

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

May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 25, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS- May 24th – May 30th, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Terrance Wilton req. by Jeffery & Annie Fox.
Flora Maria Helphenstine (Ann.) by Mildred

Sun. 9:30 A.M. People of the Parish
Rose Mary Tauriac (Bday) by Mildred

Monday **NO MASS**

Tues. 5:30PM Fr. Samuel J. Matthews, SSJ

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Charles A. Evers, SSJ
Mable J. Domingue (Ann., req. by Dorothy

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Vincent J. Severino, SSJ
Douglas Jolivet, Jr (Ann) req. by the Family

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Francis E. Ryan, SSJ
Joseph & Betty Broussard req. by the Children

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May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!

— Psalm 67:6

OPERATION RICE BOWL AND LENTEN FOLDER: If you participated in operation rice bowl and Lenten folder, please try and return them so that we can forward the proceeds to the diocese of Lafayette. Thank you!

May 18th, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to: \$2,134.00; Loyalty: \$100.00; Donations: \$200.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

SECOND COLLECTION: taken up next weekend May 31st & June 1st, 2025, will be for Dora Senegal, in the loss of her house due to a fire. PLEASE respond generously.

MAY BIRTHDAYS: May 27th, Kaela Granger, Kyla Granger, May 29th, Braylin Butler, let us put our hands together for them.

WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL: If God has spoken to your heart, then follow it.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Philip Neri; Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(unless transferred to Sunday)
St. Paul VI
Saturday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

CONFIRMATION: the Sacrament of Confirmation will be taking place on June 10th, 2025, at 6:00pm at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Church Point, Louisiana. Please come out and support our Youth who will receive this Sacrament.



PENTECOST RETREAT: Come Holy Spirit – A journey to Renewal and Power, Saturday June 14, 2025; 1:00PM (Leads into Vigil Mass 5PM) Open to ALL adults and teens. **FREE ADMISSION.** Donations welcome. PLEASE fill out a form they are on the tables at each exit to the church.

BANQUET: Blood Covenant Women, Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Opelousas, June 14th, 2025, 9:00am to 2:00pm. DONATION: \$10.00

CONTENTED

A contented person is one who enjoys the scenery along the detour.

—Anonymous

LEGACY

We want to give our children what we didn't have; but let's make sure we give them what we did have: our faith.

—Anonymous

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THE GIFT OF PEACE

"There arose no little dissension and debate." Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little "give and take" now and then. So where was it that "there arose no little dissension and debate"? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today's Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today's Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that "reconciled diversity," often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today's Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus' promised Gospel gift: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

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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

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Lord hear our Prayers. Rose Senegal, James Guidry, Edward Sonnier, Chester Charles, Betty Jolivet, Anthony Gardiner, Kirsten Jolivet, 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, Rose Broussard, Michael Jolivet, 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, William Board, IV, Ida Rubin. **Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caretakers.**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or *Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.*

Gospel — Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29) or *John 17:20-26.*

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for
Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8;
Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7(R/8a) Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14,
16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; or, for Ascension,
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53


TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was "The Eighth Day," meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

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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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