

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

November 16, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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CONFESSOR: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

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THE PASTOR'S DESK



LIFE IS HARD, BUT HAVE NO FEAR

Today's readings take a fearless look at reality and reach a conclusion that we all know: life is hard. The prophet Malachi preaches fire and brimstone, warning us that evildoers will perish in flames. Saint Paul offers his own warning to the Thessalonians: keep busy, but never become a busybody. He reminds Christians that the apostles themselves worked in "toil and drudgery" as a model for how we ought to contribute to our community. The Gospel returns to the apocalyptic tone of Malachi, describing the utter chaos of the end-times. We will know the end is near when violence, catastrophe, and hatred dominate the earth. But we must not fear! God's saving plan brings peace to our hearts. Malachi speaks of the sun's "healing rays," and Jesus himself promises to protect every hair on our heads.

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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, 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, 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., Irving "Mitch" Gibson.

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Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

—Psalm 98:5

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — For those who fear the name of the Lord, the sun of justice will arise (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Those who are living in idleness are urged to earn their own living (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers (Luke 21:5-19).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15;
Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15;
Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We are faced with strong and disturbing readings today that hold a certain fascination, since they seem at first glance to be blueprints for future inevitable wars and hardship. A fundamentalist interpretation focuses on this aspect. Yet we hear them at our Sunday celebration of the Eucharist, which infuses them with hope and optimism. Rather than dreading the future, today's liturgy assures us that God is with us in all of life's inevitable trials, and that we have a role in shaping the outcome of human history. Occasionally, some Christians have attempted to decode these readings for an exact measure of the world's end, but they have thus far been disappointed.

"Nothing lasts forever" is a lyric from a Broadway show. Stars fall from the sky, leaves wither and fall, mountains wash into the sea, human projects and governments totter and collapse with great regularity. Today's liturgy opposes this idea as incomplete, reminding us that Christ has made a permanent change in human history, and that life in him is life forever. Rather than inviting us to throw in the towel, today's liturgy strengthens us for acts of goodness and grace in our families, communities, and world.

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MASS INTENTIONS- November 15th – November 21st, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Thomas J. Sonnier, III &
Sonnier Family

Sun. 9:30 A.M. People of the Parish
Wennette Williams &
Brittany Harmon req. by
Sylvester Julian
Thomas J. Sonnier, III &
Sonnier Family

Monday **NO MASS**

Tues. 5:30PM Fr. Patrick J. Walsh, SSJ

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Charles S. Garely, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Thomas J. Sonnier, III &
Sonnier Family

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Larry A. Gutierrez, SSJ
Joseph & Betty Broussard req. by Children

MASS on THANKSGIVING DAY will be at 9:00am.

November 9, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,188.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

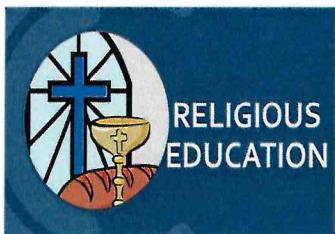
SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE: Continuing Education ONLY, PLEASE go online and complete your certification, emails have been already sent out by the Diocese of Lafayette.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: November 20th, Wallace Young, November 22nd, Alice Butler, **let us put our hands together for them.**

WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: O my God, give me the grace if I am awake at night to pray.

OMOM Religious Education Classes 2025-2026

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



THANKSGIVING BASKETS for the sick and shut-in will be distributed next week. Donations of fruit & monetary gifts are being accepted. You may contact Jeanette Williams for more information or bring it to the rectory. Thank You.



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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

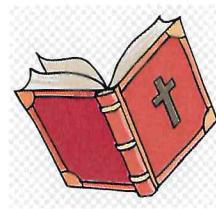
Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day of the Poor

Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Tuesday: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Cecilia



RESEMBLANCE

The dignity of resembling the Almighty is common to all people; we should then love them all as ourselves, as living images of the Deity. It is in this that we belong to God.
—St. Francis de Sales

PEACE

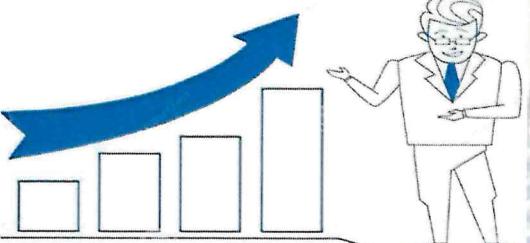
First keep the peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.
—Thomas à Kempis

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy
the author of all that is good.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

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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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