



“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive
Deridder, Louisiana 70634
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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Communion Service at 12:10pm

Tuesday-Friday Mass at 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Holy Day Mass Schedule will be announced

CONFESSIONS

Saturday—4:00-4:45pm

Sunday—8:00-8:45am & 10:45-11:15am

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr V. Wayne LeBleu

Deacon: Al Winnig

Director of Religious Education: Julie Roussel

Asst. Director of Religious Ed: Tobi Ebarb

Parish Secretary: Julie Roussel

Parish Bookkeeper: Aimee Brasseaux

Music Minister: Sheila Manning

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA): Angela Lannen

Youth Ministers: Danny Hernandez, Julie Roussel

Maintenance Head: Larry LaLande

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Pastoral Center 337-463-6878

Music Ministry 337-348-9367

Education Building 337-463-6878

St Joseph Hall 337-463-6878

Youth Ministry 337-396-5578

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

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.

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.

OFFICE HOURS Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Office closed 12:00 noon - 1:00pm

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4th Sunday of Advent

Have you ever been told to “think before you speak”? Nathan seems to have spoken too soon when he told David to do whatever he wanted about building a house for the LORD. But later that night the God gave him a message for David: the LORD did not need anyone to build him a house; God would make David’s house (in the sense of family or descendants) last forever. That can be a lesson to us. Instead of just thinking before we speak, it could be a good idea to pray before we speak.

How many times have we said something in anger (or selfishness, fear, any strong feeling) that we wished we could take back? If we just think before we speak, we might just rationalize what we wanted to say in the first place. But if you take a little more time to bring our feelings to God, ask for guidance and listen for what God would have us say, things might turn out a lot better. We pray before meals; why not pray before going to work? We can pray before making decisions about our family, getting engaged, taking a new job, buying a new house/car/HD-TV, etc. When a friend or relative needs someone to talk to, we can pray that we listen well and say what God wants our friend to hear. If we have enough faith to let God guide our lives, let’s take the time in prayer to listen for that guidance. Tom Schmidt

¿Alguna vez te han dicho que debes “pensar antes de hablar”? Parece que Natán había hablado muy pronto cuando le dijo a David que hiciera lo que quisiera para construir una casa para el Señor. Pero más tarde esa misma noche el Señor le concedió un mensaje para David: el Señor no necesitaba que nadie le construyera una casa; Dios haría que la casa de David (en el sentido de familia o descendientes) durara para siempre. Esto puede ser una lección para nosotros. En lugar de simplemente pensar antes de hablar, podría ser una buena idea rezar antes de hablar.

¿Cuántas veces hemos dicho algo con ira (o por egoísmo, miedo o cualquier sentimiento fuerte) que quisiéramos poder retractarnos? Si pensamos antes de hablar, podríamos simplemente racionalizar lo que queríamos decir al inicio. Pero si nos tomamos un tiempo más para presentarle nuestros sentimientos a Dios, pedirle que nos guíe y escuchar lo que Dios quiere que digamos, las cosas podrían resultar mucho mejores. Rezamos antes de comer, ¿Por qué no rezar antes de ir al trabajo? Podemos rezar antes de tomar decisiones sobre nuestra familia, comprometernos al matrimonio, aceptar un nuevo trabajo, comprar una nueva casa/carro/TV de alta definición, etc. Cuando un amigo o familiar necesita alguien con quien hablar, podemos rezar para que le escuchemos atentamente y luego decir lo que Dios quiere que le digamos a nuestro amigo. Si tenemos la fe suficiente para dejar que Dios guíe nuestras vidas, tomemos tiempo en oración para escuchar sus indicaciones. Tom Schmidt



Be vigilant at all times

LUKE 21:36

WEEKDAY MASSES

Dec 30th & 31st

Mon	25	12:10 pm	KK Jeans
Tues	26	12:10 pm	Bart Fazio & Rose Hayes
Wed	27	12:10 pm	Jane Donelly
Wed	27	12:40-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	28	12:10 pm	Jane Donelly
Fri	29	12:10 pm	L.F. Palmisano, Jr.

Vigil Saturday, 5:00pm: for all Parishioners & Visitors

Sunday, 9:00am: Beauregard Parish Doctors, Deacon Sumner Kohlhund, Dirk Robinson, Family of Jayne Robinson, Walter Gagliano, Special Intention, Clay Harbison, Lori Bruce

Sunday, 11:30am Trishia Skinner, Pat Trunick, Ray Trunick, David & Kathy Pendley, Therese & Bill Pendley, Bart Fazio, Jane Donelly

Offertory for Dec 16th & Dec 17th

Offertory \$ 6,496.01

Bishop’s Services Appeal 20.00

Insurance 1,572.48

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

The 2nd collections for the Month

1st weekend of the month is-Bishop’s Services Appeal

3rd weekend of the month is-Insurance

Cereal for God’s Food Box is collected on the 2nd weekend of the month

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Dec 30th & 31st

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00pm	Frank Rossi, Gertie Rossi
9:00am	Judy Scallon, Kathleen Nichols
11:30am	Deacon Al, Glenn Granger
4:00pm (Vigil)	Dwain Ducote, Missy Ducote Deacon Al, John Burch Theresa Stout, Jacque Vidrine Deacon Al, Jeanette LaRosa Janie Marin, Angela Lannen

Lectors

5:00pm	Rane Sills
9:00am	Melinda Granger
11:30am	Heather Vidrine
4:00pm (Vigil)	Sheryl Douglas

Altar Servers

5:00pm	Cameron McGregor
9:00am	Bret Kyle
11:30am	Jacob Hernandez, Macie McBride
4:00pm (Vigil)	Andy Granger, James Granger

Upcoming Announcements

Altar Society will have their meeting Feb 19th, 2024 @ 6pm in the Education Bld.

The Pastoral Center will be closed Dec 25th -Jan 1st, 2024

The New Year Mass Time:

December 31st, 4pm Vigil Mass

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God falls on a Monday this year, therefore is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However because it ranks as a solemnity, its vigil will be celebrated Sunday at 4pm.

There will not be a Communion Service on Monday, January 1, 2024.

We wish everyone a Safe and Happy New Year!

Scripture Readings For the Week of December 24, 2023

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Monday	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 Mass During the night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Mass at Dawn: Is 62: 11-12; Ps 97: 1, 6, 11 - 12; Ti 3: 4-7; Lk 2: 15-20 Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Tuesday	Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a & 2-8
Thursday	Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday	Memorial of Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We continue to pray for Catechumen, Joshua O'Bryan, Breeana Sexton who is preparing for her initiation in the Christian Faith by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter and Roxanne Carriere, Erin Russell and Sean Ledesma who will enter into the fullness of the faith through completing their sacraments.

- **The Vocation Cross** is suspended until the 1st weekend of the New Year. Please pray for our Parish Priest during these weeks of the Holy Season.



Men of St Joseph, come and join many of your Brothers in Christ at the **Annual Men's Silent Retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Chateau, January 18-21, 2024**

Call Darryl Fontenot for info at 462-2323.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please see bulletin boards at each entrance for all upcoming events within the parish and the diocese.

Also visit our website at : www.stjosephderidder.org