



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

October 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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4:30pm - 6:00pm

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. Chidi at (337) 334-3516

CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— OCTOBER 19, 2025

THE PASTOR'S DESK



World Mission Sunday

PERSISTENCE

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.

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PRAYER 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 strength in their body, courage in their spirit, and patience in their 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH & THEIR

CAREGIVERS: 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, Tommy Senegal, Ronald Senegal, Sr., Linda Mouton, Helen Caillet, Gracia Senegal, Audrey Guidry, Anthony Flynn LaPointe, Michael Jolivet, Mary Keel, Ann McDaniel, Thomas Simon, Mary Simon, Betty Paul, Maudry Bellard, Jeanette C. Williams, Bernadette Cole, Gloria Jean Wilridge, Donna Duhon, Mervin Dugas, Kabre' Broussard, Ida Rubin, Bretha B. Guidry, Tyre Jordan, Sandra Cole Livings, Denver Babineaux, Viola Daron, Richard Caillet, Wendy Y. Francis, Glenn Hunter, Sr.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday, at 5:00pm, in the convent.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight (Exodus 17:8-13).

Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? (Luke 18:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure!

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– OCTOBER 19, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS- October 18th – October 24th, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Douglas Jolivet, Sr. (Birthday)
Joseph & Betty Broussard req by the
Children
Eunice Andrus, Mary E. Jackson,
req. by Tim & Marilyn Mayfield

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

Monday NO MASS

Tues. 5:30PM Fr. Charles P. Brown, SSJ

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. John A. Glancy, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Vocations

Fri. 7:00AM Joseph & Betty Broussard req. by
her children

October 12, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,060.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

PRAYERS: Please continue to pray for Fr. Ed's speedy recovery. Cards may be sent to this address.

ADDRESS: Fr. Edward Chiffriller, SSJ

1200 Varnum Street NE,

Washington, DC 20017

WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: You are the instruments fashioned by God and perhaps you have most somewhat the tone-Jesus is the band master.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE: Continuing Education ONLY, PLEASE go online and complete your certification, emails have been already sent out by the Diocese of Lafayette.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: October 18th, Mary Ellen Kanonu, October 19th. Alfred Kelly, October 20th, Brigid Gibson, Peyton Larry, October 23rd, Darlene Granger, **let us put our hands together for them.**

OMOM Religious Education Classes 2025-2026

Religious classes have begun. You may still register your child(ren) for classes. Next Religious Education class for children in 3rd-8th grade, as well as for the students preparing for confirmation will be on October 25th from 10am - 12 noon.

SMILE LIHEAP OUTREACH: will be hosting a community event, Wednesday October 22nd, from 10am to 12noon, Southside Community Center, Rayne, to help people with utility bills and weatherization. See Church bulletin boards for more information.

LOUISIANA WORKS: is offering to help individuals work on their resumes and assist them with job searches. If you are Interested the date is Wednesday, October 22nd, from 10am to 2pm at the Southside Community Center, Rayne, La. Please see Church Bulletin boards for more information.

RAYNE BRANCH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of

UNIVERSITY WOMEN: will be having a BROWN BAG sandwich sale, Saturday, November 1, 2025, 10am to 2pm. Our Mother of Mercy Convent. See Church bulletin boards for more information.

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CATHOLIC YOUTH CONGRESS: Will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at St. Thomas More Catholic School in Lafayette. The event is open to grades 6 through 12. Registration forms are the tables at each entrance to the Church. Please see bulletin boards for more information.

World Mission Sunday 2025 is celebrated on October 19th, with the theme "**Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples,**" emphasizing the call for Catholics to support missionaries worldwide.

As the Church prepares to celebrate World Mission Sunday 2025, on October 19, Pope Francis has given us a powerful theme that resonates deeply in this Jubilee Year: "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples." In his message, the Holy Father reminds us that hope is at the heart of the Christian mission, calling every baptized person to be "messengers and builders of hope" in a world that often finds itself overshadowed by uncertainty and despair.

Reflecting on the significance of this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis urges us to keep our gaze fixed on Christ, the center of history, emphasizing that His mission continues today through the Church: ***"Through his disciples, sent to all peoples and mystically accompanied by him, the Lord Jesus continues his ministry of hope for humanity. He still bends over all those who are poor, afflicted, despairing and oppressed, and pours 'upon their wounds the balm of consolation and the wine of hope.'"***

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday

Monday: St. Paul of the Cross

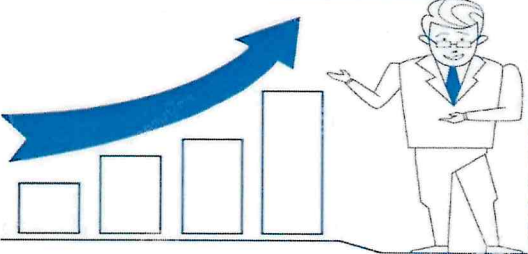
Wednesday: St. John Paul II

Thursday: St. John of Capistrano

:Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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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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