

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive - Deridder, Louisiana 70634

<https://www.stjosephderidder.org>

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Levi Thompson, Pastor
Deacon Al Winnig

PARISH STAFF

Secretary: Julie Roussel
Bookkeeper: Aimee Brasseaux
Custodian: John Garantine
Paish Catechetical Leader (PCL):
Julie Roussel
Asst. PCL: Tessa Granger
Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):
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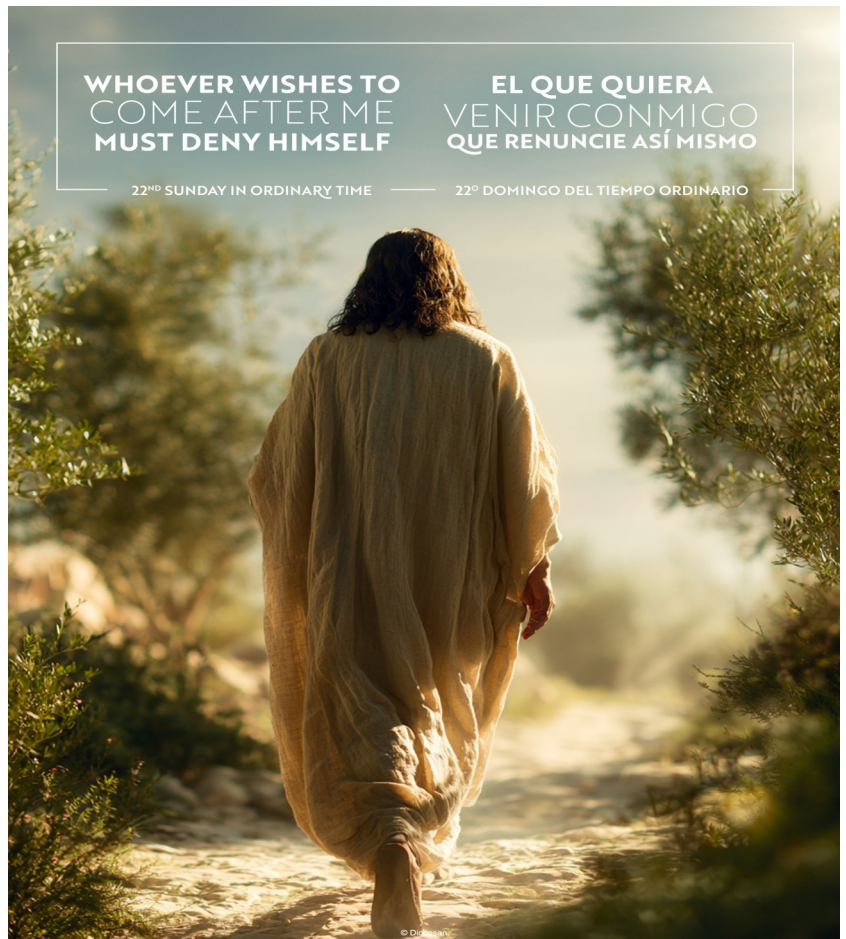
New Office Hours

Monday –Thursday 8:30am– 3:30pm
Office Closed 12:00 noon –1:00pm,
Friday 8:30am –12:00pm

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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

The Eyes of a Child

Christian churches sometimes advertise that they are a contemporary, casual church. One thing that concerns me is that they do not add “challenging” to that description. Some people try to teach that since Jesus is risen from the dead, we should also be able to live that way—rejoicing, but never sorrowing. But if we preach resurrection without the cross, we are acting like Peter in the Gospel.

Peter had just proclaimed that Jesus was the Messiah, but he failed to understand that Jesus’ mission was not to bring wealth and glory to Israel. Like Satan’s temptations in the desert, he wanted Jesus to take the easy way to glory.

Instead, Jesus challenges us to deny ourselves. As long as we center our lives on our own pleasure and comfort, we are rejecting the cross. To deny oneself means to choose God’s will over our own. It means to be willing to suffer for being honest. It means giving God the first place in our lives. It means we get more joy from serving others than serving ourselves.

That is one reason I like the image of God as father. Parents will lose much of their freedom—and much sleep—when they bring a child into the world. But they find a new joy in the eyes of that child. We are all called to lose our selfish lives and find the joy of living for Jesus.

-Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 8/31	Communion Service
Tuesday 9/1	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 9/2	Ronald Rhame
Thursday 9/3	Arnold Wyatt
Friday 9/4	Donelly Family
Saturday 9/5	For Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 9/6 9:00 am	Charles Duplechain, Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Edward Mike Keuten, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 9/6 11:30 am	Nancy Seybert Erickson, Andy Storer, Andrew Cronce, Louis Manino Fmly, Levy Asperstrand, Annie Sanford

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 22nd & August 23rd, 2026

Offertory	\$ 11,022.00
Bishop’s Services Appeal	\$ 35.00
Insurance	\$ 10,130.00

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

Collections for the Month of September

September 13	Bishop’s Service Appeal
September 20	Insurance
September 27	

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.

Take up your
Cross
and follow me ...



WEEKLY CALENDAR/CALENDARIO SEMANAL

Monday Lunes Aug 31/ Agosto 31	12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes Sept. 1/ sep 1	9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Mass
Wednesday Miércoles Sept. 2/ sep 2	12:10 pm Mass / Misa 12:40- 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística 6:00 pm CLJ (English) Back to CCD Bash! 6pm Kern Hall
Thursday Jueves Sept 3/ sep 3	12:10 pm Mass / Misa 5:30 pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes Sept. 4 /sep 4	12:10 pm Mass
Saturday Sábado Sept. 5/ sep 5	4:00pm Mass
Sunday Domingo Sept. 6/ sep 6	9:00 am Mass / Misa 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

September 5th & 6th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Kay Bourne	Dwain Ducote	Terrence Carter
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Charlie Lannen Angela Lannen Henry Billings Nancy Simmons	Deacon Al Suzanne Lestage Brian Lestage Jody Cline	Jacque Vidrine John Burch Cathy Bradley Claire Vidrine
ALTAR SERVERS	Lilliana Lemus Jorge Lemus John Lemus	Peyton Rider Jayden Henry Leo Burke	Macie McBride Kaston McBride Andrew Soileau Grayson Soileau

Money Counters: Team 4

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!

Henry & Laura Billings will receive the Vocation Cross next weekend (9/5) at the 4pm Mass. (Please return the Cross and book by the next Friday by noon.)

"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, Ryan Dillard, Nancy Seybert Erickson

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

Las iglesias cristianas a veces anuncian que son una iglesia contemporánea e informal. Una cosa que me preocupa es que no agregan "desafiante" a esa descripción. Algunas personas tratan de enseñar que, dado que Jesús resucitó de entre los muertos, también deberíamos poder vivir de esa manera, regocijándonos, pero nunca afligidos. Pero si predicamos la resurrección sin la cruz, estamos actuando como Pedro en el Evangelio.

Pedro acababa de proclamar que Jesús era el Mesías, pero no entendió que la misión de Jesús no era traer riqueza y gloria a Israel. Al igual que las tentaciones de Satanás en el desierto, quería que Jesús tomara el camino fácil hacia la gloria.

En cambio, Jesús nos pide negarnos a nosotros mismos. Mientras centremos nuestras vidas en nuestro propio placer y comodidad, estamos rechazando la cruz. Negarse a sí mismo significa elegir la voluntad de Dios sobre la nuestra. Significa estar dispuesto a sufrir por ser honesto. Significa darle a Dios el primer lugar en nuestras vidas. Significa que obtengamos más alegría sirviendo a los demás que sirviéndonos a nosotros mismos.

Es una de las razones por las cuales me gusta la imagen de Dios como padre. Los padres perderán gran parte de su libertad, y mucho sueño, cuando traen un hijo al mundo. Pero encuentran una nueva alegría en los ojos de ese niño. Todos estamos llamados a perder nuestras vidas egoístas y encontrar la alegría de vivir para Jesús.

Por Tom Schmidt

- ***La misa en español 27 de septiembre @ 5pm***
- ***Tenga en cuenta que nuestro nuevo horario de oficina es:*** de lunes a jueves de 8:30 a 15:30, cerrado de 12:00 a 13:00. Viernes de 8:30 a 12:00.

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 Dios.

Parish Announcements

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 7th in Observance of Labor Day. Have a blessed and safe weekend!

Announcement

OCIA Begins in September

Are you interested in becoming Catholic, or know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, or a Catholic in need of completing the sacraments?

Join us for OCIA

(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults).

Sessions begin mid-September.

For more information, please call the church office

Catholic Daughters are still collecting donated items for our **Boxes of Joy** campaign.

Please see the display in the back of the foyer for information on this important ministry and grab a tag or two of the items that we are still in need of. Be on the lookout for our Box packing party when we pack as many boxes as we can for kids in need.

The date to that event will be announced soon. We will also still have boxes available for you to take home to pack on your own.



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-at-a-glance>

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>

Children's Church will begin, Sunday September 13, 2026 during the 9am Mass for children ages 3yrs up to 1st grade.

Everyone is invited to fuel their faith at *Veritas* 2026 on Saturday, September 19!

- Are you new to the Catholic faith? You are invited.
 - Are you a cradle Catholic? You are invited.
 - Do you help teach the faith? You are invited.
- Do you want to re-ignite your faith? You are invited.

To register online, visit <http://www.lcdiocese.org/resources/event-registration>.
Paper Registrations available

VERITAS Conference

Saturday SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

"In this is love..."
1 John 4:10

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center
3939 Kingston Street, Lake Charles

Doors open at 8:30 AM
Conference from 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Includes breakout sessions, and Catholic vendors, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration. 4:00 PM Vigil Mass will be available at church.

More Information:
veritas@lcdiocese.org
 (337) 439-7400 ext 309



Keynote Speaker:
Fr. Michael Champagne, STD

Scripture Readings for the Week of August 30, 2026

Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday Lk	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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..

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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..

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

