



**V.** Behold  
the handmaid  
of the Lord.

**R.** Be it done  
unto me according  
to Thy word.

*Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.*

©Diocesan - The Annunciation - Luca Giordano, 1672

## SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

1125 Blankenship Drive  
Deridder, Louisiana 70634  
337-463-6878

### 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 Weinnig

**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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# 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## *Second Sunday of Advent - Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Saint Peter shows us a characteristic of God that we normally do not think about. He tells us that for God, "a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (2 Peter 3:8). Because early Christians sometimes complained that Jesus' second coming had been delayed, Peter is trying to tell us that what seems like a long time to us is nothing to God.

Like the early Christians, we may wonder how long it will take for God to answer our prayers. We may be praying for someone who is looking for a job, a sick relative, an end to abortion, or world peace. Some prayers require us to change, and we may not be ready.

What Peter means is that a thousand years is not too long for God if someone needs that long to repent. God is far more patient than we are. God has been "waiting" over two thousand years for us to preach the gospel to all nations. God has been waiting for millennia for people to give up war as a means for solving our problems. God has been waiting since the beginning of the human race for us to learn how to love our neighbor.

We might not be as patient as God, but we can help. Saint Peter says that we are not just waiting for the Lord's return, we are hastening it. When we make a choice that is based on faith rather than selfishness, we make it a little easier for people to believe in God. Jesus is the light of the world; he asks us to let our light shine, so that people can see Jesus in us. May our light "prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3).

-Tom Schmidt

## *Segundo Domingo de Adviento Preparar el camino del Señor*

San Pedro nos demuestra una característica de Dios que normalmente no consideramos. Nos dice que para Dios "un día es como mil años y mil años, como un día" (2 Pedro 3,8). Debido a que los primeros cristianos a veces se quejaban de que la segunda venida de Jesús se estaba demorando, Pedro está intentando decirnos que lo que a nosotros nos parece mucho tiempo no es nada para Dios.

Al igual que los primeros cristianos, podemos preguntarnos cuánto tiempo Dios va a demorar en responder a nuestras oraciones. Quizás estemos rezando por alguien que está buscando trabajo, un familiar enfermo, el fin del aborto o la paz mundial. Algunas oraciones requieren que nosotros cambiemos y puede ser que todavía no estemos dispuestos a hacerlo.

Lo que Pedro quiere decir es que mil años no es demasiado para Dios si alguien necesita ese tiempo para arrepentirse. Dios es mucho más paciente que nosotros. Dios ha estado "esperando" más de dos mil años para que prediquemos el evangelio a todas las naciones. Dios ha estado esperando durante milenios a que la gente abandone la guerra como un remedio para resolver los problemas. Dios ha estado esperando desde el comienzo de la humanidad que aprendamos a amar al prójimo.

Puede ser que no seamos tan pacientes como Dios, pero podemos ayudar. San Pedro dice que no sólo estamos esperando que vuelva el Señor, sino que estamos acelerando su venida. Cuando tomamos una decisión basada en la fe en lugar del egoísmo, ayudamos a que sea un poco más fácil que las personas creen en Dios. Jesús es la luz del mundo y nos pide que dejemos brillar nuestra luz para que la gente pueda ver a Jesús en nosotros. Que nuestra luz "prepare[] el camino del Señor" (Marcos 1,3).

-Tom Schmidt

# DEC 10, 2023

## Scripture Readings For the Week of December 10, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
<b>Monday</b>	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde,19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</b> Is 40:25-31; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church</b> Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Is 61:1-2a, 10-1; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	11	12:10 pm	The Sick & The Dying
Tues	12	12:10 pm	Bart Fazio & Rose Hayes
Wed	13	12:10 pm	George Allen Manning
Wed	13	12:40-4:00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thurs	14	12:10 pm	The Sick and the Dying
Fri	15	12:10 pm	The Sick & The Dying

## Dec 16th & Dec 17th

**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, James Singletary Jr.

**Sunday, 11:30am:** Trishia Skinner, Pat Trunick, Ray Trunick, David & Kathy Pendley, Therese & Bill Pendley, Bart Fazio, Pete Rossi, Ruth Manning, Joan Carol Jeans, Michael Keenoy

## Offertory for Dec 2nd & Dec 3rd

Offertory	\$9529.29
Bishop's Services Appeal	1562.36
Insurance	545.00

## **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

# 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Dec 16th & 17th

### Extraordinary Ministers

**5:00pm** Frank Rossi, Angela Lannen  
Judy Scallon, Kathleen Nichols  
**9:00am** Deacon Al, Tim Kyle  
Nicole Kyle, Katie Wieinnig  
**11:30am** Deacon Al, Cathy Bradley  
Jennifer Hernandez, Danny Hernandez

### Lectors

**5:00pm** Rane Sills  
**9:00am** Troy Gardner  
**11:30am** Sheryl Douglas

### Altar Servers

**5:00pm** Cameron McGregor  
**9:00am** Grayson Gardner, Sley Gardner  
**11:30am** Jacob Hernandez, Cassian Cooley

**The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** is Dec 12th and a Mass will be celebrated at 6pm with the Posadas (singing) and a Spanish Rosary at 5:30pm. We invite all of our parishioners to this event and a fiesta after in Kern Hall.

(La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe es el 12 de diciembre y se celebrará una Misa a las 6pm con las Posadas (cantando) y un Rosario en español a las 17:30 horas. Invitamos a todos nuestros feligreses a este evento y a una fiesta posterior en Kern Hall.

**The Senior Bingo Christmas Party is Dec. 14th at 9:30am in Kern Hall.**

**Catholic Daughters (Statewide fundraiser) money Calendar. Please see a CDA member for more Information, also bulletin insert.**



**Children's Christmas Program, Dec. 24th after the 4pm Mass in Kern Hall. There will be cookies and cocoa with Santa after the program. All are invited!**

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

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please see bulletin boards at each entrance for Christmas Mass times as they have changed, as well as our website @ [www.stjosephderidder.org](http://www.stjosephderidder.org)

### Christmas Mass Schedule:

Sun. Dec. 23rd @ 5pm, Sun. 24th @ 10:30am (Sunday Obligation)

Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Mass @ 4pm & 10pm, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day @ 10:30am (Fulfills the Christmas Obligation)

**Father Wayne, (celebrating his 30th Anniversary of Priesthood) is planning a 10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.** Pilgrimage dates: 05/26/2025—06/04/2025.

Brochures are available in the Foyer and the Pastoral Center.

# DEC 10, 2023

## THE YOUNG CHURCH NEWS

**ALL TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS MUST BE SAFE AND SACRED CERTIFIED WITH A COMPLETED BACKGROUND CHECK, BEFORE THEY CAN ENTER THE CLASS ROOM.**

**P.R.E.P.—Parish Religious Education Program**  
**Grades 6th thru 11th go on Wednesdays 6pm to 8pm**  
**(Food is served at 6pm in Kern Hall) Class is from 6:30-8pm**  
**Grades Pre-School thru 5th go on Sundays 10-11:15am**

**1st Communicants Penance is Dec 17th, after the 9am Mass.**

P.R.E.P. is looking for volunteers to provide meals for the Wed night youth. The meal needs to feed about 50 and needs to be at Kern Hall between 5:30 and 5:45. Please contact Nicole Kyle at 337-348-1500 to be added to the calendar or use the QR code or go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/iklykw>. Monetary donations are accepted for meals and can be placed offertory, mailed or brought to the Pastoral Center.



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**Thank you to all who signed up to be a Prayer Mentor**

## RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We continue to pray for Catechumen, 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.

**Eddie & Cheryl Gardner** will take the **Vocation Cross** on December 17th at the 9:00 am Mass.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church Men's ACTS Retreat

St. Charles Retreat Center, Moss Bluff, LA

**January 18-21, 2024**

All registration forms are due to the Pastoral Center by **Thursday, December 14th, by 4:30 PM**  
Registrations can be found at each entrance of the Church



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 Choteau, January 18-21, 2024**

Call Darryl Fontenot for info at 462-2323.

**See the main bulletin board for all other Announcements**