

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: Julie Roussel

Bookkeeper: Aimee Brasseaux

Custodian: John Garantine

Paish Catechetical Leader (PCL):

Julie Roussel

Asst. PCL: William Frost

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):

Angela Lannen

Music Minister: Darlene Watson

New Office Hours

Monday –Thursday 8:30am– 3:30pm

Office Closed 12:00 noon –1:00pm,

Friday 8:30am –12:00pm

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August 16 2026



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 Clever Woman of Faith

Why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman? At first he seems to be putting her off. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help. She refused to give up and stop asking.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. He shows us that we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

Tom Schmidt



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 8/17	Communion Service
Tuesday 8/18	Louis Manino Family
Wednesday 8/19	Dorothy Watson
Thursday 8/20	Sam Gregorio
Friday 8/21	Levy Asperstrand
Saturday 8/22	For Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 8/23 9:00 am	Charles Duplechain, Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Edward Mike Keuten, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Richard Young, Shirley & Sheldon Young, Myrtis Duplachain, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 8/23 11:30 am	Ryan Dillard, Andy Storer, Andrew Cronce, Levy Asperstrand, Meryl Roussel, Joe Lingo (Healing), Peggy Hineman Taylor

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

August 15th & August 16th, 2026

Offertory	\$ 13,713.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 125.00
Insurance	\$ 315.00

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

August 2 *Bishop's Service Appeal*

August 16 *Insurance*

August 30 *Catholic University of America*

Collections for the Month of August

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR/CALENDARIO SEMANAL

Monday Lunes Aug 17/ Agosto 17	12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes Aug 18/ Agosto 18	9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Mass
Wednesday Miércoles Aug 19/ Agosto 19	12:10 pm Mass / Misa 12:40- 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística 6:00 pm CLJ (English)
Thursday Jueves Aug 20/ Agosto 20	12:10 pm Mass / Misa 5:30 pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes Aug 21 /Agosto 21	12:10 pm Mass
Saturday Sábado Aug 22/ Agosto 22	4:00pm Mass
Sunday Domingo Aug 23/ Agosto 23	9:00 am Mass / Misa - Birthday Reception for Deacon Al after the 9:00am Mass. 11:30 am Mass / Misa Misa en español a las 5:00 p. m.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

August 22nd & 23rd	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Jill Simon	Ryan Cook	Julie Roussel
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Frank Rossi Gertie Rossi Jeff Fogleman Nancy Simmons	Deacon Al Nicole Kyle Bill Frost Janelle Frost	John Burch Sonia Maskas Laura Black Claire Vidrine
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire MacGregor	Grayson Gardner Sley Garnder Celeste Gardner Monica Garcia	Andy Granger James Granger John Granger

Money Counters: Team 2

Saint Joseph Catholic Church



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 Fazio Family will receive the Vocation Cross next weekend (8/22) at the 4pm 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, Carole Fontenot, Sue Billot, Courtney Montgomery

Loving God, please bring comfort, strength, and healing to all the sick members of our parish. Wrap them in your gentle love, ease their pain, and grant peace to their families.

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

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

Una mujer de fe inteligente

¿Por qué Jesús se porta de esa forma con la mujer cananea? Al principio parece que la está desanimando. No lo hace para desanimarla, sino para obtener una respuesta de fe. Quiere ver si va a pedir con persistencia.

Podemos decirnos a nosotros mismos que somos personas de fe, pero ¿nos desanimamos fácilmente? ¿Pensamos que Dios se ha olvidado de nosotros cuando estamos con problemas? La respuesta inteligente de la mujer a Jesús nos recuerda que ella confiaba en el poder y la voluntad de Jesús de ayudarla. No se dio por vencida ni dejó de pedir.

Jesús también estaba enseñando a sus discípulos que la fe es más importante que la nacionalidad. Mucho después de la resurrección de Jesús, la iglesia batallaba con la cuestión de los creyentes no judíos. Puede ser que hoy en día hacemos lo mismo pero al revés. Algunas personas piensan que solo los católicos pueden salvarse y que no hay esperanza para los protestantes y mucho menos para los judíos. Pero aunque algunos rechazaron a Jesús, Dios nunca rechazó a los judíos.

Al final, Jesús respondió a su persistencia. Nos demuestra que podemos seguir orando hasta obtener una respuesta a nuestra oración. Mientras pasamos más tiempo en la oración, es más probable que escuchemos la respuesta de Dios. La oración puede ayudarnos a aceptar con tranquilidad que Dios solo hace lo que es mejor para nosotros.

Por Tom Schmidt

- La misa en español de Agosto 23 @ 5pm

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



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 los.

Parish Announcements

We will be celebrating Deacon Al's birthday in Kern Hall, Sunday the 23rd after the 9:00am Mass

Sign up now for the Annual Veritas Conference, September 19, 2026 at OLQH Family Life Center. ALL are invited to attend this conference. The keynote speaker is Fr. Michael Champagne. "In this is Love" 1 John 4:10.

Pre-Sales **CONSOLATA CEMETERY**

Pre-sales are open for the new Mausoleum GMDD Building 3 at Consolata Cemetery. The purchase of a garden mausoleum crypt includes a complete burial package. The new addition will consist of single and companion mausoleum crypts. Take advantage of our no interest payment plan, and 10% pre-sales discount. Call Dewey Duhon or Angela Tauzin to schedule an appointment.

(337) 477-5372

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



Youth News

**Back to CCD Bash 09/02/2026 @ 6pm
Kern Hall**

CCD 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>

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 16, 2026

Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



**CATECHIST
TRAINING DAY**
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
MORNING SESSION: 9:30 AM-12:00 PM
FRANCISCAN AT HOME SESSION: 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Sessions will be available for Elementary, Middle and High School Catechists.

**CONTACT YOUR PCL FOR MORE DETAILS
AND TO SIGN UP**

**ST. THEODORE CATHOLIC CHURCH
785 SAN HOUSTON JONES PARKWAY
MOSS BLUFF**

August Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Agosto Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV

For evangelization in the city. Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community..

Por la evangelización en la ciudad. Oremos para que, en las grandes ciudades a menudo marcadas por el anonimato y la soledad, encontremos nuevas formas de anunciar el Evangelio, descubriendo caminos creativos para construir comunidad

Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost

For Christians throughout the world persecuted for their faith and an end to the injustices perpetrated against them, that God will grant us courage to protect religious freedom

Por los cristianos de todo el mundo perseguidos por su fe y para que cesen las injusticias cometidas contra ellos; para que Dios nos conceda el valor de proteger la libertad religiosa..

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->