

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive
Deridder, Louisiana 70634
<https://www.stjosephderidder.org>



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 Winnig
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.

Free to Love

St. Paul must have understood today's Gospel very well. Like Jesus, he knew what being a disciple would cost. It landed him in prison. Also like Jesus, he is not afraid to ask others to take that discipleship seriously. And he is not ashamed to ask a favor: Would Philemon accept his runaway slave, Onesimus, back into his home? Not just as a slave, but as a member of his family.

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the cost of discipleship. Paul takes that a step further—he reminds us to accept that cost freely. He could have ordered his friend to free the slave. Instead of giving an order, he called Philemon to respond to his request freely. Perhaps we can learn from that example.

Like Paul, when Jesus commands us to love one another, he leaves us free to accept that challenge. Remember, he always says, "Love one another, as I have loved you" (John 13:34). Jesus was never compelled to cure anyone or forgive their sins. Yet how often do we go to church because we were told we have to? Do we volunteer for the picnic only because the pastor twists our arm?

We can live life just doing what we have to. Or when Jesus offers us a new motive—love for God because God loves us—we can choose to follow him freely. Let us ask the Spirit to fill us with the freedom to love.

Tom Schmidt

Libres para Amar

San Pablo debió comprender muy bien el Evangelio de hoy. Al igual que Jesús, sabía lo que costaría ser discípulo. Hasta lo llevó a la cárcel. También, como Jesús, no tiene miedo de pedir a otros que tomen en serio ese discipulado. Y no le da vergüenza pedir un favor: ¿Aceptaría Filemón a su esclavo fugitivo, Onésimo, de vuelta en su casa? No solo como esclavo, sino como miembro de su familia.

En el Evangelio, Jesús habla del precio del discipulado. Pablo va un paso más allá: nos recuerda que debemos aceptarlo libremente. Podría haber ordenado a su amigo que liberara al esclavo. En lugar de dar una orden, llamó a Filemón para que respondiera libremente a su petición. Quizás podamos aprender de ese ejemplo.

Al igual que Pablo, cuando Jesús nos manda amarnos unos a otros, nos da la libertad de aceptar ese reto. Recuerden, siempre dice: "Ámense unos a los otros, como yo los he amado" (Juan 13,34). Jesús nunca se vio obligado a curar a nadie ni a perdonar sus pecados. Lo hizo por amor. Sin embargo, ¿cuántas veces vamos a la iglesia porque nos dicen que tenemos que ir? ¿Nos ofrecemos ser voluntarios para el picnic solo porque el párroco nos suplica? Podemos vivir la vida haciendo lo que tenemos que hacer. O cuando Jesús nos ofrece una nueva motivación — amar a Dios porque Dios nos ama— podemos elegir seguirlo libremente. Pidamos al Espíritu Santo que nos llene de la libertad de amar.

Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 9/8	Communion Service
Tuesday 9/9	Gwendolyn Myles
Wednesday 9/10	Leonard and Albertha Chavis
Thursday 9/11	Velma Brown
Friday 9/12	Charles Chavis
Saturday 9/13	Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 9/14 9:00 am	Charles Hebert, Viola Chantlin, Jesse and Eva Blakeman, Dr. Ted J. Horner, In Thanksgiving, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 9/14 11:30 am	Beatrice Rossi, LaNell Howell, Kay and Gary Cooper, 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 30th and 31st, 2025

Offertory	\$9,915
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$50
Insurance	\$23

**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 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Communion Service/ Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes September/ Septiembre 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Communion Service/ Servicio de Comunión
Wednesday Miércoles September/ Septiembre 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Mass / Misa 12:40 - 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoración Eucarística 6 pm CLJ (English) 6 pm PREP
Thursday Jueves September/ Septiembre 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 am Senior Bingo 12:10 pm Mass/Misa 5:30 pm CLJ (English) 7:00 pm KC Meeting
Friday Viernes September/ Septiembre 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Saturday Sábado September/ Septiembre 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veritas Conference (Lake Charles) 4:00 pm Mass / Misa 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (Español)
Sunday Domingo September/ Septiembre 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Mass / Misa 10:00 PREP 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

September 13th/14th, 2025	Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Jeff Fogleman	Melinda Granger	Heather Vidrine
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Charlie Lannen Angela Lannen Nancy Simmons Michelle Lingo	Deacon Al Kathleen Nichols Katie Weinnig Bill Frost	Deacon Al Jacque Vidrine Jeanette LaRosa John Burch
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron Mac- Gregor	Ethen Deb Sley Gardner	Tanner Roussel Sebastian Ballona

Money Counters: Team 1



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!

Matthew and Lesila Lee will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 4pm 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

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 acabo el 5 de Octubre.

Conferencia 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 \$40 por persona desde el 1ro de Septiembre. Hay boletines de información en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia

Donación de Sangre - El Domingo 21 de Septiembre habrá una unidad móvil en el estacionamiento de la Iglesia donde se podrá donar sangre. Estarán recibiendo donaciones de 10 am a 2 pm si puedes donar para ayudar a salvar vidas!

Septiembre está dedicado a Nuestra Señora de los Dolores.



María es venerada bajo esta advocación para conmemorar los siete dolores que sufrió: la profecía de Simeón, la huida a Egipto, la pérdida del niño Jesús en el templo, el encuentro con Jesús cargando su cruz, la Crucifixión, la recepción del cuerpo de Jesús de la cruz y el entierro de Jesús. Una imagen devocional de ella muestra su corazón traspasado por siete espadas para representar estos dolores.

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

No Mass on Tuesday, September 9th. Father Wayne will be recognized for his service of 30 years with a Mass and luncheon sponsored by Serra Club in Lake Charles. Several religious personnel are being recognized.



Senior Bingo will be on Thursday, September 11th at 10 am in Kern Hall.

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting on Thursday, September 11th at 7 pm.

Knights of Columbus Raffle



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.



Save the Date - We will have another blood drive on September 21st from 10am to 2pm. We were informed that the drive in July was a success and we wish to thank everyone that contributed!

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>

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



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Meal Train®

NEW Meal Train Account! Please consider donating a meal to feed our students on Wednesdays! **We have a priority for 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.

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.



We have welcomed into our Church Family through Baptisms in 2025 the following:

*Raphael Thomas St. Germain
Lucas John Fusilier
Knox Rhett Bourgeois
Maggie Anne Williams
Landry Renee Turner
Theodore Shane Luttrell
Weston Brooks Jackson
Tate Louis Jackson
Creed Joseph Cook
God be with you!*

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 7, 2025

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
Monday	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
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

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

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

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Por nuestra relación con toda la creación

Oremos para que, inspirados por San Francisco, experimentemos nuestra interdependencia con todas las criaturas amadas por Dios y dignas de amor y respeto.



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.