



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

**January 11, 2026**  
**BAPTISM 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

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

## **BAPTISM OF THE LORD – JANUARY 11, 2026**

### **MASS INTENTIONS- January 10th, 2026 -January 16th, 2026**

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

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

Wennette Williams & Brittany Harmon  
req. by Sylvester Julian

**Tues. 5:30PM** For Reginald Sonnier & Sonnier Family

**Wed. 7:00AM** For Fr. Francis W. Cassidy, SSJ

**Thurs. 7:00AM** For Tommy Guidry & Sonnier Family

**Fri. 7:00AM** For Fr. Thomas B. Donovan, SSJ

**January 4th, 2026** – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,966.00; Utilities/Maintenance, \$470.00; Loyalty \$200.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$668.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

**THANK YOU NOTE:** Thanks to all the people that helped to make the church look so beautiful for Christmas.

**LOYALTY GIFT APPRECIATION:** To all parishioners who participated in our annual loyalty gift contribution in the year 2025. Thank you very much for your continuous generosity. God bless you all.

**WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL:** How powerful is prayer, it obtains all things.

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:** January 11<sup>th</sup>, Luke Malbrough, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Connie Guidry, Elaine Sias, January 17<sup>th</sup>, Dwan Gibson, **let us put our hands together for them.**

### **OMOM Religious Education Classes 2025-2026**

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

**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.

**FUNERAL INFORMATION:** For Carolyn Mouton Milstead, who died on, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and was buried on Saturday, January 10, 2026, in our church. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Please continue to pray for the family for the fortitude to bear the loss.

**REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AWARD:** The Celebration will take place this Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:30pm. at the Cathedral of St. John 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. **Please use the QR Code above to register to attend the celebration.**



### **PEACE**

We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.

—Thomas à Kempis

### **UNITY**

Unity is vision; it must have been part of the process of learning to see.

—Henry Adams

### **The Baptism of the Lord**

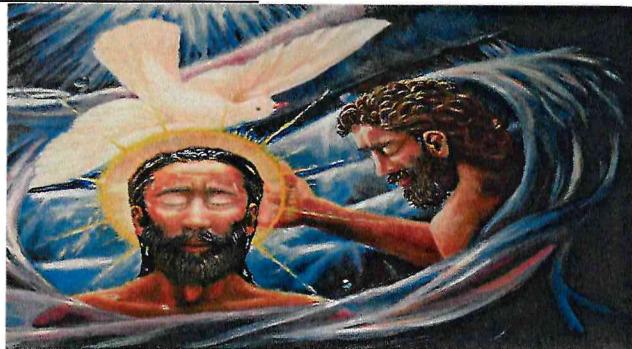
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A voice came from the heavens, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

— Matthew 3:17

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## THE PASTOR'S DESK



### THIS IS MY BELOVED SON

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9.10 ;Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

## SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)

### January 13

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

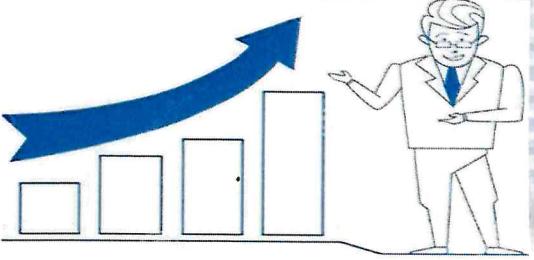
—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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

**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., Carolyn Mouton Milstead.

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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"