



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

November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday – 5:30pm
Wednesday - 7:00am
Thursday - 7:00am
Friday – 7:00am

Weekend Masses

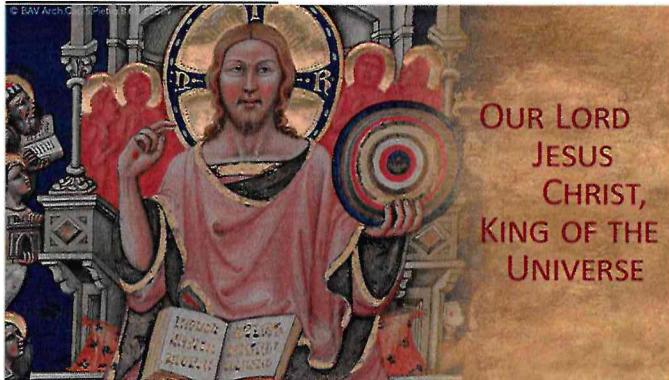
Saturday Mass – 5:00pm
Sunday Mass – 9:30am

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CONFESSOR: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST- KING OF THE UNIVERSE- NOVEMBER 23, 2025

THE PASTOR'S DESK



OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalty and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

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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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

King of the Universe

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I rejoiced because they said to me,

"We will go up to the house of the LORD."

— Psalm 122:1

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel — Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:

1Kings 8:55-61; Ps.145:2-9; 1 Cor.1:3-9

Lk 1:39-55

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82 -87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps.122; Romans 13:11-14; Matt.24:37-44

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a "Holy Year," keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words "and of his kingdom there will be no end" were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ's love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism's waters, we are anointed with chrism "as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king." This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

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MASS INTENTIONS- November 22nd – November 28th, 2025

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

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

Columbus & Celeste Julian
req. by Sylvester Julian

Monday **NO MASS**

Tues. 5:30PM Fr. Arthur R. Maurer, SSJ

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Narcisse P. Denis, SSJ

Thurs. 9:00AM Suluke Locksey (Birthday)

req. by Felicia Jordan

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Charles McMahon, SSJ

Joseph & Betty Broussard req. by Children

November 16th, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$1,610.00; Donation \$200.00. **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/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS: November 20th,

THE QUADS: Lyric, Fallon, Paisley, Psalms Larry, November 26th, Norma Jean Evans, November 27th, Michelle Stelly, December 2nd, Bernadette Cole, December 5th, Rudolph Peter, **let us put our hands together for them.**

WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: By prayer a holy flame is enkindled in the soul and light to see.

OMOM Religious Education Classes 2025-2026

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

MAKIN GROCERIES MOBILE MARKET will be at Starlight Baptist Church, on December 1st, from 10am to 12noon.



THANKSGIVING

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

—Henry Van Dyke

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH:

Advent Mission on December 8th, 9th & 10th, 2025 from 6pm to 8pm each evening. This year we welcome Fr. Tony Ricard from Archdiocese of New Orleans who serves as the Director of Office of Black Catholic Ministries, as our Mission Presenter.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BINGO: Sunday, December 21st, 2025, from 2pm to 4pm, in the Parish Hall. Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary Court #75.



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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Andrew Dung –Lac and Companions

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Friday: Native American Heritage Day

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

APPRECIATION: Thank you to all the people who donated baskets, fruits, and other items for Thanksgiving Baskets for the elderly and homebound. We are very grateful.

RESTART

When you stop to think, don't forget to start again.

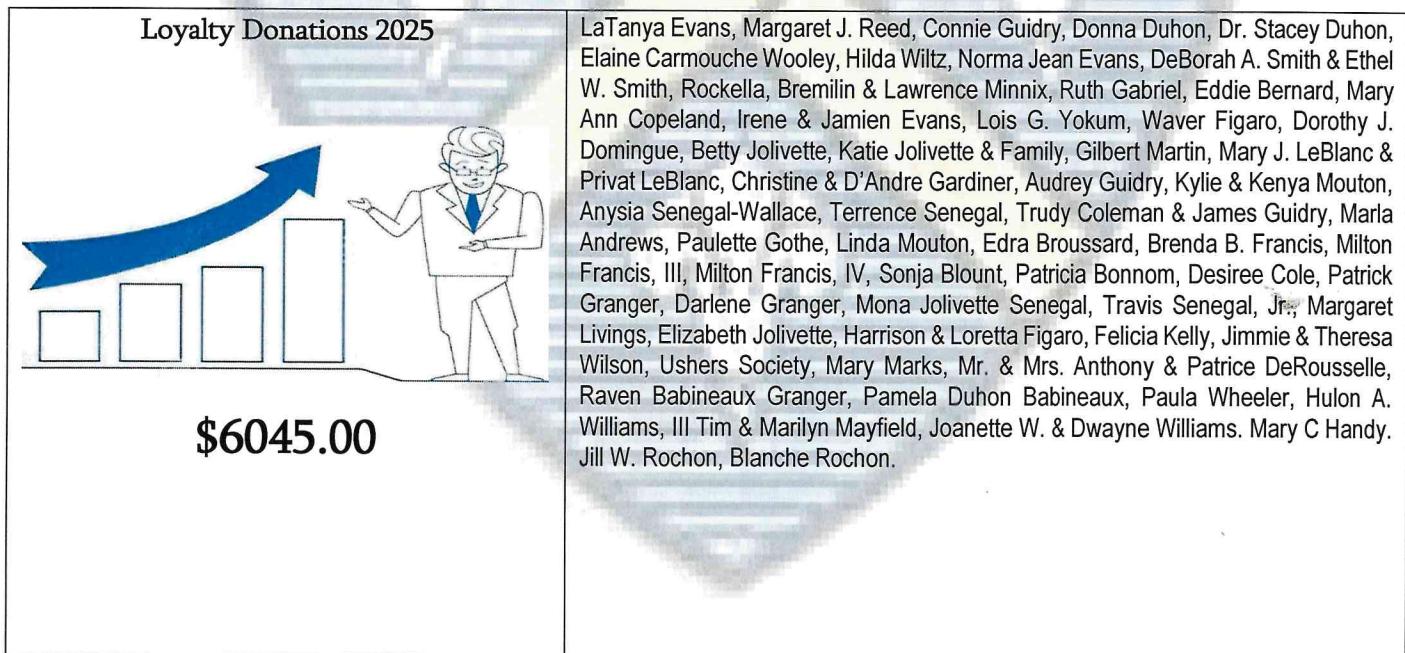
—Anonymous

FORGIVENESS

The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.

—William Blake

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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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