

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigésimo Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"For everyone who exalts
himself will be humbled,
but the one who humbles
himself will be exalted."

Luke 14:11

"Porque el que se
ensalza será humillado
y el que se humilla
será ensalzado."

Lucas 14, 11



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.

Partying with Angels

While the first reading from Sirach and the Gospel focus on humility, with a surprise reversal of the humble being exalted, the reading from Hebrews surprises us in a different way. The author uses apocalyptic imagery to show how much the relationship between God and humanity has changed. He starts with images of fire, storms, and trumpet blasts—images that may remind you of an erupting volcano. Even God's words brought fear and trembling.

It may not be surprising that God is beyond human comprehension, but Hebrews says no. God doesn't want to be so far beyond us that we only approach in fear. Using more images from the end-time, the author gives us a picture of the baptized partying with angels and all the just who have died. And of course God is the host. Let's look at some of those images to see how our relationship with the Lord has grown.

The heavenly Jerusalem reminds us that the Church is our home—not just your parish church building but the whole community of faith. How "at home" are you with your fellow parishioners? A church community can be a place to support those who are sick or jobless or depressed. It is also a place to be supported, to see God's love in action. The angels in Hebrews may be a symbol of that support.

The "firstborn" and "spirits of the just" could remind us of those who went before us and now rest in the Lord. They had their own struggles in life, and now live in glory. They help us to keep our true goal in mind, eternal life.

Jesus came to show us how much God loves us and how close God can be. When he shed his blood on the cross (the final sign in our reading), he renewed the covenant with God's people. We accept that gift not just by a verbal statement of faith, but by a life lived as Jesus showed us, in love of God and our neighbor.

Tom Schmidt

Hacer Fiesta con los Ángeles

Mientras que la primera lectura del Sirácida y el Evangelio se enfocan en la humildad, con una sorprendente inversión de la exaltación del humilde, la lectura de Hebreos nos sorprende de una manera diferente. El autor utiliza imágenes apocalípticas para mostrar cuánto ha cambiado la relación entre Dios y la humanidad. Comienza con imágenes de fuego, tormentas y trompetas, imágenes que pueden recordarnos a un volcán en erupción. Incluso las palabras de Dios infundían temor y temblor.

Puede que no sea sorprendente que Dios esté más allá de la comprensión humana, pero la carta a los Hebreos nos dice que no. Dios no quiere estar tan lejos de nosotros que solo nos acerquemos con miedo. Utilizando más imágenes del fin de los tiempos, el autor nos ofrece una imagen de los bautizados celebrando con ángeles y todos los justos que han muerto. Y, por supuesto, Dios es el anfitrión. Veamos algunas de esas imágenes para ver cómo ha crecido nuestra relación con el Señor.

La Jerusalén celestial nos recuerda que la Iglesia es nuestro hogar; no solo el templo de nuestra parroquia, sino toda la comunidad de fe. ¿Qué tan "en casa" te sientes con los otros feligreses? Una comunidad eclesial puede ser un lugar para apoyar a quienes están enfermos, desempleados o deprimidos. También es un lugar para recibir apoyo, para ver el amor de Dios en acción. Los ángeles en Hebreos pueden ser un símbolo de ese apoyo.

Los "primogénitos" y los "espíritus de los justos" podrían recordarnos a quienes nos precedieron y ahora descansan en el Señor. Tuvieron sus propias batallas en la vida y ahora viven en la gloria. Nos ayudan a mantener presente nuestro verdadero objetivo: la vida eterna.

Jesús vino a mostrarnos cuánto nos ama Dios y cuán cerca puede estar. Cuando derramó su sangre en la cruz (la última señal de las lecturas), renovó la alianza con el pueblo de Dios. Aceptamos ese don no solo con una declaración verbal de fe, sino con una vida vivida como Jesús nos enseñó, por amor a Dios y al prójimo. Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 9/1	Communion Service
Tuesday 9/2	Velma Anderson
Wednesday 9/3	Thomas Wilson
Thursday 9/4	Sick and Dying
Friday 9/5	Ashley Kresbach
Saturday 9/6	Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 9/7 9:00 am	Charles Hebert, Charles Duplechien, Jesse and Eva Blakeman, Dr. Ted J. Hoerner, For a special intention, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 9/7 11:30 am	Vanessa Walker, Andrew Cronce

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

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.

Offertory for August 23rd and 24th, 2025

Offertory	\$9,994
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$25
Insurance	\$145

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

2nd Collections for the Month of September

September 6-7 Bishop's Services Appeal

September 21-22 Insurance

September 27-28 Bishop's Services Appeal

Cereal for God's Food Box is collected on the 2nd week-end 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.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

WEEKLY CALENDAR/CALENDARIO SEMANAL

Monday Lunes September/ Septiembre 1	OFFICE CLOSED • 12:10 pm Communion Service/ Servicio de Comunión • 6:00 pm CDA Meeting (Kern)
Tuesday Martes September/ Septiembre 2	• 9:30 am CLJ (English) • 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles September/ Septiembre 3	• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa • 12:40 - 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística • 6 pm CLJ (English) • 6 pm PREP
Thursday Jueves September/ Septiembre 4	• 12:10 pm Mass/Misa • 5:30 pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes September/ Septiembre 5	• 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Saturday Sábado September/ Septiembre 6	• 4:00 pm Mass / Misa • 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (Español)
Sunday Domingo September/ Septiembre 7	• 9:00 am Mass / Misa • 10:00 PREP • 11:30 am Mass / Misa • 1-3 pm - Showing of Canoniza- tion Mass in Kern Hall. Ver Misa de Canonización –Kern

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

September 6/7, 2025	Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Kay Bourne	Tim Kyle	Terrence Carter
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Frank Rossi Gertie Rossi Jeff Fogleman Missy Ducote	Deacon Al Nicole Kyle Melinda Granger Glenn Granger	Deacon Al Michelle Lingo Cathy Bradley Theresa Stout
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Grayson Gardner Celeste Garner	Andy Granger James Granger



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 increase vocations. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer of the Church. Please sign up!

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

Pray for our sick

(Please contact the Pastoral Center)



Kim Bailey, Danny Hernandez

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

"Father God, you alone heal hearts and bodies, minds, and spirits. Today, we ask you to lay your healing hand on our loved ones. We ask for the healing of illness, physical weakness, and of broken hearts and spirits. " Tamela Turbeville

Candles \$5



Candles are available to burn in the Church or to take home. When lit they represent an expression of faith and devotion, often used to accompany prayers for specific intentions, such as intercession for the deceased, the sick, for loved ones, in thanksgiving. The light of the candle signifies the light of Christ and the prayers rising to God.

Our Organizations and Ministries
You can get involved and assist in our Church- 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

Anuncios de la Parroquia

Misa de canonización de los Beatos Carlo Acutis y Pier Giorgio Frassati en Kern hall. Estaremos viendo ésta misa el 7 de Septiembre de 1 - 3 pm. Va a ser organizado por las Jr. Catholic Daughters Habrá comida y bebidas.

El Beato Carlo Acutis, el primer santo milenar, y el Beato Pier Giorgio Frassati, hombre de las Bienaventuranzas, serán canonizados por el Papa León XIV el 7 de septiembre en la Plaza de San Pedro. Este evento histórico atraerá a peregrinos de todo el mundo y marca un momento trascendental para los jóvenes católicos que buscan modelos modernos de fe. «La doble canonización de Carlo Acutis y Pier Giorgio Frassati transmite un mensaje claro: la santidad es posible hoy, a cualquier edad, en cualquier vocación, y especialmente para los jóvenes. En una era de ruido digital y confusión cultural, la Iglesia está reconfortando a dos jóvenes laicos que vivieron con claridad, propósito y profunda fe en Jesucristo». (Ascension Press).

RIFA: Los Caballeros de Colón están haciendo una rifa de una estatua de San Francisco de Asís. Están vendiendo boletos a la salida de todas las misas. El costo de cada boleto es de \$5 ó cinco boletos por \$20. La rifa es a beneficio de un seminarista de la Diócesis. La rifa se llevará a cabo el 5 de Octubre.

Conferencia de Veritas en Lake Charles: El 13 de Septiembre de 9:30 am a 3:30 pm en Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center, 3939 Kingston St. Orador principal será Mike Aquilina. Habrán varias pláticas en español. Costo es de \$30 por persona.



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

Si quieres una intención durante una misa, favor comunicarte a la oficina. La donación por intención es de \$5 mínimo.

Misas en Español
2025 (4to Domingo del mes)

28 de Septiembre

26 de Octubre

23 de Noviembre

28 de Diciembre

Tenemos una imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe Peregrina —por favor contactar a la oficina para que la recibas en casa! El Padre te la dará durante una Misa si quieres.

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

Pastoral Center closed on Monday, September 1st, in observance of Labor Day.

Viewing of Canonization Mass for Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati in Kern Hall, from 1 to 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!

Knights of Columbus Raffle



Saturday, September 6: Priesthood Ordination

LAKE CHARLES — Deacon Hunter LaRocca will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood on Saturday, September 6, 2025. The Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 935 Bilbo Street.

Saturday, September 13: Veritas Conference LAKE

CHARLES — Registration is open for the annual Diocesan Veritas Conference on Saturday, September 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center, 3939 Kingston Street. The keynote speaker will be Mike Aquilina, an internationally acclaimed speaker on the Church Fathers who co-founded the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology with Dr. Scott Hahn. Online registration is \$30 per person through August 31 and \$40 per person September 1 through noon September 12. Parish groups of 6 or more will receive an additional \$5 off per person.

Many activities can be found in the Diocese of Lake Charles

website (retreats, meetings, special Masses, conferences, workshops, pilgrimages, etc)

<http://www.lcdiocese.org/3-news/3044-upcoming-events-at-a-glance>

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PREP 2025-2026 Registration:

In-person registrations are being taken in the Church office- \$30 fee per child + \$15 late fee. You can also 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.

NEW Meal Train Account! Please consider donating a meal to feed our students on Wednesdays! We have a priority of meals in September and October right now! 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.



Meal Train®



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.

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 7, 2025

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
Monday	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10, 11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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

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

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

Oremos para que las sociedades donde la convivencia parece más difícil no sucumban a la tentación del enfrentamiento por razones étnicas, políticas, religiosas o ideológicas.



September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Mary is venerated under this title to commemorate the seven sorrows that she suffered: The prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the child Jesus in the temple, meeting Jesus carrying his cross, the Crucifixion, receiving the body of Jesus from the cross, and the burial of Jesus. A devotional image of her shows her heart pierced with seven swords to represent these sorrows.