

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

May 11, 2025 Fourth 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 11, 2025



SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

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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, 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, Gloria Jean Wilridge, Donna Duhon, Mervin Dugas, Kabre' Broussard, William Board, IV. **Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caretakers.**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

— Acts 13:47b

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalms — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3-7; 1-8; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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: Think of all it means to be joined to the center of unity.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY:

Saturday, May 17, 2025, at NOON, Depot Square Downtown, Rayne, LA

LET'S FILL THE SQUARE, come with your family and friends pray for Our country and all mothers of the nation.

CONGRATULATIONS: to our First Holy Communion Candidates: Kenya Mouton, Kylie Mouton, Brielle Roberts, Tyren Roberts & Marcus Steiner, Jr., let us put our hands together for them.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 11, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS- May 10th – May 16th, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Sun. 9:30 A.M. People of the Parish
Betty Broussard, Leatrice Miller,
Antonia Antoine req. by The Children
Joyce Senegal, Naomi Rochon,
Elanor Savoy, Mathilda Wheeler, req by Paula
Mable J. Domingue (Birthday) req. by Dorothy

Monday NO MASS
Tues. 5:30PM Fr. John J. Tyne, SSJ
Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Anthony A. Keil, SSJ=
Thurs. 7:00AM Geraldine Jolivet (Birthday)
Fri. 7:00AM Joseph & Betty Broussard req. by the Children

May 4th, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to: \$1,841.00; Utilities/Maintenance \$563.00
Loyalty: \$200.00

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.

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.

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

LADIES AUXILIARY COURT #75: will be selling Bar-B-Que dinners ½ chicken or pork steak dinners, with bake beans & potato salad, Donation: \$15.00, sweets will also be available for purchase. PLACE: The Convent, on May 18, 2025, from 10:30AM until 1:30PM.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE will be held next Sunday, May 18th, 2025, at 9:30am Mass, for graduating High School Seniors and College graduates. If you plan on attending, please print legibly your name, your school, college you plan to attend, and your planned major/minor. **Please give your information to the rectory Monday, May 12th, 2025.**

MOTHERHOOD

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

—Anonymous

FUNERAL INFORMATION: Eric Roberts was buried on Saturday, May 10th, in our Church. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful depart rest in peace. Amen. Please continue to pray for his family.

MAY DEVOTION: In the month of May, we are all encouraged to pray the Rosary Daily, pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary and pray for Our Pastor, Our Church and Vocation to the Catholic Priesthood.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?








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MOTHER BLEST

Though she was the Mother of the Lord, yet she desired to learn the precepts of the Lord, and she who brought forth God, yet desired to know God.

—St. Ambrose

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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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"