



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

December 28, 2025

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

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Secretary's Office Hours  
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  
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**CONFESSiON: Before and after each Mass/and**  
**By appointment**

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH – DECEMBER 28, 2025

## THE PASTOR'S DESK



### SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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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.

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Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

— Colossians 3:14

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps. 96:7-8a,8b-9,10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps. 96:1-2,11-12,13; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm. 6:22-27; Ps. 67:2-3,5,6,8; Gal. 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2: 22-28; Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4;  
Jn. 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1,3cd-4,5-6; Jm 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH – DECEMBER 28, 2025

**MASS INTENTIONS- December 27th – January 2nd, 2026**

**Sat. 5:00 P.M.** People of the Parish

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

Wennette Williams,

Brittany Harmon

req. by Sylvester Julian

**Tues. 5:30PM** Thomas J. Sonnier, II &

Sonnier Family

**New Year's Vigil Wed. 5:00PM**

People of the Parish

**New Year's Day Thurs. 9:00AM**

People of the Parish

**Fri. 7:00AM** Fr. William H. Clancy, SSJ

## NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE:

New Year's Vigil -Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 @ 5:00pm

New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1, 2026 @ 9:00am

**December 21st, 2025** – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,473.00; Donation, \$1,040.00; Loyalty \$100.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

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

**WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL:** I hope and desire through Mary that my heart shall ever practically be united to the Lord.

**DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:** December 28<sup>th</sup>, Chole Duhon James, Asialyn Jolivette, December 29<sup>th</sup>, Tanner Wilson, Robert Butler, December 31<sup>st</sup>, Lisa S. Board, January 1<sup>st</sup>, La'Quinta Fontenot, Edward Senegal, Jr. **let us put our hands together for them.**

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** Are available, parishioners may pick up their Church Envelopes on the table at the main entrance of the church. Thank You.

**NEW YEAR'S GIVEAWAY:** Each family in the parish is entitled to one Extension Calendar and one Josephite calendar. Please take one of each to ensure we have enough for every family. Thank You.

## NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

## OMOM Religious Education Classes 2025-2026

Religious classes have begun. You may still register your children for classes.

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

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AWARD:** The Celebration will take place on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm. at the Cathedral of St., the Evangelist Church, Lafayette.

**CITY WIDE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** celebration will be held on Monday, January 19, 2026. **THEME: "Uniting a Nation. Building a Future".** The day will begin at 9:30am with a flag raising ceremony at the MLK Center, followed by participants marching or motoring to the Rayne Civic Center. The main program will begin at the Rayne Civic Center at 11:00am followed by a meal.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church and School has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Join us on January 24, 2026, at 1:00pm for the ribbon cutting ceremony. A story Worth Celebrating, A Legacy Worth Preserving.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

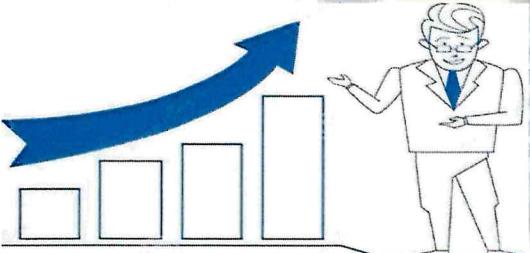
Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Monday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord –St. Thomas Becket  
Tuesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;  
Wednesday: Seventh day within the Octave of Christmas; St. Sylvester 1; New Year's Eve  
Thursday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace; New Year's Day  
Friday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, First Friday  
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus First Saturday

## WINTER WILD

It was winter wild  
While the Heav'n-born child  
All meanly wrapt in the rude manger lies.

—John Milton, *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity*

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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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