



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

March 2nd, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

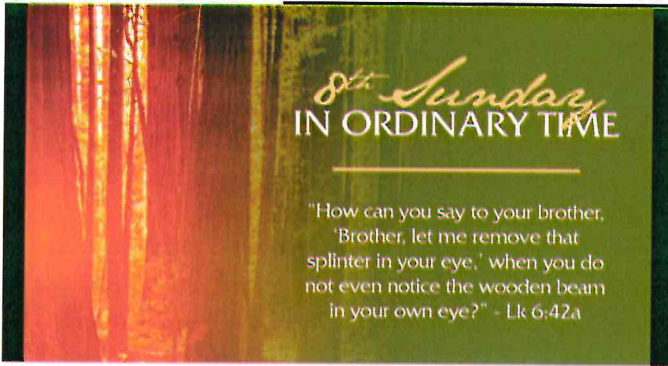
Tuesday – 5:30pm
Wednesday -7:00am
Thursday -7:00am
Friday – 7:00am

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

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THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK: Lord hear our Prayers. Rose Senegal, 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, Mae Bell H. Carter, Tommy Senegal, Ronald Senegal, Sr., Linda Mouton, Helen Caillet, Gracia Senegal, Audrey Guidry, Anthony Flynn LaPointe, Rose Broussard, Michael Jolivette, 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. **Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caretakers.**

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Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading — We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel — A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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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 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

COMMUNIAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK: will be taking place on March 22ND & 23RD, 2025

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

WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL: In the Blessed Sacrament Jesus is present just as He is in heaven.

Feast Day of St Katharine Drexel (March 3rd)

LAST WEEK COLL: February 23rd, 2025 - \$1,514.00.

Donations: \$40.00

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

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MASS INTENTIONS- March 1st – March 7th, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Melvin Cole, Sr., requested by Bernadette
Edward "Mike" Young, (Anniversary)
Curley "BB" Young, (Anniversary)
Requested by Loretta
Nola White Cooks (Birthday)

Sun. 9:30 A.M. People of the Parish
Brittany Harmon,
Requested by Sylvester Julian
Marilyn Carmouche, requested by Greta

Monday NO MASS

Tues. 7:00AM Fr. John F. O'Connell, SSJ

Ash Wed. 7:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Broussard

Ash Wed. 6:00PM People of the Parish

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Vincent J. Assing, SSJ

Fri 7:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Broussard

***TUESDAY NOVENA MASS:** it will be in the morning at 7:00am ONLY for this week, due to Mardi Gras.

LENTEN SCHEDULE:

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS: March 5th, 2025, will be at 7:00am & 6:00pm. Ashes will be distributed at Mass.

Second Collection taken up **Ash Wednesday** will be for Catholic Charities of a Acadiana. Please respond generously.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday during Lent at 5:00pm.

FISH FRY DINNERS: Every Friday during lent,

MENU for March 7th: Fried Fish, Shrimp Stew with rice, corn, potato salad, & bread, **DONATION: \$12.00.** Tickets will be available for purchase this weekend after Masses. **DONATIONS are being accepted. Thank You.**

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY 2025 LENTEN DAY REFLECTION: Saturday, March 15, 2025, 9:00am til 12:00noon.

DONATION \$15.00, includes Retreat Materials, Continental Breakfast and Lunch. For more information contact Mrs. Florence Henry, Ladies Altar Society President, (337)230-2905 and see Church Bulletin Boards for more information.

MARCH: BIRTHDAYS: March 1st, Aleke Kanonu, March 3rd, Harmony Goodwin, March 4th, Connor Gibson, March 5th, Stoney J. Keel, Jr. March 6th, Jalsyia Senegal, **let us put our hands together for them.**

THANK YOU: To all who supported the Ladies Auxiliary Court #75 Fundraiser last Saturday, a HUGH THANKS to our cooks, Eddie Bernard, C.J. Douresseaux and Robert Thibodeaux.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.
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THE DIFFERENCE








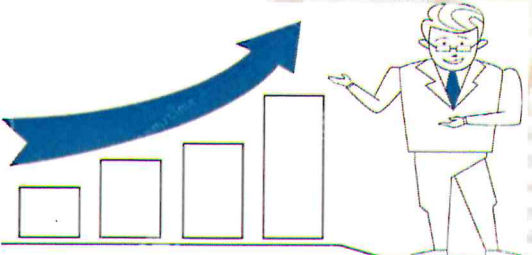
The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

—Henry Ward Beecher

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. 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.

For **INITIAL TRAINING:** contact the parish office.

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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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