

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

July 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday -7:00am

Thursday -7:00am

Friday – 7:00am

Weekend Masses

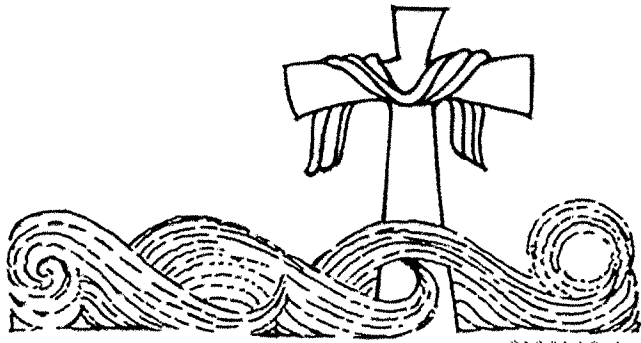
Saturday Mass – 5:00pm

Sunday Mass – 9:30am

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick contact
Fr. Chidi at (337) 334-3516

CONFESSIO: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

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ASKING FOR HELP

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

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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 bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23
Mt. 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11;
John 11:19-17 or Lk.10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11;
Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37;
Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-2

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

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MASS INTENTIONS- July 26th – August 1st, 2025

Sat. 5:00 P.M. People of the Parish
Sun. 9:30 A.M. People of the Parish
Marilyn Carmouche req. by Greta
Monday NO MASS
Tues. 5:30PM NO MASS
Wed. 7:00AM NO MASS
Thurs. 7:00AM NO MASS
Fri. 7:00AM NO MASS

July 20th, 2025 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$1,667.00; Catholic Communication Campaign, \$288.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

JULY BIRTHDAYS: July 27th, Starr Babineaux-Swanson, July 28th, Paul Guillory, III, July 30th, Troy Coleman, July 31st, Kristi P. Hunter, Audrey Nell Paddio, **let us put our hands together for them.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Felton & Sammie Gail Charles 37 years of marriage, July 27, 2025. May God continue to bless your union.

A very SPECIAL THANK YOU to our parishioners who volunteered for the just concluded Vacation Bible School, and to our parents for allowing their children to be a part of this wonderful experience. May Christ continue to direct and bless the footsteps of our young ones.

BIBLE STUDY: Will resume on Wednesday, August 6th 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.

WELCOME 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.

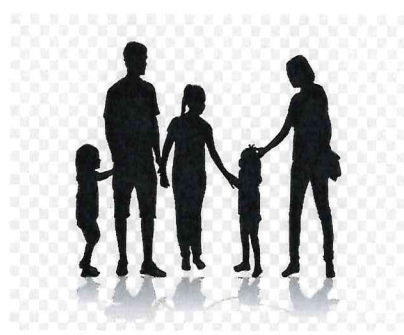


FATHER DOMINIC will be away for training at Vilanova University. There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** from Tuesday, the 29th of July-Friday the 1st of August.

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You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.
— *Colossians 2:12*

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



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DECEPTION



Indeed, it is not in human nature to deceive others for any long time, without in a measure deceiving ourselves, too.

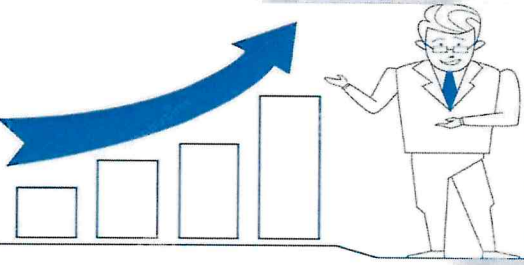
—John Henry Newman

ADVERSITY

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.

—Horace

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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”