

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

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

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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
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CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

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STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).

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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. Linton, 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, William Board, IV. **Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caretakers.**

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The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is. 1:10, 16-20; Ps. 50:8-9, 16c-17, 21&23; Mt. 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

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 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.
Second Sunday of Lent

LAST WEEK COLL: March 9th, 2025 - \$1,969.00.

Ash Wednesday: \$ 549.00

Fish Fry Dinners: \$2,365.00

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

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MASS INTENTIONS- March 15th – March 21st, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Sun. 9:30 A.M. People of the Parish
Marilyn Carmouche, by Greta
Monday NO MASS
Tues. 5:30PM Fr. John A. Gensheimer, SSJ
Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Joseph V. Tyson, SSJ
Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Wilber J. Atwood, SSJ
Fri 7:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Broussard

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



FISH FRY DINNERS: MENU for March 21st: Fried Fish, Jambalaya, Green Salad, Sweet Peas & a roll.

DONATION: \$12.00. Tickets will be available for purchase this weekend after Masses and at the Rectory.
DONATIONS are being accepted. Thank You.



MARCH: BIRTHDAYS: March 15th, Deacon Nolton Senegal, Jayme Herndon, March 21st, Irene Evans, **let us put our hands together for them.**

MEMBERS are expected to pick up 2024 tax letters at the entrances of the Church.

IRELAND

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.

—Venerable Bede

AMBITIONS

Many ambitions are nipped in the bud.

—Anonymous

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to “give something up” for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ’s embrace of us in love: “What are you taking on for Easter?”

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WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL: Keep Him with you; find Him in the children; find Him in the Grown-Ups.

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: 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Monday: St. Patrick’s Day
Tuesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Wednesday: St. Joseph
Thursday: Spring begins

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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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