

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
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Paish Catechetical Leader (PCL):
Julie Roussel
Asst. PCL: Tessa Granger

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA):
Angela Lannen
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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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WHERE TWO OR THREE
ARE GATHERED TOGETHER
IN MY NAME
THERE AM I IN THE
MIDST OF THEM

MATTHEW 18:20

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

Not My Problem

Ever notice how people today like to ignore the evil in the world? People will witness a mugging and not bother to call the police. We see television stories of children starving in poor countries and say, "Not my problem." The readings for this Sunday challenge this attitude.

In the Gospel, Jesus' words teach us something about our duty to the sinner. First, he tells us that sin *is* our problem, and when we see it we need to take the initiative to stop it. Second, he tells us we need not feel alone in this duty. When the sinner refuses to listen, we bring in help. In fact, this command is meant for the whole church. Third, he tells us to be persistent; don't give up on someone too easily.

So what about that line about treating the sinner who refuses to listen as a Gentile or tax collector? On the one hand, the sinner would be excluded from the church, excommunicated, if he doesn't repent. On the other hand, Jesus never rejected tax collectors (like Matthew himself, who wrote this Gospel) or Gentiles. He said he came to call sinners, to save them. He loves sinners. And that is the reason we are to confront them—not to punish them, but to love them. For God never forces a person to repent. God invites with love, especially the love Jesus showed by dying on the cross. May we all learn to fight evil with love!

Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 9/7	Communion Service
Tuesday 9/8	Ronald Rhame
Wednesday 9/9	Gwendolyn Myles
Thursday 9/10	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday 9/11	Donnis Bell Jr.
Saturday 9/12	For Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 9/13 9:00 am	Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Edward Mike Keuten, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 9/6 11:30 am	Annie Sanford, In Thanksgiving of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Andy Storer, Andrew Cronce, Bart Fazio, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Levy Asperstrand, Joe Lingo, Polly St. Romain

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 29th & August 30th, 2026

Offertory	\$ 15,516.00
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$ 30.00
Insurance	\$ 53.00

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

Collections for the Month of September

<i>September 13</i>	<i>Bishop's Service Appeal</i>
<i>September 20</i>	<i>Insurance</i>
<i>September 27</i>	<i>Priesthood Sunday</i>

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 Sept. 7/ sep 7	12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes Sept. 8/ sep 8	9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Mass
Wednesday Miércoles Sept. 9/ sep 9	12:10 pm Mass / Misa 12:40- 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística 6:00 pm CLJ (English) CCD Classes Begin 6:30pm, Meal @6pm in Kern Hall
Thursday Jueves Sept 10/ sep 10	12:10 pm Mass / Misa 5:30 pm CLJ (English) 10am Senior Bingo
Friday Viernes Sept. 11/sep 11	12:10 pm Mass
Saturday Sábado Sept. 12/ sep 12	4:00pm Mass 9am National Day of Remembrance –Mary's Prayer Garden.
Sunday Domingo Sept. 13/ sep 13	9:00 am Mass / Misa 11:30 am Mass / Misa CCD Begins for Prek-5th Grade 10:00am - 11:15am

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

September 12th & 13th	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Chuck Potts	Tim Kyle	Sonia Maskas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Jeff Fogleman Dawn Skinner Kay Bourne Gertie Rossi	Deacon Al Katie Winnig Jorge Lemus Lauren Lemus	John Burch Todd Granger Jeanette LaRosa Tessa Granger
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor Claire MacGregor	Colson Bourque Bret Kyle Lane Bourque	Andrew Soileau Sebastian Ballona Ayden Wilber Hadley Wilber

Money Counters: Team 1

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, Tucker Greer, Sky Fitzwater

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

No es mi problema

¿Alguna vez has notado cómo a la gente de hoy le gusta ignorar el mal en el mundo? La gente puede presenciar un asalto y ni toma el tiempo de llamar a la policía. Vemos historias en la televisión de niños que se mueren de hambre en países pobres y decimos: "No es mi problema". Las lecturas de este domingo hablan en contra de esta actitud.

En el Evangelio, las palabras de Jesús nos enseñan algo sobre nuestro deber hacia el pecador. Primero, nos dice que el pecado es nuestro problema, y cuando lo vemos debemos tomar la iniciativa de pararlo. Segundo, nos dice que no debemos sentirnos solos en este deber. Cuando el pecador no quiere hacer caso, traemos a otras personas que nos ayuden. De hecho, este mandato es para toda la Iglesia. Tercero, nos dice que seamos persistentes; no te rindas con alguien tan fácilmente.

Entonces, ¿qué significa esa línea sobre tratar al pecador que no quiere hacer caso como un gentil o un recaudador de impuestos? Por un lado, el pecador sería excluido de la Iglesia, excomulgado, si no se arrepiente. Por otro lado, Jesús nunca rechazó a los recaudadores de impuestos (como el mismo Mateo quien escribió este Evangelio) ni a los gentiles. Dijo que vino a llamar a los pecadores, a salvarlos. Ama a los pecadores. Y por eso debemos enfrentarlos, no para castigarlos, sino para amarlos. Porque Dios nunca obliga a una persona a arrepentirse. Dios invita con amor, especialmente el amor que mostró Jesús al morir en la cruz. ¡Que todos aprendamos a combatir el mal con el amor!

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,***

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 ios.

Parish Announcements



The office will be closed for Labor Day.

Senior Bingo is Thursday @ 10am in Kern Hall. Bring a friend!



The 14th annual Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is September 12th. We will gather in Mary's Garden to pray for this spiritual mission. Please join us at 9:00am Saturday morning.

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

CCD Begins Wednesday, September 9th for Grades 6-11th. Meal in Kern Hall at 6pm. Classes 6:30-8pm.

Sunday Morning CCD Begins September 13th @ 10:00am-11:15am



Help nourish our CCD students and catechists by signing up to provide a meal. You can also donate \$\$ for meals.

Donations will be accepted in the church office.

Every contribution is a meaningful way to support our faith-formation ministry.

Sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/qgqn7l>

Thank you for sharing your time and generosity!

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>.

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 September 6, 2026

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
Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or Mt 1:18-23
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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 Church Office
Thursday at 5:30pm in the Ed. Bldg



O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Rite for Adults)

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or wish to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, or know of someone interested in becoming Catholic, please call the church office for more information. Classes start September 13. (337) 463-6878

September Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Septiembre Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Por el cuidado del agua

Oremos por una gestión justa y sostenible del agua, recurso vital, para que todos puedan tener un acceso equitativo a ella.

Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost

For students returning to school, that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts and minds to the truth of the Gospel.

Por los estudiantes que regresan a clases, para que el Espíritu Santo abra sus corazones y sus mentes a la verdad del Evangelio.