



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

**March 9, 2025**

**First Sunday of Lent**

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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

CONFESSIO: Before and after each Mass/and  
By appointment

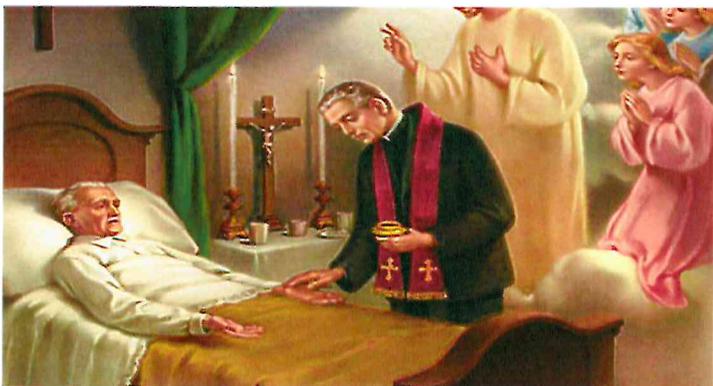
## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 9, 2025



### ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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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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*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart.*

—Romans 10

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;  
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez. 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8;  
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;  
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

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

**WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL:** Give me the grace to follow thy will in every detail.

**LAST WEEK COLL:** March 3rd, 2025 - \$2,436.00.

**Utilities/Maintenance** \$628.00, **Donations:** \$1,500.00

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

**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 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2025



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### MASS INTENTIONS- March 8th – March 14th, 2025

**Sat. 5:00 P.M.** People of the Parish  
Jimme & James Cole, requested by Bernadette

**Sun. 9:30 A.M.** People of the Parish  
Claby & Angelena Carmouche, by Greta

**Monday** NO MASS

**Tues. 5:30PM** Fr. Lawrence J. MacLellan, SSJ

**Wed. 7:00AM** Fr. Vincent J. Kellecher, SSJ

**Thurs. 7:00AM** Fr. Stephen A. Boysko, SSJ

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

### LENTEN SCHEDULE:

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

**FISH FRY DINNERS:** Every Friday during lent,

**MENU for March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Fried Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw & roll, **DONATION: \$12.00.** Tickets will be available for purchase this weekend after Masses and at the Rectory.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, Jeanette Williams, Dr. Denise Wiltz Underwood, March 8<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Kenya Mouton, Felecia Kelly, Kirsten Jolivette, March 13<sup>th</sup>, Beatrice Coleman, **let us put our hands together for them.**

**MEMBERS** are expected to pick up 2024 tax letters at the entrances of the Church.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND:

Saturday, March 8, 2025, turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three "pillars" of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION: **INFANT**

**BAPTISM:** Classes for infant baptism---1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### EXPEDIENCY IS NO JUSTIFICATION

No one is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency.

—Theodore Roosevelt

### PAST AND FUTURE

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future.

—Anonymous

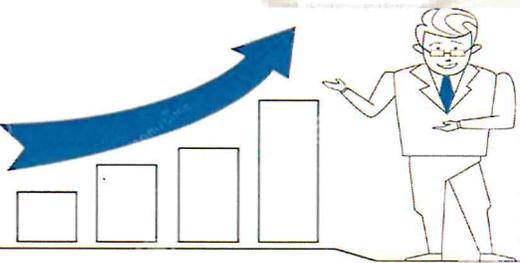
### ILL HABITS

Ill habits gather by unseen degrees—

As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas.

—Ovid

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<p><b>Loyalty Donations 2025</b></p>  <p><b>\$2050.00</b></p>	<p>LaTanya Evans, Margaret J. Reed, Connie Guidry, Donna Duhon, Dr. Stacey Duhon, Elaine Carmouche Wooley, Hilda Wiltz, Norma Jean Evans, DeBorah A. Smith &amp; Ethel W. Smith, Rockella, Bremilin &amp; Lawrence Minnix, Ruth Gabriel, Eddie Bernard, Mary Ann Copeland, Irene &amp; Jamien Evans, Lois G. Yokum, Waver Figaro, Dorothy J. Domingue, Betty Jolivet.</p>
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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”