

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 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.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

The Prophet's Profit

Old Testament prophets were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist suffered the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, the prophets had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, that God would protect them and support them. Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses.

The third gift of the prophets was hope: That by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Second, we need patience and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Finally, the reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear His word, (Is 35:5) and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Is 35:10).
Tom Schmidt

La Ganancia de un Profeta

Los profetas del Antiguo Testamento no eran muy populares. La mayoría fueron asesinados o exiliados porque desafiaban a la gente a seguir los mandatos de Dios. Juan el Bautista sufrió de la misma forma. Entonces, ¿qué impulsó a los profetas a seguir adelante?

En primer lugar, los profetas tenían fe en Dios. Creían que Dios hablaba a través de ellos, que Dios los protegería y apoyaría. En segundo lugar, tuvieron paciencia. Perseveraron cuando la gente rechazó su predicación. Algunos profetas tuvieron que ser pacientes con sus propias debilidades.

El tercer don de los profetas fue la esperanza: que al cumplir los mandatos de Dios, el pueblo de Dios se renovaría, junto con toda la creación. La primera lectura es un ejemplo de esta esperanza, con sus descripciones de desiertos convertidos en jardines y de enfermos y discapacitados sanados y fortalecidos.

Entonces, ¿qué aprendemos de estos profetas? Primero, tenemos que mantenernos firmes en nuestra fe en Dios. Si vas a la iglesia una vez a la semana, lo mínimo requerido, sería como hacer ejercicio solo una vez a la semana y pensar que eso te mantendrá en buena forma. Segundo, necesitamos paciencia, y no solo con nuestros hijos. Necesitamos ser pacientes con nosotros mismos y con Dios. Algunas personas dejan de ir a la iglesia porque no ven crecimiento espiritual en sí mismas. Así que sean pacientes; no esperen ser santos de inmediato. Finalmente, la lectura de Isaías nos da la esperanza de que Dios abrirá nuestros ojos de fe, nos aclarará los oídos para escuchar su palabra (Is 35,5) y nos recibirá con gozo y dicha (Is 35,10).
Tom Schmidt

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday 12/15	Communion Service
Tuesday 12/16	Edward Cryer
Wednesday 12/17	Lucille Guidry
Thursday 12/18	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday 12/19	The sick and dying
Saturday 12/20	Parishioners and Visitors
Sunday 12/21 9:00 am	Connie Frost, Charles Hebert, Bob Scalfi Jr., Jesse and Eva Blakeman, Dr. Ted J. Hoerner, Family of Jayne Robinson, Deacon Sumner Kohlund, Beauregard Parish Doctors
Sunday 12/21 11:30 am	John Lowe, Andrew Cronic, Art and Mary Simpson, Kay and Gary Cooper

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 Nov 23/24, 29/30, Dec 6/7 2025

Offertory	\$ 10,377 / 9,953 / 12,031
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$90 / 0 / 1,880
Insurance	\$248 / 50 / 210

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

2nd Collections for the Month of December

December 6-7	Bishop's Services Appeal
December 20-21	Insurance
December 24-25	Christmas Charities Collection

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 December/ Diciembre 15	12:10 pm Communion Service / Servicio de Comunión
Tuesday Martes December/ Diciembre 16	9:30 am CLJ (English) 12:10 pm Mass/Misa
Wednesday Miércoles December/ Diciembre 17	12:10 pm Mass / Misa 12:40 - 4 pm Holy Adoration / Adoracion Eucarística 6:00 pm PREP 6-8 pm Advent Penance Service
Thursday Jueves December/ Diciembre 18	9:30 am Food Distribution (CC)/Distribución de comida 12:10 pm Mass / Misa 5:30 pm CLJ (English)
Friday Viernes December/ Diciembre 19	Office closes at noon 12:10 pm Mass / Misa
Saturday Sábado December/ Diciembre 20	4:00 pm Mass / Misa 5:00 pm Ven Señor Jesús (español)
Sunday Domingo December/ Diciembre 21	9:00 am Mass / Misa 11:30 am Mass / Misa

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

December 20th/21st, 2025	Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm	Sunday 9:00 am	Sunday 11:30 am
LECTORS	Jill Simon	Tim Kyle	Michelle Lingo
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Dawn Skinner Kay Bourne Matthew Lee Lesila Lee	Deacon Al Jody Cline Jason Waguespack Kathleen Nichols	Deacon Al Laura Black Todd Granger Tessa Granger
ALTAR SERVERS	Cameron MacGregor, Claire MacGregor	Grayson Gardner Lane Bourque Colson Bourque	James Granger Andy Granger Sebastian Ballona

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!

The Deb Family 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)



Eartha Simon, Kinsley Johnson, David Dimas, Danny Hernandez, Ronnie Watson, Helen Chaisson, Roberta Gray, Susan Hill, Jenna Picou trim, Kalyn Picou, Ryann Landry, Steven Boudreaux, Alice Kidder

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



Habr  un Servicio de Penitencia el Jueves, 17 de Diciembre en la Iglesia. Varios sacerdotes escuchar  confesiones.

Misas de Navidad y A o Nuevo

24 de Diciembre—4 pm Misa de Vigilia
24 de Diciembre—10 pm Misa de Medianoche
25 de Diciembre—10 am Misa de Navidad
31 de Diciembre—4 pm Misa de Vigilia
1 de Enero—10 am Misa Mar a, Madre de Dios

Venta de nueces (pecans): Las Hijas Cat licas venden nueces pecanas. Puedes comprar despu s de las Misas.



Tercer Domingo de Adviento **TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE** La tradici n mexicana de las Posadas se acompa a de las tradicionales pi atas. Aunque hay pi atas de animales y caricaturas, la pi ata original es una estrella con siete picos. La pi ata lleg  al continente con los misioneros agustinos procedentes de Espa a, mismos que la hab an recibido de italianos; y  stos, a su vez, la obtuvieron de Marco Polo quien conoci  decoraciones de animales coloridos en China. El asociar la pi ata con las Posadas viene de la cultura N huatl quienes celebraban a Huitzilopochtli (dios de la guerra) del 17 al 26 de diciembre. Estos pon an cazuelas de barro decoradas con listones y plumas sobre palos en el templo. Al romperlas, tesoros y alhajas ca an a los pies de su dios.



Ven Se or Jes s Estudio B blico

 Est s listo para que la Misa cobre vida al abrir y leer las Escrituras?  Est s listo para que tu vida de oraci n se transforme?   nete a una de nuestras peque as comunidades de fe para estudiar la palabra de Dios. **S bado** a las 5 p.m. Edificio de educaci n



Si quieres una intenci n durante una misa, favor comunicarte a la oficina. La donaci n por intenci n es de \$5 m nimo.

Misas en Espa ol 2025-2026
(4to Domingo del mes)

28 de Diciembre
25 de Enero
22 de Febrero
22 de Marzo

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 dar  durante una

VELAS (\$5)



Puedes encender velas en la Iglesia para acompa ar oraciones e intenciones espec ficas. La luz de la vela simboliza la luz de Cristo y las oraciones que se elevan a Dios.

Parish Announcements



An Advent Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, December 17th from 6 to 8 pm at the Church. Several priests will be hearing confessions.

Catholic Charities Food Distribution will be on Thursday, December 18th at 10:00 am in Kern Hall.

Schedule of Masses

December 24th	4 pm	Vigil Mass
December 24th	10 pm	Midnight Mass
December 25th	10 am	Christmas Mass
December 31st	4 pm	Vigil Mass
January 1st	10 am	Mary, Mother of God

Church office will close at noon on Friday, December 19th and will reopen on Friday, January 2nd.



Pecans: You can still buy them after each Mass from the Catholic Daughters.

DON'T MISS THE TAX BREAK



Your gift makes an impact while reducing your taxable income.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM YOUR IRA

Age 70   or older Distribution must be made by Dec 31, 2025
Contribution must be sent directly from your IRA to your church parish



A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you are 73 or older, while reducing your taxable income.

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program

Meal Train Account! Please consider donating a meal to feed our students on Wednesdays! **We have a priority for meals in December!** Sign Up using the QR Code or by using this link:



Meal Train®

<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.



No PREP December 21 to January 4, for Christmas break.



Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently registering families for the 2026/27 academic year at St. Joseph Catholic Church. More than an academic co-

op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, hands-on science, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. We will have two informational meetings, 12/11 and 12/18 at the education building from 6-7pm. We hope to see you there. You can contact Rebekah Smith at 337-396-2369 or email at rebekahsmithcsh@gmail.com



Catholic Schoolhouse
Homeschool Success through a Classical Approach™

INFO MEETING

Learn how your family can belong.

- ✓ Classical Memory Work
- ✓ Integrated Art projects
- ✓ Hands-on Science
- ✓ Family unity – all ages
- ✓ Virtue focused



DeRidder, LA
Catholic Schoolhouse



Thursday
December 18



Time
6:00-7:00 PM



St. Joseph Catholic Church
1125 Blankenship Dr.
DeRidder, LA

JOIN US



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Scripture Readings for the Week of December 14, 2025

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

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

December Prayer Intention / Intención de Oración en Diciembre Pope Leo XIV - Papa León XIV

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Por los cristianos en zonas de conflicto

Oremos para que los cristianos que viven en zonas de guerra o conflicto, especialmente en Oriente Medio, sean semillas de paz, reconciliación y esperanza.

Bishop Glen John Provost / Obispo Glen John Provost

Let us pray for a renewal of faith in the Incarnation and the hope it brings to live in peace and with joy.

Oremos por una renovación de la fe en la Encarnación y la esperanza que ella trae para vivir en paz y con alegría.