SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Levi Thompson, Pastor
Deacon Al Weinnig

PARISH STAFF

Secretary:
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Custodian: John Garantine
Paish Catechetical Leader (PCL): Julie Roussel
Asst. PCL: William Frost
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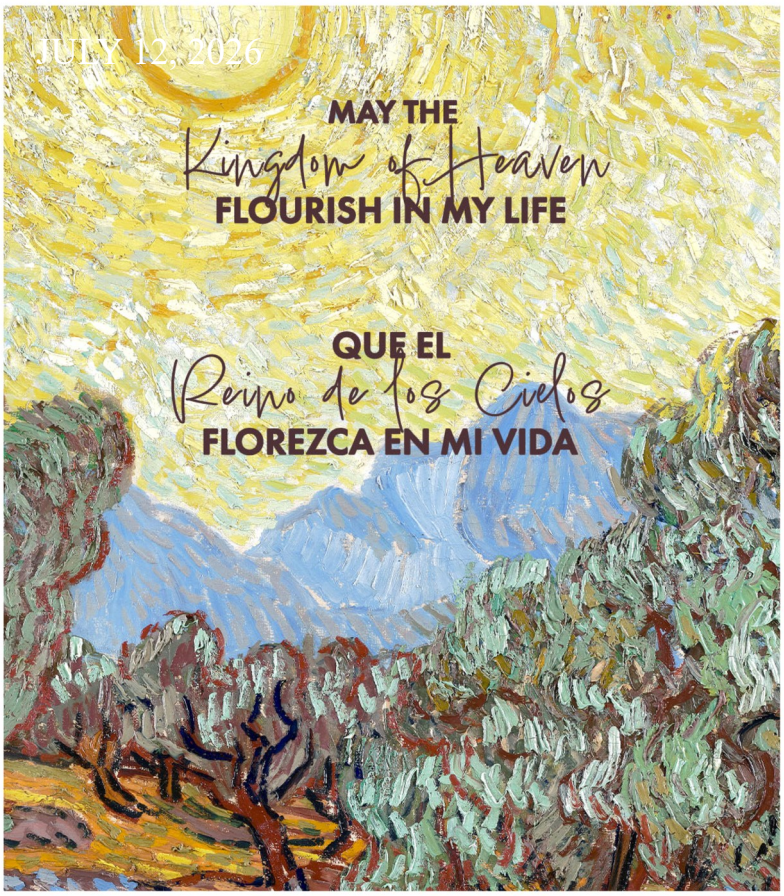

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
The couple preparing for marriage must contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the desired time.
Confirmation of date of wedding must be made by the priest officiating the wedding.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil) 4pm

Sunday Masses 9:00am & 11:30am

Communion Service Mon 12:10pm

Daily Mass Tues-Fri, 12:10pm

Spanish Mass Every 4th Sunday at 5:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 –3:45pm

Sunday 8:30 –8:45am & 11:00– 11:20am

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19th, 2026

A Mighty God

The first reading says that God's might is the basis for divine justice. We might take this to mean that God uses mighty power to punish sinners, in the legal sense of justice. But God is too powerful to be injured by our sins. God can afford to wait for us to repent. That is the point of the parable of the wheat and the weeds.

We are used to expecting swift justice. We like TV shows in which the bad guy is caught and convicted in an hour. The idea of God giving sinners until the end of time to repent is almost un-American—at least, until we realize that we are sinners, too. Yet God is still willing to wait for all of us to repent. That is the wonder of God's love, that God's Son came to die for sinners, even before we sinned.

Of course, that means that we also share forgiveness with others. But the more often we go to confession, the more we are reminded of God's love and forgiveness. Those reminders can help us to be more willing to show mercy ourselves. Let us ask God for the courage to seek forgiveness and the strength to forgive.

Tom Schmidt

Un Dios poderoso

La primera lectura dice que el poder de Dios es la base de la justicia divina. Podríamos interpretarlo de esta forma, que en el sentido legal de la justicia Dios utiliza gran poder para castigar a los pecadores. Pero Dios es tan poderoso que no puede ser herido por nuestros pecados. Dios tiene el tiempo de esperar a que nos arrepintamos. Esto es lo que nos quiere decir la parábola del trigo y la cizaña.

Estamos acostumbrados a la justicia rápida. Nos gustan los programas de televisión donde atrapan y condenan al malo dentro de una hora. La idea de que Dios les da a los pecadores hasta el final de los tiempos para que se arrepientan es casi antiestadounidense, por lo menos hasta que nos demos cuenta de que nosotros también somos pecadores. Sin embargo, Dios todavía está dispuesto a esperar a que todos nos arrepintamos. Esa es la maravilla del amor de Dios, que el Hijo de Dios vino a morir por los pecadores, incluso antes de que pecáramos.

Por supuesto, eso significa que también compartimos el perdón con los demás. Pero cuando nos confesamos con más frecuencia, nos acordamos más del amor y perdón de Dios. Esos recordatorios pueden ayudarnos a nosotros a estar más dispuestos a mostrar la misericordia a otros. Pidámosle a Dios el valor de buscar el perdón y la fuerza para perdonar.

Por Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 7/20	Communion Service
Tuesday 7/21	Mark Bollinger
Wednesday 7/22	Maurice Renaud
Thursday 7/23	Levy Asperstrand
Friday 7/24	Gwendolyn Myles
Saturday 7/25	For Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 7/26 9:00 am	Howard Steele, Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 7/26 11:30 am	Michael Brenski Jr., Levy Asperstrand, Meryl Roussel, Andrew Cronce

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

July 11th & July 12th, 2026

Offertory	$ **13,231.00**
Bishop's Services Appeal	$ **198.00**
Insurance	$ **1,563.00**

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

Collections for the Month of June

July 5	***Bishop's Service Appeal***
July 19	***Insurance***
July 26	***Church in Africa***

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.*

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

WEEKLY CALENDAR/CALENDARIO SEMANAL

Monday Lunes July 20/Julio 20	• 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión • Altar Society Meeting 6pm • K of C Meeting 7pm
Tuesday Martes July 21/ Julio 21	• 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Mass
Wednesday Miércoles July 22 / Julio 22	• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa 12:40- 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística • 6:00 pm CLJ (English)
Thursday Jueves July 23 / Julio 23	• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 5:30 pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes July 24/Julio 24	• 12:10 pm Mass
Saturday Sábado July 25/ Julio 25	• 4:00pm Mass • 5:00pm CLJ (Spanish)
Sunday Domingo July 26/ Julio 26	• 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 11:30 am Mass / Misa • 5:00pm Spanish Mass /Misa

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 an increase in vocations. The **sign-up sheet** is in the foyer of the Church. Please sign up!

The Ebarb's will receive the Vocation Cross next weekend (07/26) 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

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.

Pray for our sick

(Please contact the Pastoral Center)

Elena Curay Herna, Pat McBride, Don Gallemore, Michael Guillory, Joe Lingo, Polly St. Romain, Patricia O'Reilly Singletary, Connie Granger, Alice Kidder, Emily Barrilleaux, Carole Fontenot, Sue Billot, Courtney Montgomery, Ronald Rhame

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

Almighty and Eternal God,
You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servants, for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

July 25th and 26th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Jeff Fogleman	Nicole Kyle	Sheryl Douglas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Tim Kyle Missy Ducote Charlie Lannen Dwain Ductoe	Deacon Al Jody Cline Brian Lestage Suzanne Lestage	Danny Hernandez Cathy Bradley Tessa Granger Laura Black
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire MacGregor	Colson Bourque Lane Bourque Adalyna Sandoval	Macie McBride Kaston McBride James Granger

Money Counters: Team 2

Our Organizations and Ministries

You can get involved and serve our Parish.
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

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

- La misa en español de julio será el 26 de julio.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:
ST JOSEPH
ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
JULY 30 - AUG 1
Donations will be accepted at
St Joseph Hall July 7 - July 22
8:30am-3pm
or by appointment

DONATIONS ACCEPTED:

- TOYS
- CLOTHING (IN GOOD CONDITION)
- FURNITURE
- TOOLS
- BABY ITEMS
- APPLIANCES (LARGE OR SMALL)
- MEN'S ITEMS
- SPORTS GEAR
- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS / DECOR
- GARDENING ITEMS
- PLANTS
- PET ITEMS
- CRAFT ITEMS
- COLLECTIBLES
- FISHING AND HUNTING

Many Diocesan events and activities can be found on 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

Parish Announcements

If you have not done so, please complete the Safe and Sacred Certification.

https://lcdiocese.safeenvironment.org/login/index.php

Youth News

PREP 2026-2027 REGISTRATION:

July 1 - Aug 31 - $30 fee per child (3 or more discounts apply)

Late Registration: Sept 1 and beyond - $30 fee per child + $15 late fee per family

In-person registrations will be taken beyond these dates at the church office.

Register online @ https://www.stjosephderidder.org/religious-education

Get your backpacks ready for "Blessing of the Backpacks"

August 1st and 2nd at all the Masses

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 Ed. Bldg

Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Pastoral Ctr

Thursday at 5:30pm in the Ed. Bldg

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 26th, 2026

Sunday	**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30
Monday	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	**Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene** Sg 3:1-4b; or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8- 9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	**Feast of Saint James, Apostle** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday	**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127 -128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

July Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Julio
Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV

For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Por el respeto a la vida humana: Oremos por el respeto y la protección de la vida humana en todas sus etapas, reconociéndola como un don de Dios.

Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost

For the end of human trafficking and the exploitation of victims, that God will bless them with true freedom and protection from all harm and assist the Church in its efforts to bring healing to the victims.

Por el fin de la trata de personas y de la explotación de las víctimas, para que Dios las bendiga con verdadera libertad y protección frente a todo daño, y ayude a la Iglesia en sus esfuerzos por llevar sanación a las víctimas.