

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

January 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekend Masses

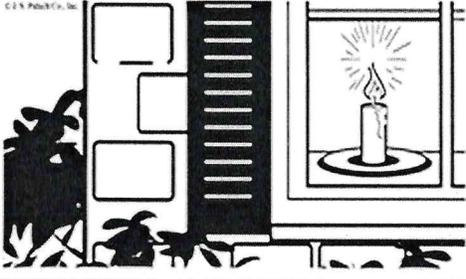
Saturday Mass – 5:00pm
Sunday Mass – 9:30am

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

**CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 25, 2026

THE PASTOR'S DESK



SEEKING THE LIGHT

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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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 Jolivette, Anthony Gardiner, Kirsten Jolivette, Tim Smith, Sr. & Family, Marie Sly George, ASBS, Mattie G. Lindon, Crystal Senegal, Lynn Smith, Ros Cook, 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 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, Ida Rubin, Bretha B. Guidry, Tyre Jordan, Sandra Cole Livings, Denver Babineaux, Viola Daron, Richard Caillet, Wendy Y. Francis, Glenn Hunter, Sr., John Washington, Lois Gabriel Yokum.

BIBLE STUDY: on Wednesday at 5:00PM in the Convent

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

— Psalm 27:14

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

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

Second Reading — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5) Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,7-8a,10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Zeph. 2:3;3:12-13; Ps 146: 6-10; 1Cor 1:26-31; Matt.5:1-12a

SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)

January 27

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the Company (*compagnia*) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries.

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MASS INTENTIONS- January 24th, 2026-January 30th, 2026

Sat. 5:00 P.M. For People of the Parish
Sun. 9:30 A.M. For People of the Parish
Fr. Richard F. Wagner, SSJ, by Paula
Wennette William & Brittany Harmon
req. by Sylvester Julian
Tues. 5:30PM For An Increase in Vocations
Wed. 7:00AM For Special Intention
Thurs. 7:00AM Rev. David Brian Hebert
Fri. 7:00AM Rev. Matthew Hebert

January 18th, 2026 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,610.00, Donation, \$800.00, Loyalty \$200.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: We can take this old world and make it over again. Jesus can do it. We have His Gospel. We have Him.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: January 23rd, Reginald Guidry, January 27th, Privat LeBlanc, January 28th, Kelsey Kelly, Kylie Mouton, January 29th, Cortlynn Brooke Francis, Alicia Kelly Butler, **let us put our hands together for them.**

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Sunday of the Word of God;
Catholic Schools Week
Monday: Ss. Timothy and Titus
Tuesday: St. Angela Merici
Wednesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday: St. John Bosco

CARRY THE LOAD

The chief thing is to take the burden on one's shoulders. As you press forward, it soon shakes down and the load is evenly distributed.

—St. John Bosco

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FAMILY: Rooted in Faith: Reclaiming, Restoring, & Healing the Village. February 1st, 2026, First Sunday of Black History.

GOD OF MERCY AND LOVE we place our African American and African Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us. Prayer composed by FR. JIM GOODE, OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer for the African American and African Family.

SENIOR WALK THE RED CARPET: Acadiana Council on Aging, Co-Sponsored by The City of Rayne, February 3rd, 2026, 10am to 1pm, American Legion Hall, 213 American Legion Drive, Rayne. For participation call (337)788-1400.



HEART

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

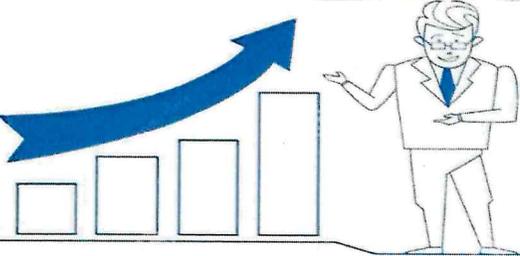
—John Bunyan

KINDNESS

Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place.

—Chinese proverb

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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"