

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

**February 23rd, 2025**  
**Seventh 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

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 23, 2025



### 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I say to you, love  
your enemies and pray  
for those who  
persecute you."  
- Mt 5:44

#### DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the "punch line" of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful and forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

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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.**

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2025

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,  
39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174,  
175; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35;  
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16;  
1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

**Psalm** — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

**Second Reading** — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

**Gospel** — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

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#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Gregory of Narek

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**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 16th, 2025 - \$2,269.00.

**Donations:** \$200.00

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

## **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

### **MASS INTENTIONS- Feb. 22nd -Feb. 28th- 2025**

**Sat. 5:00 P.M.** People of the Parish  
Gertrude Cole, requested by Bernadette  
Curley "BB" Young, (Birthday)  
Requested by Loretta

**Sun. 9:30 A.M** People of the Parish  
Brittany Harmon,  
Requested by Sylvester Julian  
Claby & Angelena Carmouche,  
Requested by Greta  
Peter Jolivette, Jr. (Birthday)

**Monday NO MASS**

**Tues. 5:30PM** Fr. Joseph B. Anciaux, SSJ

**Wed. 7:00AM** Fr. Charles F. Morrissey, SSJ

**Thurs.7:00AM** Fr. Francis T. Carney, SSJ

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

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS:** March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, will be at  
7:00am & 6:00pm

**Second Collection** taken up **Ash Wednesday** will be for  
Catholic Charities of a Acadiana. Please respond  
generously.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be every Friday during  
Lent at 5:00pm.

**LENTEN BOOKS:** The Little Black Book with daily meditations  
for adults, during Lent.

**FISH FRY DINNERS:** Every Friday during lent, beginning  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

**MENU for March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Fried Fish, Shrimp Stew/rice, corn,  
potato salad, & bread, **DONATION: \$12.00.** Tickets will be  
available for purchase this weekend after Masses.

**ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH LADIES ALTAR  
SOCIETY 2025 LENTEN DAY REFLECTION:** Saturday,  
March 15, 2025, 9:00am til 12:00noon. **DONATION  
\$15.00,** includes Retreat Materials /Continental Breakfast  
and Lunch. For more information contact Mrs. Florence  
Henry, Ladies Altar Society President, (337)230-2905.  
See Church Bulletin Boards for more information.

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

**FEBRUARY: BIRTHDAYS:** February 23<sup>rd</sup> Amiya  
Senegal, February 24<sup>th</sup>, David Rickett, Kabre' Broussard,  
Waver Figaro, February, let **us put our hands together  
for them.**

**WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL:** It is for each of  
us to learn the path by which he requires us to follow, Him,  
and to follow Him in that path.

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

When the Roman Empire turned a favorable eye  
toward the once-persecuted Christians, among the  
effects was a population explosion in the baptismal font,  
as Christian sympathizers stepped from the shadows.  
With more and more people becoming Christians, laws  
were passed to protect Sunday as a work-free day. Soon,  
it became possible to celebrate Mass later in the morning,  
rather than the older custom of gathering before dawn to  
celebrate Eucharist. Amazingly, despite the increasing  
numbers of Christians, there was great resistance to  
adding to the number of worship events; the Eucharist  
that began as a few friends around a table soon was  
transformed into a more formal event with throngs  
crowding a large hall. All the Christians in a city or town  
would gather around the bishop for the one Sunday  
Eucharist, and only when the crowds became  
unmanageable was there an impulse to divide the  
assembly by splitting off a new bishop and flock.

Now, sixteen hundred years later, many parishes see  
a need to trim or combine Mass schedules. This is often  
seen as tough surgery. Yet our forebears in the faith  
would see it as a gain: a filling up of the Eucharist with a  
large and vigorous assembly, a fullness of ministry, an  
opportunity to make the Church more fully visible and  
stronger for service.

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION: INFANT**

**BAPTISM:** Classes for infant baptism---1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Continuing Education  
**ONLY, PLEASE** go online and complete your certification,  
emails have been already sent out by the Diocese of Lafayette.  
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.

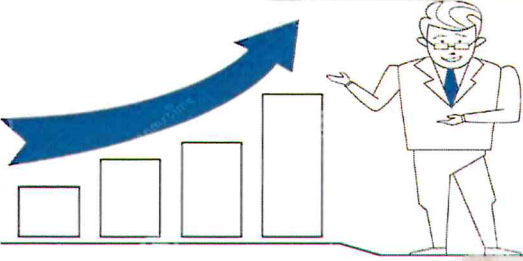
For **INITIAL TRAINING:** contact the parish office.

### **DESTROYING ONE'S ENEMIES**

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make  
friends of them?

—Abraham Lincoln

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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).

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