



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

July 12th, 2026

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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4:30pm - 6:00pm

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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THE PASTOR'S DESK



GOD'S WORDS

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us "good-night," our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God's words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH & THEIR

CAREGIVERS: James Guidry, Edward Sonnier, Chester Charles, Anthony Gardiner, Kirsten Jolivet, Tim Smith, Sr. & Family, Marie Sly George, ASBS, Mattie G. Linton, Crystal Senegal, Lynn Smith, Ros Cook, Pricilla Pierre, Sonja Blount, Rhonda Duhon, Janet Pabum, Tommy Senegal, Ronald Senegal, Sr., Linda Mouton, Helen Caillet, Gracia Senegal, Audrey Guidry, Anthony Flynn LaPointe, 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, Ida Rubin, Bretha B. Guidry, Tyre Jordan, Sandra Cole Livings, Denver Babineaux, Viola Daron, Richard Caillet, Glenn Hunter, Sr., John Washington, Lois Gabriel Yokum, Tim Mayfield, Delveckio Charles, Donna Duhon, Aleke & Jennie Kanonu.

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You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

— Psalm 65:12

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).

Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).

Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).

Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15;
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21;
Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16;
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)

July 14

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Osserson to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

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MASS INTENTIONS- July 11th - 2026 – July 17th, 2026

Sat. 5:00 P.M. For People of the Parish
Ethel White Smith req. by Paulette Gothe
Wendy Young Francis req. by Loretta Figaro

Sun. 9:30 A.M. For People of the Parish
Ethel White Smith
Lee Allen Zenon

Tues. 5:30PM Special Intention
Ethel White Smith req. by Jeanette Williams
Joseph Wheeler (Anniversary) req. by Paula

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Thomas D. Collins, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. John F. Neifert, SSJ

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Robert W. Sullivan, SSJ
Lee Allen Zenon

July 5th, 2026 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to Weekly envelopes, **\$2,621.00, Utilities/Maintenance, \$536.00.** Thank you for your continuous generosity.

JULY BIRTHDAY: July 11th, Loretta Y. Figaro, July 12th, Maximums Butler-Hayes, July 13th, Linda Faye Young, July 15th, Melody Evans Goodwin, Tierra Ozone, July 16th, Raven Babineaux, **let us put our hands together for them.**

WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE: I owe gratitude surely to our Lord, the Divine Spouse of my soul.

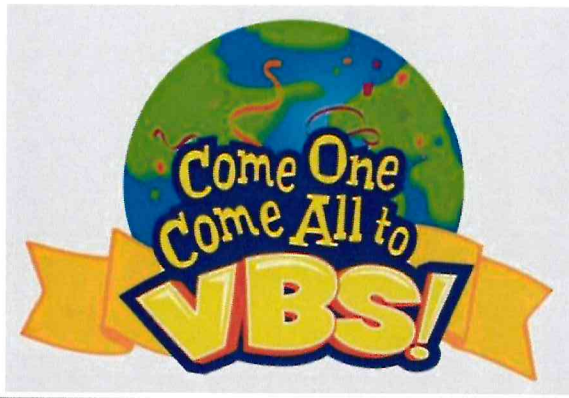
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FOOD FOR SENIORS: Monday, July 20th, 2026, held at Southside Community Center, 403 Fourth Street, Rayne, La. 7:30am -10:00am. Bring proof of income and ID or driver's license.

FUNERAL INFORMATION: Earl Williams, funeral Mass was on Saturday, July 11th. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful depart rest in peace. Amen. Please continue to pray for the family for the fortitude to bear the loss.

Prayer for Protection During a Hurricane

Our Father in Heaven,
through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us during this hurricane season from all harm.
Protect us and our homes
from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
hasten to help us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



HOOKED! REELED TO SERVE GOD: You are invited to join us for Vacation Bible School, Starlight Batiste Church, 206 Webb Street, Rayne, **July 13th - 17th, 2026, Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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



LIVE TODAY

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.

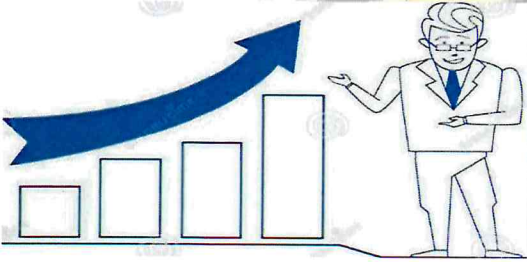
—Anonymous

GOD WITHIN

In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing known, God is hidden within.

—St. Bonaventure

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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”