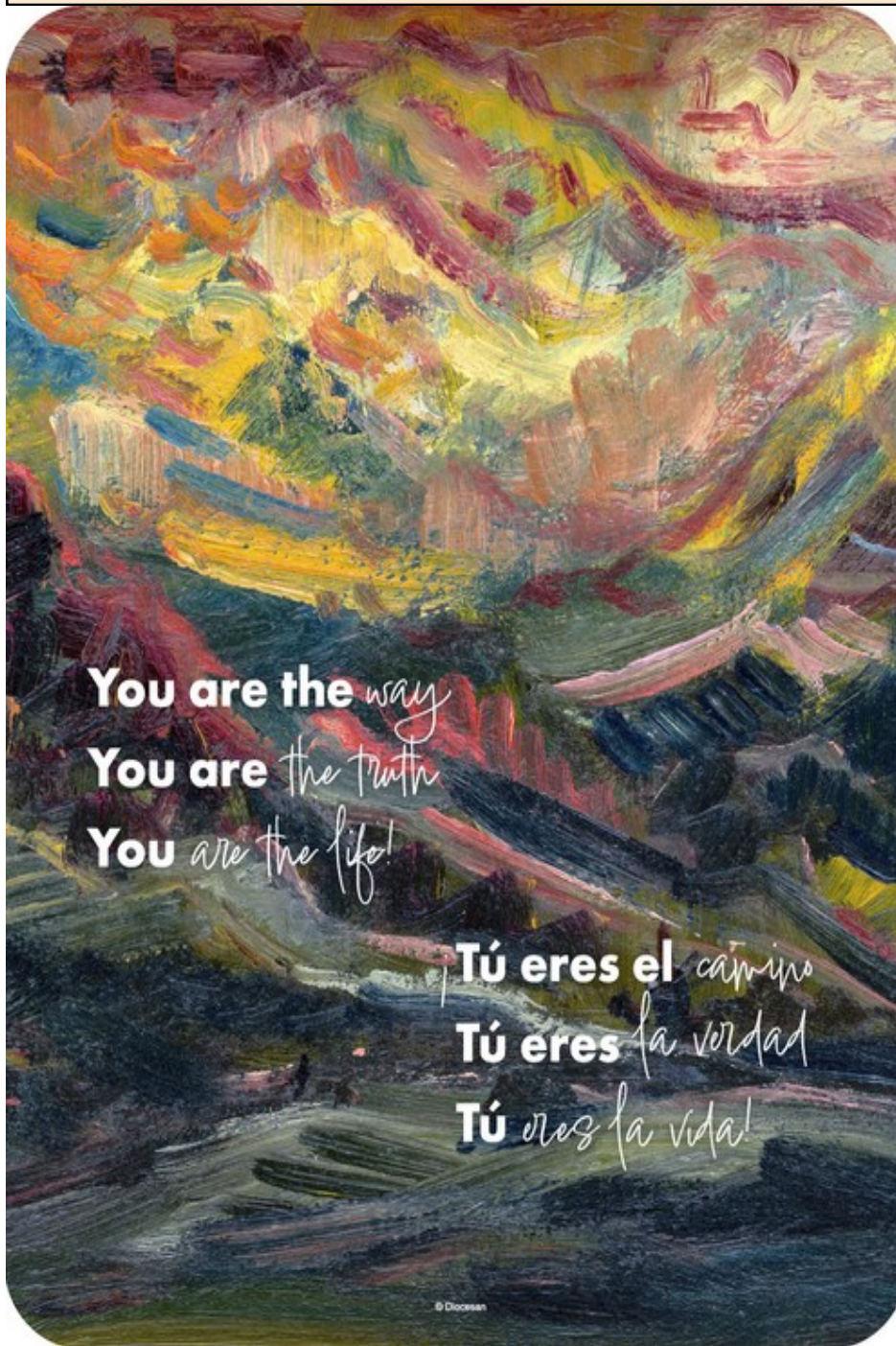


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025

Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we follow our consciences or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

Tom Schmidt

Lucir Bien

¿No les encanta cuando gana el que no es favorito? ¿Cuando los Cardenales vencen a los Yankees por el campeonato, o los Blues a los Red Wings, o los Rams a cualquiera? Incluso cuando veo un partido donde no juega un equipo de St. Louis, me gusta apoyar al que no es favorito. Eso es lo que me gusta del Evangelio de hoy: los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos.

Algunos dicen que Jesús se refería a los líderes judíos, los escribas y fariseos. Estos se negaron a seguir a Jesús, mientras que los judíos comunes que no se sentían amenazados por sus enseñanzas se convirtieron en discípulos.

En cierto modo, se puede entender por qué los líderes rechazaron a Jesús. Se ganaban bien la vida con las ofrendas de los judíos comunes. ¿Y quién podría discutir con ellos? Trabajaban para Dios. ¿Cómo se atrevía Jesús a decir que serían expulsados, mientras que gente del resto del mundo entraría en el Reino de Dios!

¿Y nosotros? ¿Nos sentimos amenazados por el mensaje de Jesús? Así como los escribas y fariseos se consideraban importantes a los ojos de Dios por su oficio, ¿nos consideramos "salvos" por llamarnos cristianos? ¿Somos generosos con los pobres o solo con nuestros amigos? ¿Seguimos nuestra conciencia o seguimos a la multitud?

Entrar en el Reino de Dios no es una moda. No llegamos por lucir bien. Jesús nos invita a ser los últimos en la tierra para poder ser los primeros en el Reino.

Tom Schmidt

Scripture Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

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
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	25	12:10 pm	Communion Service
Tues	26	12:10 pm	Rolanne and George Fisher
Wed	20	12:10 pm	Velma Anderson
Wed	21	1:00-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	22	12:10 pm	Thomas Wilson
Fri	23	12:10 pm	Arnold Wyatt

August 30th & 31st, 2025

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

Sunday, 9:00am: Frances McKelvin, Evelyn Scalfi, Charles Hebert, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors

Sunday, 11:30 am: Vanessa Walker, Lucy Acosta, Andrew Cronce

Offertory for August 16th and 17th, 2025

Offertory	\$11,682
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$100
Insurance	\$3,765

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 30th & 31st, 2025

Extraordinary Ministers

Matthew Lee, Angela Lannen
Lesila Lee, Charlie Lannen
Deacon Al, Brian Lestage
Kathleen Nichols, Suzanne Lestage
Deacon Al, Jeanette LaRosa
John Burch, Sonia Maskas

Lectors

Rane Sills
Shiladitho Deb
Michelle Lingo

Altar Servers

Cameron MacGregor
Ethen Deb, Sley Gardner
Jude Lowe, Macie McBride

4:00pm

9:00am

11:30am

4:00pm

9:00am

11:30am

4:00pm

9:00am

11:30am

Money Counters: TEAM 3

Upcoming Announcements

Catholic Charities Food Distribution is on Thursday, August 28th at 9:30 am. Please note the change in time.



Happy Birthday to Deacon Al! Thank you for all you do for our Church. We appreciate you!

THANKS to everyone that helped with Kern Hall work day!

Viewing of Canonization Mass for Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio in Kern Hall, from 1-3 pm on September 7th. Hosted by the Jr. Catholic Daughters. We will have some food and drinks! Please join us in watching this unique event of a lifetime!

Veritas conference The 14th annual Catholic *Veritas Conference* in the Diocese of Lake Charles will feature author and songwriter Mike Aquilina as keynote speaker on Saturday, September 13. This year's theme is "The Church Fathers." The conference is an event for all adult Catholics, consisting of keynote addresses, breakout sessions, prayer, lunch and vendors. It begins with Mass at 8:30 a.m. in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, 3939 Lake Street, followed by the Welcome and Keynote at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Center. Online registration is \$30 per person through August 31 and \$40 per person September 1 through noon September 12.

Vocation Prayer Book and Cross

The Vocation Cross: Joe and Bea Fontenot 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:

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 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.

PREP classes will begin on Wednesday, September 3rd for 6th to 12th graders and on Sunday, September 7th for PreK-5th grade.

To all Clergy, Staff, PREP Catechists and All Volunteers: per Policy of the Diocese Lake Charles, please complete the Safe and Sacred training and have a completed background check done if asked.



Meal Train®

NEW Meal Train Account! Please consider donating a meal to feed our students on Wednesdays! Sign Up using the QR Code or by using this link
<https://mealtrain.com/ggqn7l>

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.



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.

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
