

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

April 6, 2025 Fifth 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 6, 2025



GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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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. 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 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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I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my Lord.

— *Philippians 3:8*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or *Psalm 130*.

Second Reading — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

Gospel — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

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: If you truly rely on my own strength what will become of me? Lord! To whom shall I go—but to Thee.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays during Lent at 5:00pm.

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MASS INTENTIONS- April 5th– April 11th, 2025

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

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

Claby & Angelena Carmouche, req. by Greta

Monday NO MASS

Tues. 5:30PM Fr. Adlard A. Auclair, SSJ

Wed. 7:00AM Joseph & Betty Broussard req. by Children

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Daniel H. Cassidy, SSJ

Fri 7:00AM Fr. Eugene J. Farrell, SSJ

March 30, 2025 – Our stewardship contribution amounted: \$1,405.00; **Church in Central/Eastern Europe:** \$154.00; **Fish Fry Dinners:** \$1,197.00.

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

FISH FRY DINNERS: MENU for April 11th: Fried Fish, Shrimp Fettuccine, Green Salad, Green Beans and Bread. **DONATION: \$12.00.** Tickets will be available for purchase this weekend after Masses and at the Rectory. **DONATIONS are being accepted. Thank You.**

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY: Mrs. Reta Norman-April 10th: 100 years old!!!!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: April 12th, Jayda Senegal, Anastasia Butler, Krystalyn Jolivet, April 13th, Yolanda F. Boutte, Brayden Caillet, LaDaysha Paddio, **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.

BEST INVENTIONS

I am proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill.

GOOD INFORMATION:

Our judgments are only as good as our information.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

APRIL 12TH: PALM SATURDAY MASS: 5:00PM (ONLY ONE MASS)

NO MASS ON PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 13TH CITY WIDE BLACK OUT

Holy Thursday Mass: 6pm (Last Supper)

GOOD FRIDAY—April 18th--Walking Way of the Cross -9:00am -Participants are asked to meet in front of St Joseph Church. We will walk from St. Joseph to The Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy back to St. Joseph while praying the Stations of the Cross. For more information, check bulletin boards.

Good Friday Evening Services begin at 3pm Shrine of Our of Mercy Church.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: is for The Holy Land, April 18th, PLEASE respond generously.

Holy Saturday-Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00pm.
Easter Sunday Mass-9:30am.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

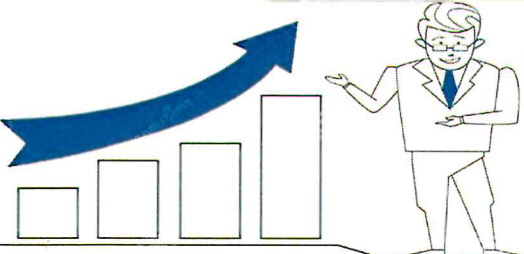
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SURE CURE

The only cure for sorrow is to kill it with patience.

—Irish 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"