

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive
Deridder, Louisiana 70634



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

Pastor: Fr V. Wayne LeBleu
Deacon: Al Winnig
Parish Secretary: Gracia Acosta
Parish Bookkeeper: Aimee Brasseaux
Maintenance Head: Trevor Smith
Parish Catechetical Leader: Julie Roussel
Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA): Angela Lannen
Music Minister: Carie Barnes

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.

The Better Part

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He saw that Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ.

And what about that “better part” that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can’t avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside, and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. As we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God’s peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part. Tom Schmidt

La Mejor Parte

El Evangelio de este domingo puede dar a veces la impresión de que Jesús favoreció a María sobre Marta. Pero si ambos se hubieran sentado a escuchar, no habría habido cena para servirle a Jesús. Él vio que María estaba contenta de escucharlo, por lo que Marta podría haberse contentado con prepararle la comida. Recuerden la primera lectura, en la que Abraham insistió en servir a los visitantes, a quienes llegó a reconocer como el Señor y dos ángeles. Fue recompensado con la seguridad de que pronto tendría un hijo.

Por eso, los actos sencillos de hospitalidad también pueden ser la forma en que las personas pueden dar la bienvenida al Señor en sus hogares. Cuando damos la bienvenida a alguien en nuestros hogares como visitante, o en nuestras vidas como amigo, también estamos dando la bienvenida a Cristo. Cuando llegamos a conocer mejor a alguien, también estamos llegando a conocer a Cristo.

¿Y qué pasa con esa “parte mejor” que María había elegido? ¿Somos a veces como Marta, con demasiadas cosas en la mente como para estar atentos al Señor? A veces no podemos evitar las distracciones que son parte de la vida. Pero si tenemos presente al Señor, podremos ver cuáles son las distracciones que debemos dejar de lado y cuáles son oportunidades para servir al Señor de una manera diferente. A medida que pasamos más tiempo con el Señor en la oración, comenzamos a experimentar la paz de Dios, que nos da la capacidad de elegir la mejor parte.

Tom Schmidt

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 20, 2025

Sunday	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Monday	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Feast of Saint James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
Saturday	Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	21	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tues	22	12:10 pm	For the sick and dying
Wed	23	12:10 pm	Thomas Wilson
Wed	23	1:00-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	24	12:10 pm	For the sick and dying
Fri	25	12:10 pm	LaNell Howell

July 26th & 27th, 2025

Vigil Saturday, 4:00pm: For all Parishioners and Visitors

Sunday, 9:00am: Howard Steele, Charles Hebert, Shirvey and Trudy Hebert, Jesse Blakeman, Mary Lou Keeling, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors

Sunday, 11:30 am: Domingo Adan, Vanessa Walker, Kay and Gary Cooper, June and Rick Davis, Donald Laurent, Rolanne and George Fisher, Andrew Cronce

Offertory for July 12th and 13th, 2025

Offertory	\$11,354
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$138
Insurance	\$25

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

The 2nd collections for the Month

1st weekend of the month — Bishop's Services Appeal

3rd weekend of the month -- Insurance

Cereal for God's Food Box is collected on the 2nd weekend of the month

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

July 26th & 27th, 2025

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00pm Angela Lannen, Charlie Lannen
9:00am Matthew Lee, Lesila Lee
Deacon Al, Dwain Ducote
Missy Ducote, Glenn Granger
11:30am Deacon Al, Sonia Maskas
John Burch, Jeanette LaRosa

Lectors

4:00pm Rane Sills
9:00am Shiladitho Deb
11:30am Michelle Lingo

Altar Servers

4:00pm Jude Lowe
9:00am Celeste Gardner, Ethen Deb
11:30am Andy Granger, James Granger

Money Counters: TEAM 2

Upcoming Announcements

Altar Society will meet on Monday, July 21st at 6 pm.

4th Degree Knights will meet on Monday, July 21st at 7 pm.

Catholic Charities food distribution will be on Thursday, July 24th at 10:00 am. Registration will also take place.

Second Collection next weekend is in solidarity for the Church in Africa.

Next Mass in Spanish is next Sunday, July 27th at 5pm. La misa en español es el próximo Domingo, 27 de Julio, a las 5pm.



Save the Date- Backpack blessing!

Backpacks will be blessed at all Masses the weekend of August 2nd and 3rd!

New Parish App! Our new app will allow us to communicate with you throughout the week regarding our parish life and events. We encourage each of you to download **myParish App** and take advantage of the great features, such as, daily Mass readings, Catholic news, prayers and prayer reminders, online giving, confession reminders, and our weekly bulletin and our monthly calendar. You can download the app by visiting myparishapp.com or searching for myparish on your phone's app store, or using this QR code.



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The Jubilee Year, in 2025, is a time of spiritual renewal, reflection, and grace. The theme "Pilgrims of Hope" encourages Catholics to journey together in faith, seeking spiritual renewal and a deeper connection with God.

<https://www.iubilaum2025.va/en.html>
<https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>



Saint Joseph Catholic Church



PREP 2025-2026 Registration:



Registration: Late registration: July 16 - Aug 26: \$30 fee per child + \$15 late fee. In-person registrations will be taken beyond these dates at the Church office. You can use the QR code on the left or go to:

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-joseph-deridder/religious-ed/prep-2025-2026>

If making a payment in person, not online, please make payment in the Church Office. If money is placed in offertory basket, please place in envelope with name of the child/children.

To all Clergy, Staff, PREP Catechists and All

Volunteers: in accordance with the Policy of the Diocese Lake Charles, ALL Safe and Sacred Certificates expired on **June 30, 2025**. The new training became is now available. ALL volunteers working with the children are **REQUIRED** to complete the training and have a completed background check for the safety and protection of children and young people. There are no exceptions. This includes the Catholic Charities Food Distribution as there are times there are youth volunteers. **If you are asked to complete a background check, please do so when initially asked, many checks have expired.**

Vocation Prayer Book and Cross

The Vocation Cross: Please call the office if you can take the Cross next weekend. (Return the Cross and book by the next Friday by 4:30pm)

The sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the Church. Please sign up to pray for Vocations.

"The Priest brings God to the people and the people to God"
~ Fr. Michael Caraway

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



Ven Señor Jesús Estudio Bíblico

Sábado a las 5 p.m. Edificio de educación
