



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

July 19th, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Secretary's Office Hours
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



GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his follower's using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Lest we think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believers. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love with.

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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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2026

Those who are just must be kind.

— Wisdom 12:19

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalms — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF (1828-1898)

July 24

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "You know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.'" "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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MASS INTENTIONS- July 18th - 2026 – July 24th, 2026

Sat. 5:00 P.M. For People of the Parish
Ethel White Smith req. by Lois W. Yokum

Sun. 9:30 A.M For People of the Parish
Special Intention
Ethel White Smith req. by
Pamela Babineaux
Lee Allen Zenon req. by Mary Zenon
Charles Evans, Sr., req. by Clark Family
Dallas Mouton,
Living & Deceased members in Mouton
Family req. by Gale Paddio

Tues. 5:30PM Special Intention
Ethel White Smith req. by St. Paul
Chapter #3 Ladies of Grace

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Charles Uncles, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. John C. O'Shea, SSJ

Fri. 7:00AM Lee Allen Zenon req. by Mary Zenon

July 12th, 2026 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to Weekly envelopes, **\$1,889.00**, Donation, **\$776.00**.
Thank you for your continuous generosity.

JULY BIRTHDAY: **July 18th**, Rudolph L. Peter, III, DeBorah A. Smith, Mildred Young, **July 19th**, Daylon Charles, **July 20th**, Bernadette Charles, **July 21st**, Felton Charles, **July 22nd**, Tonya Pabum, Ann Domingue Washington, **July 23rd**, Shantel Lynn Smith, **July 24th**, Paula Wheeler, Cicley Eileen Gabriel, **let us put our hands together for them.**

WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE: I firmly believe that we don't realize the power that is ours in the companionship of Jesus which is ours.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE: The Diocese of Lafayette requires that each parish is in safe environment compliance. Everyone working with children, Ministers of Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers, volunteers working with the Praise Team, and Religious Education, must be Safe Environment Certified. DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE SAFE ENVIRONMENT (VIRTUS) is now open for Continuing Education. It is MANDATORY for CCD Teachers, Volunteers & Parents. After completion a certificate will be printed and put in the office file.

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.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Saturday: St. James

WORDS AND WEEDS

A man of words and not of deeds
Is like a garden full of weeds.

—Anonymous nursery rhyme

DO

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

—Theodore Roosevelt



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

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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”