



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

May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS- May 17th – May 23rd, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Sun. 9:30 A.M. People of the Parish
Phillip LeBlanc, req. by Mary J. LeBlanc
Monday **NO MASS**
Tues. 5:30PM Mae Belle Harrison Carter, by Helen Jolivet
Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Edward J. Hennessey, SSJ
Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Joseph E. McKee, SSJ
Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Richard F. Wagner, SSJ
Joseph & Betty Broussard req. by the Children

May 11th, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to: \$2,072.00; Loyalty: \$200.00; Mother's Day \$604.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

SECOND COLLECTION: taken up June 1st, 2025, will be for Dora Senegal, in the loss of her house due to a fire. PLEASE respond generously.

MAY BIRTHDAYS: May 18th, Leona Babineaux LeBlanc, May 23rd, Anthony DeRousselle, let us put our hands together for them.

ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD HEAD START PROGRAM: REGISTRATION 2025-2026, you may register NOW until May 16, 2025.

PLEASE see Church Bulletin Board for information needed.

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.

CONFIRMATION: the Sacrament of Confirmation will be taking place on June 10th, 2025, at 6:00pm at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Church Point, Louisiana. Please come out and support our Youth who will receive this Sacrament.



PENTECOST RETREAT: Come Holy Spirit – A journey to Renewal and Power, Saturday June 14, 2025; 1:00PM (Leads into Vigil Mass 5PM) Open to ALL adults and teens. **FREE ADMISSION.** Donations welcome. PLEASE fill out a form they are on the tables at each exit to the church.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn't always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul's day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today's first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into

GARDENING

Kind hearts are the garden,
Kind thoughts are the root,
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruit.

—Anonymous

IMPENETRABLE

The same fence that shuts others out shuts us in.

—Anonymous

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"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race."

— Revelation 21:3

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:21-27).

Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — God's dwelling is with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

Gospel — This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

Paul's back! After last week's "violent abuse," opponents organized a lynch mob that beat Paul nearly to death. But call Paul the "energizing evangelist," transforming deadly cruelty into life-giving zeal. Paul's past courage should inspire our commitment; Revelation's future "new heaven, new earth" should inspire our optimism. But Revelation's present assurance, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race," should challenge us to become "missionaries of mercy." Because Pope Francis declared that the Church's credibility is completely dependent on our showing unconditional mercy. Mercy, said Francis, makes the Church, the world, and everyone young again, reawakened to life's noblest virtues. Fittingly, in today's Gospel Jesus reinforces that theme: "This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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PRAY FOR THE SICK: Lord hear our Prayers. Rose

Senegal, James Guidry, Edward Sonnier, Chester Charles, Betty Jolivette, Anthony Gardiner, Kirsten Jolivette, 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, Rose Broussard, Michael Jolivette, 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, William Board, IV. **Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caretakers.**

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.

WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL: Every activity is a spiritual exercise to prepare me for the coming of Christ.

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



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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"