

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

August 17, 2025

## Twentieth 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**

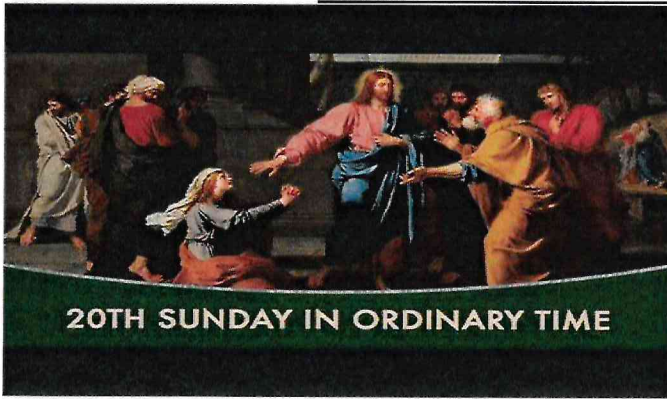
**Sunday Mass – 9:30am**

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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### LISTEN TO JESUS AND THE PROPHETS

Prophets have always had a tough row to hoe. Their words, often unwelcome, are used against them to persecute and even kill them. Such was the fate of the Old Testament prophets, and Jeremiah is a great example of this. Jesus endured opposition from sinners, and did not turn back from a shameful death in order to rise to a glorious new life. The ultimate prophet, Jesus sought to warn the people of his time and ours of the divisions that his words would cause, showing himself to be the prophet of all time. We all need to look at our divisions and dilemmas in light of Jesus' teachings and warnings, and seek to understand all that he has proclaimed and taught about what will happen if we fail to listen.

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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 their body, courage in their spirit, and patience in their 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:** Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers. 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, Viola Daron, Richard Caillet.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalm** — Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** — Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** — I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22  
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30  
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16  
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14  
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40  
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2-5; Mt 23:1-12  
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the "Dormition of the Theotokos," or the "Falling Asleep of the God-bearer." There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today.

A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as "my friend," and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

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### **MASS INTENTIONS- August 16<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**Sat. 5:00 P.M.** People of the Parish  
**Sun. 9:30 A.M** People of the Parish  
**Monday** **NO MASS**  
**Tues. 5:30PM** Fr. Patrick F. McCormack, SSJ  
**Wed. 7:00AM** Fr. Philip J. McLoone, SSJ  
**Thurs. 7:00AM** Fr. John F. Byrne, SSJ  
**Fri. 7:00AM** Fr. Lambert J. Welbers, SSJ  
Joseph & Betty Broussard, req. by  
her children

**PRAYERS:** Fr. Ed surgery went well he is recovering and will be going to Rehab. Please continue to pray for his speedy recovery. Cards may be sent to this address.

**ADDRESS:** Fr. Edward Chiffriller, SSJ  
1200 Varnum Street NE,  
Washington, DC 20017

**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,029.00; Loyalty; \$50.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:** August 19<sup>th</sup>, Alycee Harris, August 21<sup>st</sup>, Leona Rigsby, Demetria Hunt, Cody Brownen, August 22<sup>nd</sup> Laura Levy, **let us put our hands together for them.**

**BIBLE STUDY:** Will be held on Wednesday, at 5:00pm, in the Convent.



**WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL:** I praise you for a love beyond my comprehension.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE:** Continuing Education ONLY, PLEASE go online and complete your certification, emails have been already sent out by the Diocese of Lafayette.

### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 17, 2025**

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:2

### **OMOM Religious Education Classes 2025-2026**

Registration for religious education will continue throughout the month of August. The first religious class will be on September 6<sup>th</sup> in the Convent. Completed registrations can be turned into the rectory or to Donna Duhon, Director of Religious Education

The Religious Education Program is looking for members of the church community to volunteer their service by helping the youth of our parish. We are looking for a few good men and women to teach religion education classes, and volunteer to assist with the children's choir.

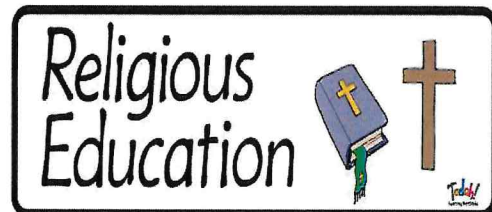
Please contact Donna Duhon  
@donnaduhon2@gmail.com if you are willing to volunteer or leave a message at the rectory.

**Forms are at each entrance to the Church.**

Thank you for supporting the children of our parish.

**Donna Duhon**

**DRE - Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy**



### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Tuesday: St. John Eudes  
Wednesday: St. Bernard  
Thursday: St. Pius X; World Senior Citizen Day  
Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday: St. Rose of Lima; Blessed Virgin Mary

### **BUILDING PLANS**

Whatever your lot in life, build something on it.

—Anonymous

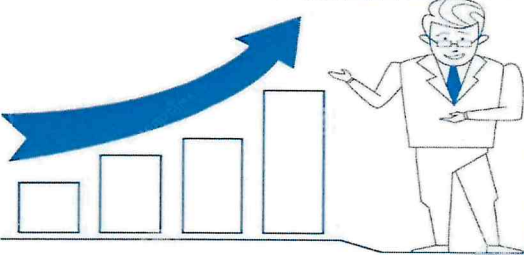
### **OCCUPANCY**

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



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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"**