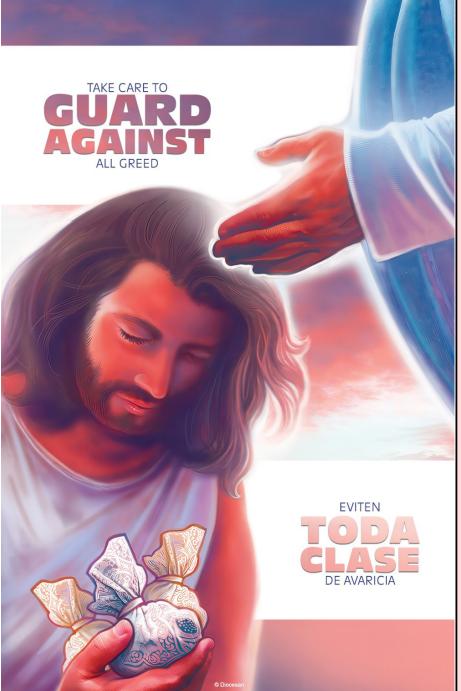
SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Weinnig

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.

Robbing a Bank

The second reading from the Letter to the Colossians goes well with the first reading and the Gospel. Those passages warn how useless material wealth will be when we die. St. Paul continues this warning by reminding us that we have already died with Christ in baptism and risen to new life. To live this new life we must put to death whatever tendencies keep us from Christ.

Wealth can be a gift from God. The abuse is not necessarily in the possession of wealth. More likely, we abuse wealth in the way we attain it. How does that happen? I can give an obvious answer such as robbing a bank. Instead, do I work a full day for my pay, or do I spend a lot of time visiting with other employees or texting my friends? Am I honest with my customers, charging only for work I have done?

As for using our wealth, we usually think of family first. Do we spoil our kids, so they can "have the things I couldn't afford when I was young"? Or do we teach them to work for what they get? Do we teach our children to be generous to others?

Notice that Paul goes deeper, pointing out the thoughts and desires that lead to a life centered in wealth. In baptism we put to death passion and greed, tendencies that push us to own more or to control another person. Paul uses the image of taking off these vices as if they were clothing and putting on a new self that shows Christ in us. We begin to see Christ in others, for as Paul says, "Christ is all and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

Tom Schmidt

Robar un Banco

La segunda lectura de la Carta a los Colosenses encaja perfectamente con la primera lectura y el Evangelio. Estos pasajes nos advierten que las riquezas materiales serán inútiles al morir. San Pablo continúa esta advertencia recordándonos que ya hemos muerto con Cristo en el bautismo y resucitamos a una vida nueva. Para vivir esta vida nueva, debemos dar término a cualquier tendencia que nos aleje de Cristo.

La riqueza puede ser un regalo de Dios. El abuso de ella no existe necesariamente en poseerla. Es más probable que abusemos de ella en la forma en que la obtenemos. ¿Cómo sucede esto? Puedo dar una respuesta obvia, como robar un banco. En cambio, ¿trabajo un día completo para ganar mi sueldo o dedico mucho tiempo a visitar a otros empleados o a enviar mensajes a mis amigos? ¿Soy honesto con mis clientes, cobrando solo por el trabajo realizado?

En cuanto al uso de la riqueza, solemos pensar primero en la familia. ¿Consentimos a nuestros hijos para que puedan tener las cosas que yo no podía tener de joven? ¿O les enseñamos a trabajar por lo que obtienen? ¿Enseñamos a nuestros hijos a ser generosos con los demás?

Observemos que Pablo va más a fondo, señalando los pensamientos y deseos que conducen a una vida centrada en la riqueza. En el bautismo, damos término a la pasión y la avaricia, tendencias que nos impulsan a poseer más o a controlar a otra persona. Pablo utiliza la imagen de despojarse de estos vicios como si fueran ropas y revestirse de un nuevo ser que demuestra a Cristo dentro de nosotros. Comenzamos a ver a Cristo en los demás, porque, como dice Pablo: "Cristo es todo en todos" (Colosenses 3,11).

Tom Schmidt

Scripture Readings for the week of August 3, 2025

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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		
Monday	Memorial of Saint John Vianney,		
	Priest		
	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-		
	17; Mt 14:13-21		
Tuesday	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12		
,	-13, Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14		
Wednesday	Feast of the Transfiguration of the		
J	Lord		
	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt		
	1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36		
Thursday	Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt		
v	16:13-23		
Friday	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and		
11144	21; Mt 16:24-28		
Saturday	Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51;		
Saturday	Mt 17:14-20		
Sunday			
Sunday			
	Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22;		
	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12;		
	Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40		

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	4	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tues	5	12:10 pm	Rolanne and George Fisher
Wed	6	12:10 pm	Leonard and Albertha Chavis
Wed	6	1:00-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	7	12:10 pm	Charles Chavis
Fri	8	12:10 pm	Velma Brown

August 9th& 10th, 2025

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

<u>Sunday, 9:00am:</u> Gwendolyn Myles, Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors

<u>Sunday, 11:30 am</u>: Vanessa Walker, Kay and Gary Cooper, June and Rick Davis, Donald Laurent, Felipe Acosta, Andrew Cronce

Offertory for July19th/20th and 26th/27th, 2025

Offertory \$7,249 / 8,506 Bishop's Services Appeal \$55 / 25 Insurance \$2,030 / 100

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

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

<u>Liturgical Ministers Schedule</u> August 9th & 10th, 2025

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00pm Dwain Ducote, Missy Ducote Angela Lannen, Charlie Lannen

9:00am Deacon Al, Bill Frost

Glenn Granger, Janelle Frost Deacon Al, Theresa Stout

11:30am Deacon Al, Theresa Stout Danny Hernandez, Jeanette LaRosa

Lectors

 4:00pm
 Michelle Lingo

 9:00am
 Melinda Granger

 11:30am
 Sonia Maskas

 Altar Servers

4:00pm Jude Lowe

9:00am Peyton Rider, Ethen Deb 11:30am Andy Granger, James Granger

Money Counters: TEAM 4

Upcoming Announcements

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.







Vocation Prayer Book and Cross

The Vocation Cross: John and Tobi Ebarb will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 9:00am 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

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.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025





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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.

<u>In-person registration for PREP</u> will be taken at the Church after all the Masses on August 9th and 10th.

To all Clergy, Staff, PREP Catechists and All Volunteers: per Policy of the Diocese Lake Charles, ALL volunteers working with the children are REQUIRED to complete the Safe and Sacred training and have a completed background check for the safety and protection of children and young people. The new training is now available. If you are asked to complete a background check, please do so when initially asked, many checks have expired.



NEW Meal Train Account! PREP will begin on Wednesday, September 3. Please consider donating a meal to feed our students! Sign Up using the QR Code or by using this link:

https://mealtrain.com/qgqn71

The purpose of this Meal Train Ministry is to provide a hot meal on Wednesday night for our PREP students. This gives them time for fellowship together prior to instruction beginning.



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