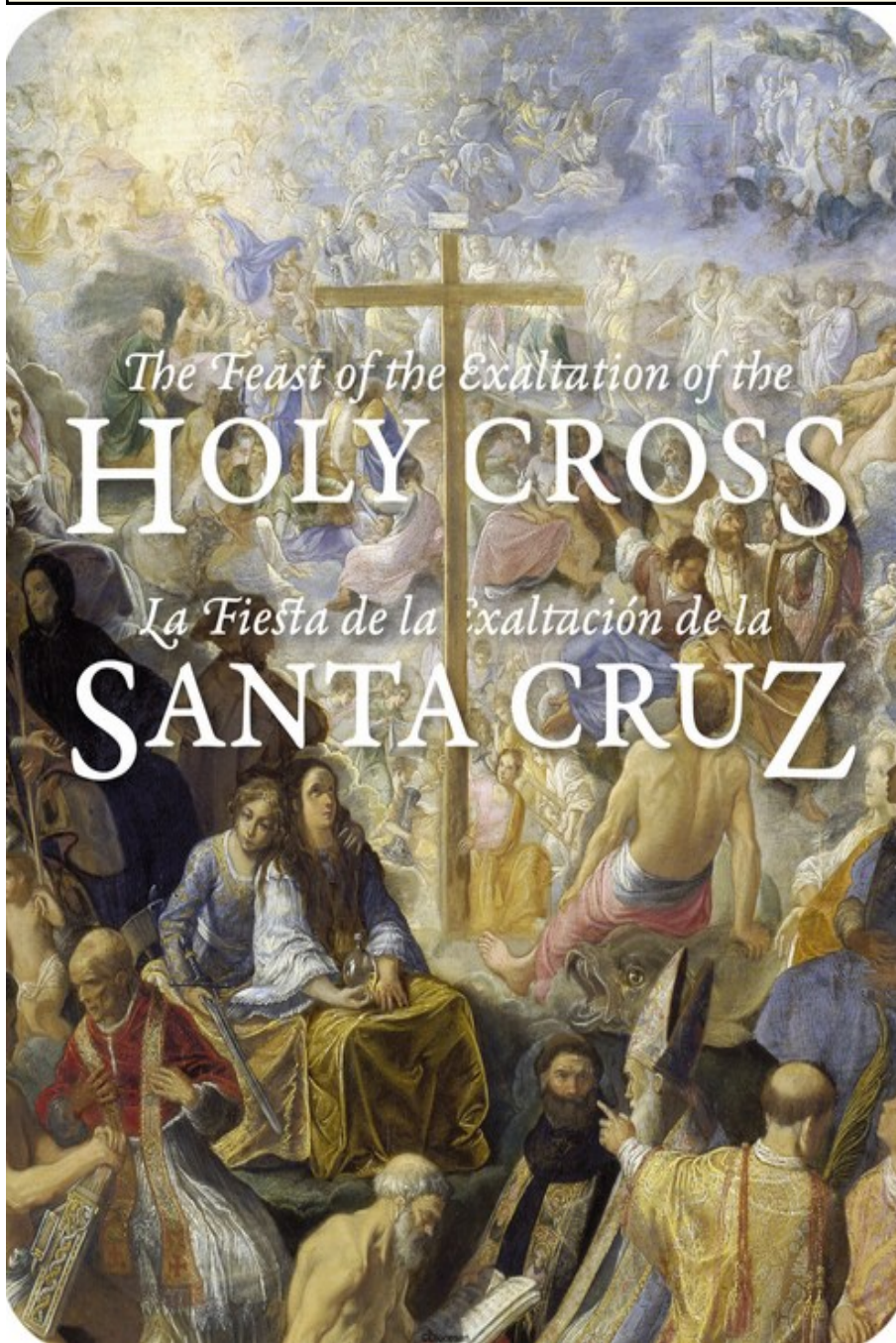


SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.

Bearing Our Crosses with Joy

We may have any number of crosses throughout our lives. Some may be small, some may be big. Some may be heavy, some may be light. Some may be temporary, some may be long lasting. As Christians, we are called to bear those burdens, not begrudgingly but joyfully. Sometimes that seems downright impossible. How can I have joy in my life when every moment is filled with pain (whether that be physical or emotional)?

The answer is, it is not possible without a profound relationship with our Lord, that includes constant surrender to His will. In His great love for us, He often allows things to happen that we don't understand, but are for our good or for the good of others. After all, the goal for each of us is eternal salvation, not earthly comfort.

But whether we suffer rejection, loneliness, illness, pain, hunger, cold, or even torture and death, we know that He has experienced it all and knows exactly how it feels. We can ask Him to walk with us each step of the way and be our strength when our own fails.

We may get to the point where we are able to rejoice in our sufferings like St. Paul, or endure them without complaint or remember to offer them up. But above all, may our crosses be a constant reminder to us of today's powerful Gospel passage: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). Tami Urcia

Cargar Nuestras Cruces con Alegría

A lo largo de nuestra vida, podemos enfrentar innumerables cruces. Algunas pequeñas, otras grandes. Algunas pesadas, otras ligeras. Algunas temporales, otras duraderas. Como cristianos, estamos llamados a llevar esas cargas, no renegando, sino con alegría. A veces, eso parece imposible. ¿Cómo puedo tener alegría cuando cada momento está lleno de dolor (ya sea físico o emocional)?

La respuesta es que no es posible sin una profunda relación con nuestro Señor, que incluye una entrega constante a su voluntad. En su gran amor por nosotros, a menudo permite que sucedan cosas que no entendemos, pero que son para nuestro bien o para el bien de los demás. Después de todo, la meta de cada uno de nosotros es la salvación eterna, no la comodidad terrenal.

Pero ya sea que suframos rechazo, soledad, enfermedad, dolor, hambre, frío o incluso tortura y muerte, sabemos que Él lo ha experimentado todo y sabe exactamente cómo se siente. Podemos pedirle que nos acompañe en cada paso del camino y que sea nuestra fortaleza cuando el nuestro no es suficiente.

Quizás lleguemos al punto de poder regocijarnos en nuestros sufrimientos como San Pablo, o soportarlos sin quejarnos o acordarnos de ofrecerlos. Pero sobre todo, que nuestras cruces nos recuerden constantemente del poderoso pasaje del Evangelio de hoy: "Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo, que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna" (Juan 3:16). Tami Urcia

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 9/15	Communion Service
Tuesday 9/16	Velma Anderson
Wednesday 9/17	Aristides Remar
Thursday 9/18	Thomas Wilson
Friday 9/19	Lucille Guidry
Saturday 9/20	Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 9/21 9:00 am	Charles Hebert, Jesse and Eva Blake- man, Dr. Ted J. Hoerner, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 9/21 11:30 am	Kay and Gary Cooper, Andrew Cronic

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 September 6th and 7th, 2025

Offertory	\$11,531
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$1,920
Insurance	\$102

**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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR/CALENDARIO SEMANAL

Monday Lunes September/ Septiembre 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión 6 pm Altar Society Meeting 7 pm 4th Degree KC Meeting
Tuesday Martes September/ Septiembre 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Wednesday Miércoles September/ Septiembre 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Mass / Misa 12:40 - 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoracion Eucarística 6 pm CLJ (English) 6 pm PREP
Thursday Jueves September/ Septiembre 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Mass/Misa 5:30 pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes September/ Septiembre 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Saturday Sábado September/ Septiembre 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:00 pm Mass / Misa 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (Español)
Sunday Domingo September/ Septiembre 21	CATHECHETICAL SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am Mass / Misa 10:00 am PREP 10:00 am - 2 pm Blood Drive/ Donación de Sangre 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

September 20th/21st, 2025	Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Rosemary Lestage	Nicole Kyle	Sonia Maskas
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Dawn Skinner Richard Skinner Gertie Rossi Frank Rossi	Deacon Al Tim Kyle Brian Lestage Suzanne Lestage	Deacon Al Theresa Stout Danny Hernandez Michelle Lingo
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Lowe	Bret Kyle Peyton Rider	Ethan Thompson Wesley Soileau

Money Counters: Team 2

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

Loretta Young will take the Vocation Cross next weekend at the 9 am 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

Avisos 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.

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.

El Año Jubilar de 2025 es un tiempo de renovación espiritual, reflexión y gracia. El tema "Peregrinos de la Esperanza" anima a los católicos a caminar juntos en la fe, buscando la renovación espiritual y una conexión más profunda con Dios.



<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>



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

Altar Society will meet on Monday, September 15th at 6 pm.

4th Degree KC will meet on Monday, September 15th at 7 pm.

We will have a blood drive on September 21st from 10am to 2pm. The Lifeblood mobile unit will be in our parking lot. The goal is to collect 8 units! We were informed that the drive in July was a success and we wish to thank everyone that contributed!



To Ms. Sandy Kyle and Fr. Jude Brunnert on receiving a Diocesan honor from Bishop John Provost with the Order of Saint Charles Award! Thank you for your service to our Church.



To everyone that attended and to all that assisted with organizing the event in Kern Hall for the canonization of St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati. Thank you for joining in fellowship to watch an event of a lifetime in our Catholic Faith.

Knights of Columbus Raffle

WIN A BEAUTIFUL STATUE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI!

TO BENEFIT SEMINARIAN ZEKE RICHMOND

St. Francis Feast Day
October 4

Drawing
October 5
after 11:30 Mass

Tickets will be sold after each Mass
\$5 PER CHANCE OR 5 FOR \$20



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>

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



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.

Did you Know?

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (September 14) Treasures from our tradition)

On this date in 335 two churches and a shrine erected by Constantine over the empty grave of Jesus and over the place of the crucifixion were dedicated. After these were destroyed by the Persians in 614, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which still stands, was erected by the Crusaders in 1149. Today also commemorates the event that led to the building of the churches dedicated in 335: the discovery of the "true cross" by St. Helena, Constantine's mother, in 326.

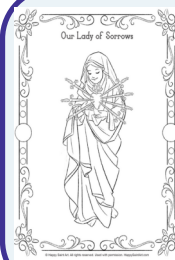
According to one legend, St. Helena traveled to Jerusalem on pilgrimage, in search of the true cross. Workers she hired dug through a pagan temple that had been erected on the site of the Crucifixion by Hadrian and found three crosses. A dying woman was brought in, and touched by each cross in succession, the last of which healed her. Helena ordered that this cross be divided in three parts, one to be kept in Jerusalem and the other two to be sent to Constantinople and Rome. The pieces in Jerusalem and Constantinople were ultimately lost. Slivers were taken from the portion that went to Rome until eventually it was scattered around the world.

Of course, the significance of the true cross lies not in the wood itself but in the burden that it bore. As a faithful Christian, what crosses do you accept in your life today?

—James Field

Scripture Readings for the Week of September 14, 2025

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
Monday	Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday	Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday	1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13



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.

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.

Bishop Glen John Provost - Obispo Glen John Provost

Let us pray for the unity of the Church to witness to the world Her fidelity to our Lord and His teachings.

Oremos por la unidad de la Iglesia para dar testimonio al mundo de su fidelidad a nuestro Señor y a sus enseñanzas.