



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

June 1, 2025 Ascension of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

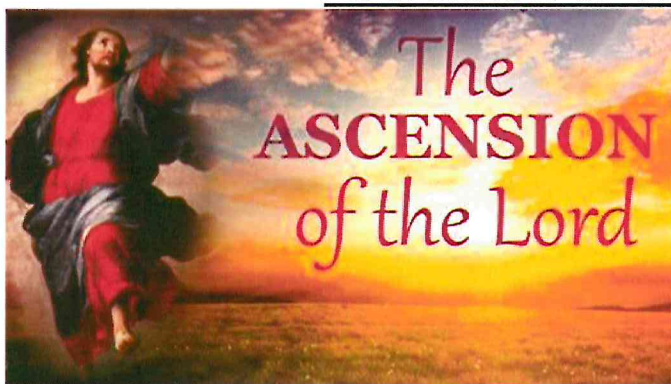
Weekend Masses

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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IN BETWEEN

In between: we all find ourselves there from time to time—sometimes uncomfortably. Like in between money coming in and money going out, earning income and paying bills. In between customer and manager, diner and chef: any honest server trying to serve both. In between theory and practice, ideal and reality: everyone from parents to pastors. Ask the kids—or parishioners! This Sunday, in between Ascension and Pentecost, reminds us we're in between Jesus' departure and glorious return—sometimes uncomfortably. Though Jesus promises in Revelation, "I am coming soon," Acts shows Stephen tragically called home first. But Pope Francis urges us not to become "sourpusses," as if living Gospel love is impossible in between. Today's Gospel shows Jesus praying for those about to betray, deny, and desert him, but also praying "for those who will believe in me through their word." Us! "So that they"—we—"may all be one."

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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.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The paschal candle, blessed at the Easter Vigil, carried in procession into the darkened church, and aflame with the light of Christ to be passed hand to hand to renew our baptism, burns for the fifty days of Easter whenever we gather as Christ's risen body. In the last fifty years, we have grown to see this candle as the sign of Christ's enduring presence with us. Before then, it was often seen more as a kind of signpost pointing backwards to events in Christ's life. Therefore, in some places, on the fortieth day after Easter, in order to portray the disappearance of Jesus at the Ascension, the candle was hidden.

Now we see the paschal candle as a sign of the great baptismal season of grace and it remains in a prominent place throughout the entire fifty days. We do know of some churches that did not hide the candle after the Ascension. In England before the Reformation, the candle was left in place for fifty days, since on Pentecost Eve there was a vigil, and the candle was used to consecrate the waters of the font. In Salisbury cathedral, the candle was thirty-six feet high, and in Westminster Abbey weighed over three hundred pounds. On Pentecost, the candles were melted to make tapers for the funerals of the poor.

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MASS INTENTIONS- May 31st – June 6th, 2025

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

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

Brittany Harmon req. by Sylvester Julian

Monday **NO MASS**

Tues. 5:30PM Fr. Patrick L. Bradley, SSJ

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Daniel J. Rich, SSJ

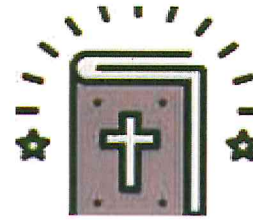
Corrine Paul (Anniversary) req. by Mildred

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Richard J. Swift, SSJ

Fri. 7:00AM Denald & Claire Beslin req. by Me'lise Trahan

Joseph & Betty Broussard req. by the Children

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



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

Tuesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

Thursday: St. Boniface

Friday: First Friday; St. Norbert

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. **NO NOVENA MASS at the Shrine of Our of Mercy Church on that evening.**



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**

WINGED FAITH

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar into Heaven.

—St. John Climacus

A GARDENER'S CREED

One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.

—Anonymous

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 25th, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to: \$2,206.00; Loyalty: \$200.00; Donations: \$2,618.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: June 2nd Lucille Guidry, Brandon Jordan, June 3rd, Nikki Jordan, June 4th, LeRoy Robert, **let us put our hands together for them.**

WORDS OF ST. KATHERINE DREXEL: I firmly believe that we don't realize the power that is ours in the companionship which is ours.

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.

FUNERAL INFORMATION: Curtis Guidry, Sr., funeral Mass was held on June 1st, 2025. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful depart rest in peace. Amen. Please continue to pray for his family.



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<p>Loyalty Donations 2025</p> <p></p> <p>\$3570.00</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 & Ethel W. Smith, Rockella, Bremilin & Lawrence Minnix, Ruth Gabriel, Eddie Bernard, Mary Ann Copeland, Irene & Jamien Evans, Lois G. Yokum, Waver Figaro, Dorothy J. Domingue, Betty Jolivet, Katie Jolivet & Family, Gilbert Martin, Mary J. LeBlanc & Privat LeBlanc, Christine & D'Andre Gardiner, Audrey Guidry, Kylie & Kenya Mouton, Anyisia Senegal-Wallace, Terrence Senegal, Trudy Coleman & James Guidry, Marla Andrews, Paulette Gothe, Linda Mouton, Edra Broussard.</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”