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

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

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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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – APRIL 20, 2025

HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch—Passover! *Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques*! Israel's Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus' Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Our catechumens' Passover last night, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism's waters to our family's Eucharist! Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, "Here comes everybody!" So in this Jubilee of Mercy, we make our own Saint John Chrysostom's Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: "Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent's beginning, and you who didn't fast at all, rejoice! The table's richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb!" Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody!

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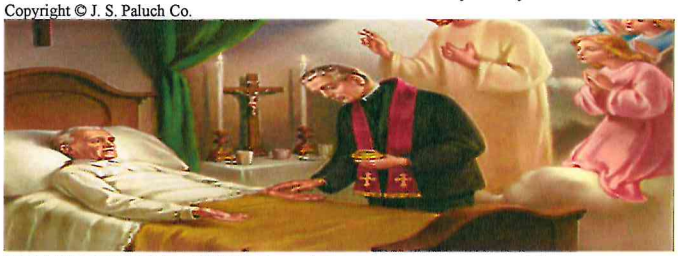

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Lord hear our Prayers. Rose Senegal, James Guidry, Edward Sonnier, Chester Charles, Betty Jolivette, Anthony Gardiner, Kirsten Jolivette, Tim Smith, Sr. & Family, Marie Sly George, ASBS, Mattie G. Lindon, Crystal Senegal, Lynn Smith, Lovenia Rochon, Ros Cook, Reta Norman, Pricilla Pierre, Sonja Blount, Rhonda Duhon, Janet Pabum, Mae Bell H. Carter, 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, 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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When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.

— Colossians 3:4

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).
Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).
(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*
(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).
Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 *(or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35)*.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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.

WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL: The cup of grace is measured out to us in proportion to the chalice of suffering being drained. (**EASTER SUNDAY**—Alleluia!!!

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MASS INTENTIONS- April 19th– April 25th, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M.	People of the Parish Dianne Y. Yokum (Anniversary) req. by Loretta
Sun. 9:30 A.M	Claby & Angelena Carnouche req. by Greta Verna Mae Young, Joseph Young, Lionel Young, Ferdie Young, Mildred D. Young, Verna Lee Young Req. by Nicole
Monday	**NO MASS**
Tues. 5:30PM	Rose Mary Paul Tauriac (Ann.) req. by Mildred
Wed. 7:00AM	Living & Deceased Josephite Priests
Thurs. 7:00AM	Seminarians
Fri. 7:00AM	Fr. John L. Stam, SSJ

April 13th, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to: $1,970.00;
SUBSIDY from Josephites Fathers $23,112.00

Fish Fry Dinners: $1,546.00
Fr. Ed. is happy to report that the income from the fish fry was $10,052.00. The expenses were $1,501.11. The profit was $8,550.89. Paula Wheeler has generously paid the expenses so our profit is $10.052.00. Thanks to everyoe for making this fundraiser so successful.
Thank you for your continuous generosity.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: April 21st, Cutina Jolivette Gabriel, Cutrina Jolivette, Trystan & Tayla Jolivette, April 22nd Journee' Jones, April 23rd, Kim Kaamil, April 24th, Justin Cole, **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.

LADIES AUXILIARY COURT #75: turnout LO Sunday, April 27th, 2025 @ the 9:30am Mass in full regalia.

GOSPEL MUSIC event entitled "Sing His Glory" in memory of Francis Leblanc. The event is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 3 p.m. in UL Lafayette Student Union, Bayou Bijou Theater, 620 McKinley Street, Lafayette, LA.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ "Easter in us."
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WE REMEMBER YOU

We remember you, O risen Lord,
firstborn of the dead.
Your resurrection destroys the power of death
and changes tears of agony into cries of joy.
Blessed are you!
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IMMORTAL HOPE

Immortal hope dispels the gloom!
An angel sits beside the tomb.
—Sarah Flowers Adams

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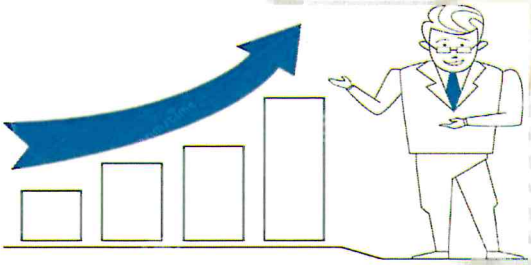

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Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy, Rayne 100 years of Faith, Family and Friends.
We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. – (1924-2024).
"ROOTED IN FAITH"