

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:

Bookkeeper: Aimee Brasseaux

Custodian: John Garantine

Paish Catechetical Leader (PCL):

Julie Roussel

Asst. PCL: William Frost

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):

Angela Lannen

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Office Hours

Monday –Friday 8:30am– 4:30p

Office Closed 12:00 noon –1:00pm

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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

Tues –Thurs

11:40am –12:10pm

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

A Truly Wise Person

The ending of today's Gospel speaks about "the new and the old." Jesus is saying that a person "instructed in the kingdom" has wisdom both old and new; in other words, that person learns from the past as well as from the present. Let's look at each of those.

We learn from the past by studying it. So the wisdom of the kingdom comes first from the scriptures. The more familiar we are with the word of God, the more wisdom we possess. We can also learn from the lives of the saints and writings of the Church. If you only have time to go to Mass on Sunday, just listening to the homily can help to apply the scriptures to your life.

One way we can learn from "the new" is to learn from our mistakes. That includes learning from our sins. When we are truly sorry, we make an effort to change our ways. We can also learn from the mistakes and the successes of our friends. As we share our faith with them, we share the stories of our lives, both good and bad. God can speak to us through a friend or relative whose advice we seek. A truly wise person is one who has received a lifetime of good advice.

Tom Schmidt

Una persona verdaderamente sabia

El final del evangelio de hoy habla de "cosas nuevas y cosas antiguas". Jesús está diciendo que una persona "instruida en las cosas del reino" tiene sabiduría tanto antigua como nueva. En otras palabras, esa persona aprende tanto del pasado como del presente. Analicemos a cada uno de ellos.

Aprendemos del pasado estudiándolo. Así que la sabiduría del Reino viene de las escrituras primero. Mientras más nos familiarizamos con la palabra de Dios, más sabiduría poseemos. También podemos aprender de la vida de los santos y de los escritos de la Iglesia. Si solo tienes tiempo de ir a Misa los domingos, tan solo escuchar la homilía puede ayudarte a aplicar las Escrituras a tu vida.

Una forma en que podemos aprender de "las cosas nuevas" es aprender de nuestros errores. Eso incluye aprender de nuestros pecados. Cuando nos arrepentimos de verdad, hacemos un esfuerzo por cambiar nuestros hábitos. También podemos aprender de los errores y los éxitos de nuestros amigos. Al compartir nuestra fe con ellos, compartimos las historias de nuestras vidas, tanto las buenas como las malas. Dios nos puede hablar a través de un amigo o un familiar cuando les pedimos consejo. Una persona verdaderamente sabia es aquella que ha recibido buenos consejos durante toda la vida.

Por Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 7/27	Communion Service
Tuesday 7/28	Dorinda Watson
Wednesday 7/29	Mark Bollinger
Thursday 7/30	Donelly Family
Friday 7/31	Levy Asperstrand
Saturday 8/01	For Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 8/2 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	Andy Storer, Levy Asperstrand, Meryl Roussel, Andrew Cronce, Louis Mannino Family

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 18th & July 19th, 2026

Offertory	\$ 10, 286.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 2, 500.00

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

Collections for the Month of August

August 2	Bishop's Service Appeal
August 16	Insurance
August 30	Catholic University of America

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 27/Julio 27	12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes July 28/ Julio 28	9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Mass
Wednesday Miércoles July 29 / Julio 29	12:10 pm Mass / Misa 12:40- 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística 6:00 pm CLJ (English)
Thursday Jueves July 30 / Julio 30	12:10 pm Mass / Misa 5:30 pm CLJ (English) Garage Sale 7am –3pm
Friday Viernes July 31 /Julio 31	12:10 pm Mass Garage Sale, 7am –3pm
Saturday Sábado August 1/ Agosto 1	4:00pm Mass 5:00pm CLJ (Spanish) Garage Sale 8am –12pm Blessing of the Backpacks!
Sunday Domingo August 2/ Agosto 2	9:00 am Mass / Misa 11:30 am Mass / Misa Blessing of the Backpacks!



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 Deb Family will receive the Vocation Cross next weekend (8/2) 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

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

August 1st & 2nd	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Terrance Carter	Glenn Granger	Heather Vidrine
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Frank Rossi Gertie Rossi Jeff Fogleman Nancy Simmons	Deacon Al Dwain Ducote Missy Ducote Melinda Granger	Jacque Vidrine John Burch Cathy Bradley Claire Vidrine
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Peyton Rider Aiden Hauser Monica Garcia	Andy Granger James Granger John Granger

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](#)

Money Counters: Team 3

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 Agosto 23 @ 5pm

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.



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>

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

Parish Announcements

St Joseph Catholic Church
Annual

Garage SALE

CASH ONLY

FILL A BAG \$5 CLOTHING ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED

JULY 30-AUG 1 2026
*RAIN OR SHINE

TOYS
CLOTHING
FURNITURE
TOOLS

SATURDAY ONLY EVERYTHING 1/2 PRICE

1125 BLANKENSHIP DRIVE, DERIDDER, LA 70634
THURSDAY, JULY 30 - 7AM - 3PM
FRIDAY, JULY 31- 7AM - 3PM
SATURDAY, AUG 1 - 8AM-12 PM

one game to rule them all

WIFFLEBALL

2026

PRIESTS VS. SEMINARIANS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
10:00 AM
OLQH FAMILY LIFE CENTER

SPONSORED BY THE SERRA CLUB OF LAKE CHARLES

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION
12 AND UNDER ARE FREE

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



Scripture Readings For the Week of July 26, 2026

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
Monday	Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-25
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



You're Invited

To Ascend Mount Carmel 2026

As our Guest

(Women and Men age 18 or older, in good standing as a Catholic; single, married, divorced, widow, or religious)

Yearning for more? Here's an opportunity to attend up to 4 meetings this year!

Observe and discern living a Third Order Vocation to enhance your spiritual journey through a Carmelite Way of Life.

August 1, October 3, November 7, or December 5

9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

St. Therese Little Flower Third Order Carmelite Meeting

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Community Center, 3939 Kingston Street, Lake Charles LA 70605

Morning Prayer, Lectio Divina, Carmel's Call, Ongoing Spiritual Formation
st.therese.little.flower.1916@gmail.com

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

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.