

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

July 13, 2025

## Fifteenth 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



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 13, 2025

HE SENT THEM OUT  
TWO BY TWO



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### GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others.

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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, Bretha B. Guidry, Tyre Jordan, Sandra Cole Livings, Denver Babineaux, Kenneth Babineaux. Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caretakers.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The word of the LORD is very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts (Deuteronomy 30:10-14).

**Psalm** — Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live (Psalm 69) or *Psalm 19*.

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15-20).

**Gospel** — The Samaritan traveler was moved with compassion at the sight of the man stripped and beaten by robbers (Luke 10:25-37).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21  
Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

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## **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 13, 2025**

**MASS INTENTIONS- July 12th – July 18th, 2025**

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

**Sun. 9:30 A.M.** People of the Parish  
Marilyn Carmouche req. by Greta  
Joseph Wheeler (Anniversary) by Paula  
The Sonnier Family

**Monday** **NO MASS**

**Tues. 5:30PM** Fr. Paul Kauffman, SSJ

**Wed. 7:00AM** Fr. Charles Chester Ball, SSJ

**Thurs. 7:00AM** Fr. Pierce T. Dalton, SSJ  
Judge Denald A. Beslin & Claire Beslin  
req. by Orida Edwards

**Fri. 7:00AM** Rev. Mark Ledoux  
Joseph & Betty Broussard by the Children

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Christ Jesus...is the head of the body, the  
Church. *Colossians 1:15,18*

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025:** July 21-July 25,  
2025; Time 5:30pm to 8:10pm: Please see the Church  
Bulletin Boards for more information.



**July 6th, 2025** – Our Stewardship contribution amounted  
to \$1,937.00; Utilities/Maintenance \$357.00; Loyalty  
\$100.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:** July 15<sup>th</sup>, Melody E. Goodwin, July  
16<sup>th</sup>, Raven B. Granger, July 18<sup>th</sup>, Rudolph L. Peter, III,  
DeBorah Smith, Mildred Young, **let us put our hands  
together for them.**

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

**WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL:** O my mother,  
imprint deeply in my heart the wounds of the crucified  
Son.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. ED:** I will be traveling to  
Washington, DC on July 16<sup>th</sup>, to make arrangements to  
have hip replacement surgery. I will recuperate at our  
Seminary. Bishop Ricard has assigned Our Newly  
Ordained Josephite Priest, Fr. Chidiebere "CHIDI"  
Dominic, S.S.J. to fill in while I am away. You will find Fr.  
Chidi to be an enthusiastic and dedicated young priest.  
Please remember me in prayer for a successful surgery  
and speedy recovery. I hope to return as soon as  
possible. God Bless you.

**Father will be living at:  
St. Joseph's Seminary  
1200 Varum Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20017**

**THE WEEKEND OF JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>,** we will welcome  
two Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy as part of the missionary  
cooperation plan for their various works of mercy through  
the world. They are dedicated to caring for the sick and  
those most in need. In Baton Rouge they operate  
Metanoia Manor which cares for juvenile victims of  
human trafficking Our second collection that weekend will  
assist the sister's mission. Please be generous.

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Kateri Tekawitha  
Tuesday: St. Bonaventure  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Friday: St. Camillus de Lellis  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### **HAPPINESS**

Since happiness is nothing else but the  
enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is  
above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above  
oneself.

—St. Bonaventure

### **WISDOM**

Wisdom has been defined as knowing the  
difference between pulling your weight and throwing it  
around.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE:** Continuing  
Education ONLY, PLEASE go online and complete your  
certification, emails have been already sent out by the  
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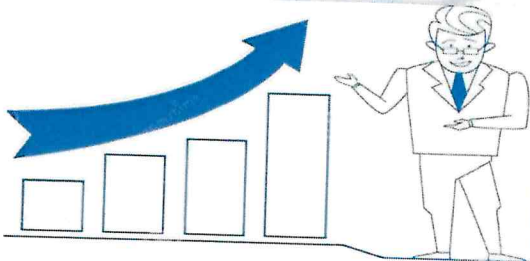
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Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy, Rayne 100 years of Faith, Family and Friends.

We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord. – (1924-2024).

**"ROOTED IN FAITH"**