

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



Lord teach us how to
PRAY

Señor, enséñanos a
ORAR

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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.

Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more with the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. But God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would say, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

Tom Schmidt

Ten Cuidado Con lo que Pides

Jesús habla de orar por todo lo que necesitamos con fe y confianza, pero termina preguntando: "¿cuánto más el Padre celestial dará el Espíritu Santo a quienes se lo pidan?" (Lucas 1,13). ¿Está diciendo que hay límites a lo que podemos pedir?

"Ten cuidado con lo que pides", advierte el dicho. El hecho de que queramos algo no significa que será bueno para nosotros. Pero si tenemos suficiente fe para orar por algo, probablemente no oráramos por nada malo. Entonces, ¿qué está diciendo realmente Jesús? Nos está dando dos lecciones sobre la oración.

Primero, nos asegura que Dios escucha nuestras oraciones y las responde. Muchas personas toman el "pidan y se les dará" tan literalmente que esperan que Dios cumpla sus órdenes sin importar lo que quieran. Pero Dios es libre de hacer lo que es mejor para nosotros, libre de responder algunas oraciones con un no cuando lo que buscamos va en contra de la voluntad de Dios. Entonces, tal vez nuestra primera oración debería ser pedirle a Dios que nos muestre lo que realmente necesitamos.

Esto nos lleva a la segunda lección: la oración nos cambia a nosotros, no a Dios. Si oráramos verdaderamente cómo oró Jesús, diríamos: "No según mi voluntad sino la tuya" (Mateo 26,39). No es fácil cambiar de opinión sobre lo que queremos o necesitamos. Cambiar nuestros deseos de egoístas a santos requiere mucho poder, el poder del Espíritu Santo. Jesús fue resucitado de entre los muertos por ese poder y nosotros también lo seremos (Romanos 8,11). Así que cuando Jesús promete que el Padre nos dará el Espíritu si se lo pedimos, el Espíritu es tanto la fuente como la respuesta a nuestras oraciones. Pidámosle al Espíritu que nos dé fuerzas para desear y orar por lo que realmente necesitamos.

Tom Schmidt

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 27, 2025

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
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	28	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tues	29	12:10 pm	For the sick and dying
Wed	30	12:10 pm	Thomas Wilson
Wed	30	1:00-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	31	12:10 pm	For the sick and dying
Fri	1	12:10 pm	Mary Lou Keeling

August 2nd & 3rd, 2025

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

Sunday, 9:00am: Howard Steele, Charles Hebert, Charles Duplechien, All souls in purgatory, Mothers and babies of abortion, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors

Sunday, 11:30 am: Vanessa Walker, Kay and Gary Cooper, June and Rick Davis, Donald Laurent, Andrew Cronic

Offertory for July 19th and 20th, 2025

Offertory	\$TBA
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$TBA
Insurance	\$TBA

**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

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

August 2nd & 3rd, 2025

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00pm

Nancy Simmons, Dawn Skinner

9:00am

Frank Rossi, Gertie Rossi

Deacon Al, Tim Kyle

11:30am

Brain Lestage, Suzanne Lestage

Deacon Al, Cathy Bradley

Jacque Vidrine, Michelle Lingo

Lectors

4:00pm

Jeff Fogleman

9:00am

Nicole Kyle

11:30am

Heather Vidrine

Altar Servers

4:00pm

Cameron MacGregor

9:00am

Grayson Gardner, Sley Gardner

11:30am

Macie McBride, Wesley Soileau

Money Counters: TEAM 3

Upcoming Announcements



Save the Date- Backpack blessing!

Backpacks will be blessed at all Masses next weekend, 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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Vocation Prayer Book and Cross

The Vocation Cross: Shiladitho and Jenna Deb will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 11:30am Mass on Sunday. (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



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.

In-person registration for PREP will be taken at the Church after all the Masses on August 2nd and 3rd and on August 9th and 10th.

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 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.

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

