

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

July 20, 2025

Sixteenth 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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 20, 2025



A MINDSET OF SERVICE

There's a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God's steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke's Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, *How am I present to God and others in my life?*

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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 — Abraham shows hospitality to three visitors (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm — He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading — The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel — Jesus converses with Martha and Mary about service and contemplation (Luke 10:38-42).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2,3-4,5-6; Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 : Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2,9-11,16-20b; 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps :Daniel 3:52,53,54,55,56; Mt.13:10-17
 Friday: 2 Cor. 4:7-15; Ps. 126:1bc-2ab,2cd-3,4-5,6 Mt. 20:20-28
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30
 Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

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WELCOME: Fr. Chidiebere A. "CHIDI" Dominic, SSJ, to Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Church Parish.

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MASS INTENTIONS- July 19th – July 25th, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Sun. 9:30 A.M. People of the Parish
Claby & Angelena Carmouche req. by Greta
Monday **NO MASS**
Tues. 5:30PM Fr. Charles R. Uncles, SSJ
Wed. 7:00AM Fr. John C. O'Shea, SSJ
Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Louis B. Pastorelli, SSJ
Fri. 7:00AM Rev. Mark Patrick LeDoux
Joseph & Betty Broussard by the Children

July 13th, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,313.00; Loyal: \$200.00, Donation: \$200.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS: July 21st, Felton Charles, July 22nd, Tonya Pabum, Ann Domingue Washington, July 23rd, Shantel Lynn Smith, July 24th, Paula Wheeler, Cicely Elieen Gabriel, **let us put our hands together for them.**

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

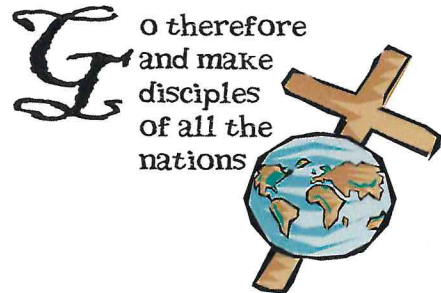
WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: Whatever you are and whatever you do for yourself, or others proceed from a pure act of God's mercy.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 will begin this Monday, July 21-July 25, 2025, and ends on Friday, July 25th; Time 5:30pm to 8:10pm:

BISHOPS SERVICES APPEAL: In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, let us ***Step Through the Holy Doors*** together, contributing generously to the Bishop's Services Appeal and allowing God's mercy to flow through our actions. Your support is crucial in fulfilling our commitment to serve and uplift our brothers and sister in Christ. Please donate in this year in the 2nd Collection today/next weekend. We express our sincere gratitude for your gifts sent already.



NEXT WEEKEND OF JULY 26TH & 27TH, we will welcome two Hospitaller 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.



FAMILY DAY OF RENEWAL: "Engaging Parents and Children" Overall How Life Applies to the Church: Saturday, August 2, 2025 10:00am at St. Katharine Drexel Hall, Our Mother of Mercy Church, Church Point Louisiana. Guest Speaker: Judge Shaunn Caillier-Harden. Brunch will be served. Please flyers on the Bulletin



HOSPITALITY

Christians should offer their brethren simple and unpretentious hospitality.

—St. Basil

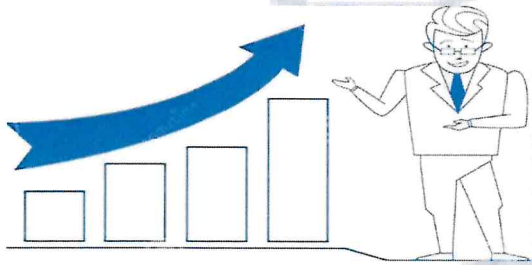
FORGIVENESS

To forgive is to set a prisoner free
and to discover that the prisoner is *me*.

—Anonymous

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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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