

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

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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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

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CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and

By appointment

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) – APRIL 27, 2025



SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

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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, William Board, IV. **Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caretakers.**

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Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever and ever.

— Revelation 1:1

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or
(for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;

Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor. 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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.

WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL: Our natural talents are nothing if we are not united with Christ.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) – APRIL 27, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS- April 26th– May 2nd, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Edward "Mike" Young (Bday) req. by Loretta

Sun. 9:30 A.M. Marilyn Carnouche req. by Greta

Monday **NO MASS**

Tues. 5:30PM Fr. Gilbert A. Demers, SSJ

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. James Faherty, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. John C. Crotty, SSJ

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Paul H. Baner, SSJ
M/M Joseph Broussard
Denald & Claire Beslin

April 20th, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to: \$2,248.00;
Holy Land-Good Friday \$382.00
Easter - \$1,073.00

Thank you for your continuous generosity.

APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAYS: April 22nd, PJ (**BIG Brother**) Larry, April 26th, M J Francis, April 29th, Bert Bourque, Brian & Byron Mouton, April 30th, Nyla Rose, May 1st, Josh Reed, May 3rd, Larissa R. Arceneaux, **let us put our hands together for them.**

ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD HEAD START PROGRAM: REGISTRATION 2025-2026, you may register NOW until May 16, 2025.

PLEASE see Church Bulletin Board for information needed.

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.

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

FUNERAL INFORMATION: Helen Mouton Francis was buried on Saturday, April 26th, in our Church. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. Please continue to pray for her family.

A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME

Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for criticism of others.
—Anonymous

GOSPEL MUSIC event entitled "Sing His Glory" in memory of Francis Leblanc. The event is scheduled Sunday, (tomorrow), April 27, 2025, at 3 p.m. in UL Lafayette Student Union, Bayou Bijou Theater, 620 McKinley Street, Lafayette, LA.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);

Monday: Sts. Peter Chanel; Louis G. De Montfort

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Siena

Wednesday: St. Pius V

Thursday: St. Joseph the Worker; Nat'l Day of Prayer

Friday: St. Athanasius; First Friday

Saturday: Ss. Philip and James;

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

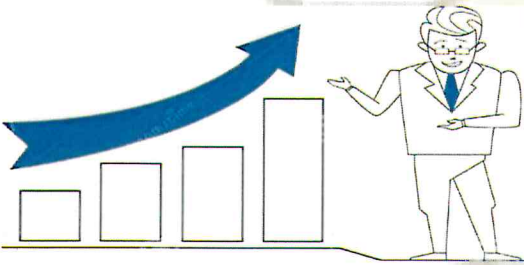
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DON'T SAY TOO MUCH

One is almost bound to fall into error if one tries to say a great deal.

—Erasmus

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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"