

*The Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church,
Rayne, Louisiana.*

February 16th, 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday – 5:30pm
Wednesday -7:00am
Thursday -7:00am
Friday – 7:00am

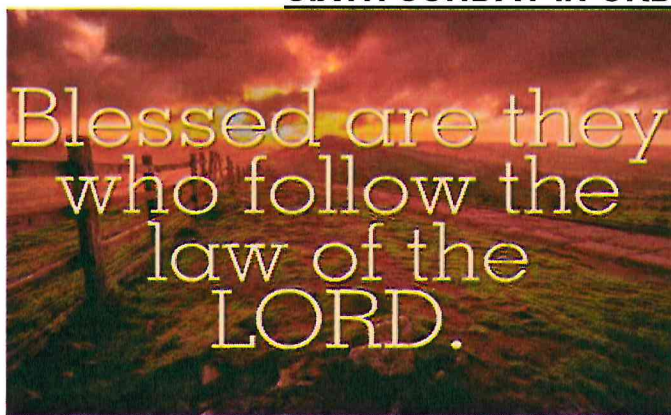
Weekend Masses

Saturday Mass – 5:00pm
Sunday Mass – 9:30am

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick contact
Fr. Ed at (225)571-8233

CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 16, 2025



BLESSED

When we think of the word "Beatitude" we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . ."). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the "Blessed," for they are the ones who lived the "blessed" life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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PRAY FOR THE SICK: Lord hear our Prayers. Rose Senegal, James Guidry, Edward Sonnier, Chester Charles, Betty Jolivet, Anthony Gardiner, Kirsten Jolivet, Tim Smith, Sr. & Family, Marie Sly George, ASBS, Mattie G. Lindon, Crystal Senegal, Lynn Smith, Lovenia Rochon, Ros Cook, Reta Norman, Pricilla Pierre, Sonja Blount, Rhonda Duhon, Janet Pabum, Mae Bell H. Carter, Tommy Senegal, Ronald Senegal, Sr., Linda Mouton, Helen Caillet, Gracia Senegal, Audrey Guidry, Anthony Flynn LaPointe, Rose Broussard, Michael Jolivet, Mary Keel, Ann McDaniel, Thomas Simon, Mary Simon, Betty Paul, Maudry Bellard, Jeanette C. Williams, Bernadette Cole, Helen M. Francis, Gloria Jean Wilridge, Donna Duhon, Mervin Dugas, Kabre' Broussard. **Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caretakers.**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am, "I said, "send me!"

— Isaiah 6:8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading — Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Presidents' Day; Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Washington Birthday (observed)
Thursday: World Day of Social Justice
Friday: St. Peter Damian
Saturday: Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Lord Jesus who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in the body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them recover their health, so that when they are restored to the Christian community, they may joyfully praise Your Name, for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen

BIBLE STUDY: On Wednesdays at 5:00pm, in the Convent.

LAST WEEK COLL: February 9th, 2025 - \$1,803.00.

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

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MASS INTENTIONS- Feb. 15th -Feb. 21st- 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

Mary E. Jackson by The Family

Sun. 9:30 A.M. People of the Parish

Brittany Harmon, by Sylvester Julian

Marilyn Carmouche, by Greta

Geraldine Jolivet (Anniversary)

Monday NO MASS

Tues. 5:30PM Fr. William J. Reichmeyer, SSJ

Wed. 7:00AM Nolton Senegal, Jr. (Birthday)

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Arthur J. O'Leary, SSJ

Fri 7:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Broussard

COMMUNIAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK: will be taking place on March 22ND & 23RD, 2025.

WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL: Our Lord likes courage. Get it from Him; You won't find any in yourself.

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FEBRUARY: BIRTHDAYS: February 16th, Angelina Logan, February 17th, Dashanute Cormier, February 19th, Javon Cormier, Lakeshia Smith, let **us put our hands together for them.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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LADIES AUXILIARY COURT #75: BBQ Pork Steak Brown Bag (drink & chips included) sale on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025, 10:00am until 2:00pm., in the convent. **DONATION: \$10.00.** Please see any member for tickets. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION: INFANT BAPTISM: Classes for infant baptism—1st Saturday of Every Month @ 10am. Infant baptism are scheduled for Third Sunday of the Month and other exceptions allowed by the pastor. Registration is required.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE: The Diocese of Lafayette requires that each parish is in safe environment compliance. Everyone working with children, Ministers of Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, volunteers working with the Praise Team, and Religious Education, must be Safe Environment Certified.

For **INITIAL TRAINING:** contact the parish office.
Continuing Education **ONLY**, PLEASE go online and complete your certification.

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL: This week is Bishop's Services Appeal Follow-Up Weekend. In the busy-ness and neediness of life today feeling like we aren't able to physical feed or shelter or care for those who need to be served we are reminded with the BSA that we can take an active part in these works of mercy. Your personal sacrifice and generosity to the Appeal will mean so much to so many in our Diocese. May the Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy parish join in **Stepping Through the Holy Doors** and respond generously.



CHOOSING SIDES




My great concern is not whether God is on our side; my great concern is to be on God's side.

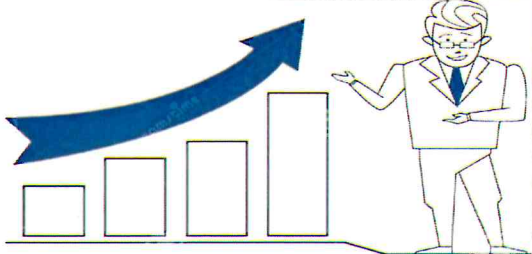
—Abraham Lincoln

SERVE THE POOR

Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.

—St. Louise de Marillac

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Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy, Rayne 100 years of Faith, Family and Friends.

We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. – (1924-2024).

"ROOTED IN FAITH"