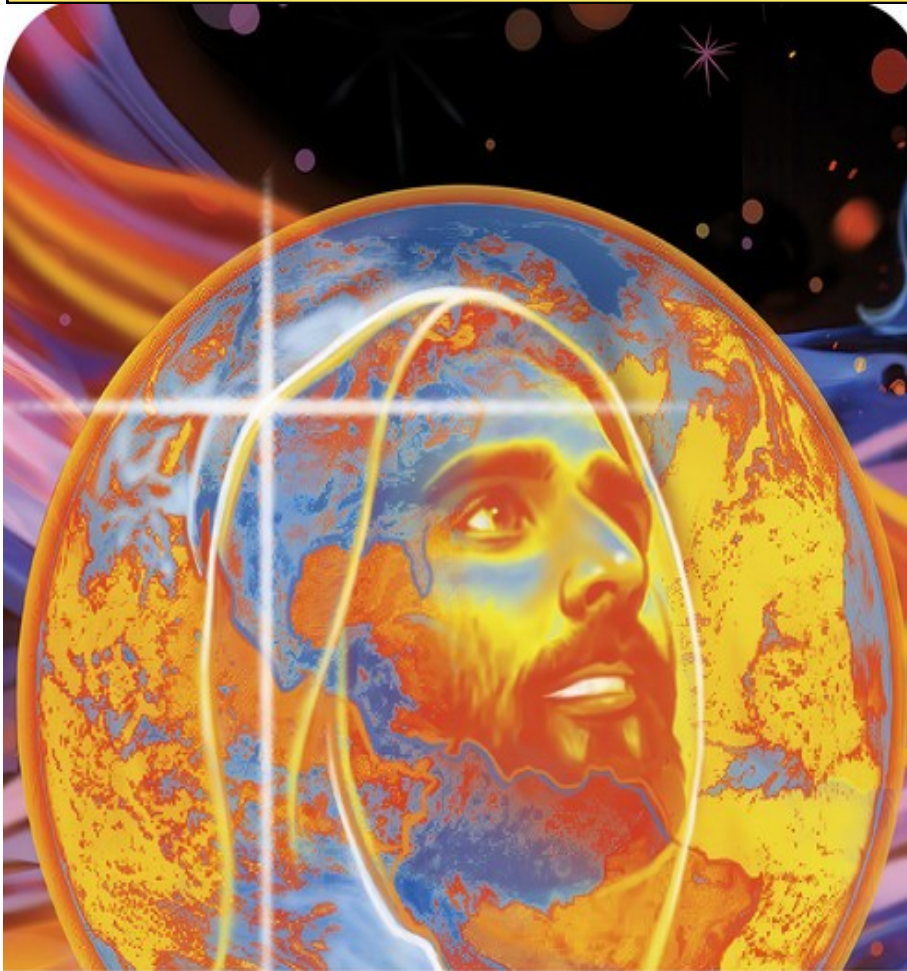


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive
Deridder, Louisiana 70634



I HAVE COME TO
**SET THE
EARTH**
ON FIRE

HE VENIDO
**A TRAER
FUEGO**
A LA TIERRA

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 (PCL):
Julie Roussel

Assistant PCL: William Frost

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):
Angela Lannen

Music Minister: Darlene Watson

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.

How Much?

How much is good enough? How do we know when we have been generous enough or faithful enough to please the Lord? How do we know we have done enough to avoid sin?

Although I do not for one minute believe that God is sitting up in heaven next to a giant scoreboard keeping a tally of our good and bad deeds, we *will* be judged at the end of our lives. Today's second reading provokes self analysis in this regard: "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood."

How do we react when we sin? Do we give into temptation so often that we don't even feel a ping to our conscience? Do we instantly regret what we have done and seek forgiveness from the person we have wronged? Do we look for the next available confession time? Do we let our sins pile up one upon the other and only seek the Sacrament when we can no longer stand it?

Our Lord revealed to St. Faustina just how much sin hurts His Sacred Heart. If we truly took that to heart, we would flee from sin so much more often. It would become repugnant to us. During the Divine Mercy Novena, we read "bring to me all mankind, especially sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me" (*Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*).

So let us turn away from sin and instead spread love and joy and truth. Let us set the earth on fire with the blazing love of God! (see today's Gospel)

Tami Urcia

¿Cuanto?

¿Cuánto es suficiente? ¿Cómo sabemos cuándo hemos sido lo suficientemente generosos o fieles para agradar al Señor? ¿Cómo sabemos que hemos hecho lo suficiente para evitar el pecado?

Aunque no creo ni por un instante que Dios esté sentado en el cielo junto a un marcador gigantesco que lleva la cuenta de nuestras buenas y malas acciones, es cierto que seremos juzgados al final de nuestras vidas. La segunda lectura de hoy me invita a un autoanálisis al respecto: "todavía no han llegado a derramar su sangre en la lucha contra el pecado".

¿Cómo reaccionamos cuando pecamos? ¿Cedemos a la tentación tan a menudo que ni siquiera sentimos remordimiento? ¿Nos arrepentimos al instante de lo que hemos hecho y buscamos el perdón de la persona a la que hemos ofendido? ¿Buscamos la próxima oportunidad para ir a confesarnos? ¿Dejamos que nuestros pecados se amontonen y solo buscamos el Sacramento cuando ya no podemos soportarlo más?

Nuestro Señor le reveló a Santa Faustina cuánto hiere el pecado a su Sagrado Corazón. Si realmente tomáramos esto en serio, huiríamos del pecado con mucha más frecuencia. Se volvería repugnante para nosotros. Durante la Novena a la Divina Misericordia, leemos: «Trae a mí a toda la humanidad, especialmente a los pecadores, y sumérgelos en el océano de mi misericordia. Así me consolarás en el amargo dolor en que me sume la pérdida de las almas» (*Diario de Santa María Faustina Kowalska*).

Así que, alejémonos del pecado y, en cambio, deramemos amor, alegría y verdad. ¡Encendemos la tierra con el amor ardiente de Dios! (ver el Evangelio de hoy)

Tami Urcia

Scripture Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c -7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	18	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tues	19	12:10 pm	Marcos Torres
Wed	20	12:10 pm	Sam Gregorio
Wed	21	1:00-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	22	12:10 pm	Clarence Chantlin
Fri	23	12:10 pm	Richard Young

August 23rd & 24th, 2025

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

Sunday, 9:00am: Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors, For a special intention

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

Sunday, 5 pm: Marcos Torres, Josefina Zermeño, Jorge and Elisa Quiñones

Offertory for August 9th and 10th, 2025

Offertory	\$11,702
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$63
Insurance	\$45

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

August 23rd & 24th, 2025

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00pm Gertie Rossi, Frank Rossi
9:00am Jeff Fogleman, Nancy Simmons
Deacon Al, Janelle Frost
Katie Weinnig, Melinda Granger
11:30am Deacon Al, Danny Hernandez
Michelle Lingo, Theresa Stout

Lectors

4:00pm Jill Simon
9:00am Glenn Granger
11:30am Sheryl Douglas

Altar Servers

4:00pm Jude Lowe
9:00am Grayson Gardner, Peyton Rider
11:30am Ethan Thompson, Wesley Soileau

Money Counters: TEAM 2

Upcoming Announcements

4th Degree KC Meeting is on Monday, August 18th at 7 pm.



Congratulations to Deacon Al! We will celebrate Deacon Al's birthday next Sunday, August 24th after the 9am Mass in Kern Hall. Please come and wish him a Happy Birthday! His birthday is August 26th.

Second Collection - We will have a second collection on all Masses on August 23-24 for Religious Education.

Spanish Mass - Our next Mass in Spanish is next Sunday, Aug 24th, at 5 pm. Nuestra próxima misa en español es el siguiente Domingo, 24 de Agosto. Los esperamos!

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, teaches the individual interested in becoming Catholic the beliefs, prayers, and practices of the Roman Catholic Church. This prepares them to receive the sacraments of baptism, reconciliation and confirmation at Easter. Those baptized in the Catholic Church, but who have not completed their sacraments also study under this program. Classes will be held weekly starting in September. If you are interested, or if you know someone who is interested in knowing about our Catholic Faith, please call the Pastoral Center soon to initiate the process by making an appointment with Fr. Wayne.

Vocation Prayer Book and Cross

The Vocation Cross: Michelle and Joe Lingo 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

Saint Joseph Catholic



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: 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.**



Meal Train®

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/ggqn71>

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.



Parish App! Remember to download **myParish App** so you can receive messages from the Church. You can download the app by visiting myparishshapp.com or searching for myparish on your phone's app store, or using this QR code.



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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
