos y por sus necesidades.