



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

June 21st, 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Happy Father's Day)

Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy
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Very Rev. Edward J. Chiffriller, SSJ - Pastor
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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

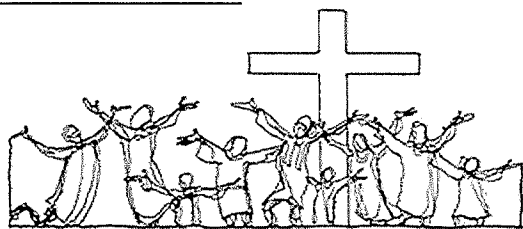
Saturday Mass – 5:00pm
Sunday Mass – 9:30am

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick contact
Fr. Ed at (225) 571-8233

CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 21st, 2026

THE PASTOR'S DESK



ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lecturers gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

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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. Lindon, 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, Wendy Y. Francis, Glenn Hunter, Sr., John Washington, Lois Gabriel Yokum, Tim Mayfield, Delveckio Charles, Donna Duhon, Aleke & Jennie Kanonu

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026

Sing to the LORD,

praise the LORD,

for he has rescued the life of the poor.

— Jeremiah 20:13

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).

Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).

Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).

Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17
 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
 Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

SAINT JOHN FISHER (1469-1535) AND SAINT THOMAS MORE (1477-1535)

June 22

From Robert Bolt's classic *A Man for All Seasons* to *Showtime's* edgy *The Tudors*, Thomas More endears himself still: lawyer-statesman of impeccable integrity, remarried widower and affectionate father delighting in a lively household—four children, a pet monkey, even a paid jester! And challenges still: humanist-reformer, yet champion of Catholic faith and papal primacy. John Paul II named him Patron of Statesmen and Politicians, citing More's generous work, both as a lawyer and in government service, on behalf of the poorest and most marginalized people of his time, as well as his promotion of education for all sectors of society. More's decision for principle over politics, conscience over convenience prompted his final words: "I die the king's good servant, but God's first." Alone among England's bishops, John Fisher dared challenge Henry VIII's divorce and repudiation of the papacy. When the Pope named the imprisoned Fisher a cardinal, Henry thundered: "Don't bother sending Fisher's red hat here; I'll send Fisher's head to Rome!" Whose "good servants" are we first? Isn't a right conscience worth the pain of standing alone?

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MASS INTENTIONS- June 20th - 2026 – June 26th, 2026

Sat. 5:00 P.M. For People of the Parish
Ora Lee Cole Wiltz
Gerald James Paddio
Paddio Family
Ethel White Smith req. by Waver
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Cook, Living & Deceased
Members in the Cook Family
Corrine Paul (Birthday) req. by Mildred

Sun. 9:30 A.M. For People of the Parish
Lee Allen Zenon
Corrine Jolivette (Birthday)
Paul Senegal, Alfred Lee req. by Paula
Charlie Evans, Sr., req. by Clark Family
Forrest Domingue
Claude & Carroll Domingue
Luke & Russell Domingue
req. by Dorothy Domingue
Karl Malbrough, Sr.

Tues. 5:30PM Special Intention
Ethel White Smith req. by Paula Wheeler

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. John A. Wilson, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Andrew J. Fitzpatrick, SSJ

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Joseph A. St. Laurent, SSJ
Fr. Michael F. Crilley, SSJ
Lee Allen Zenon

June 14th, 2026 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to **Weekly envelopes, \$1,979.00, Donations \$658.00.** Thank you for your continuous generosity.

JUNE BIRTHDAY: June 22nd, Don Charles, June 23rd, Collins Williams, June 24th, Leona C. Senegal, June 26th, Tim Mayfield, let us put our hands together for them.

WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE: O my God, I love thee above all things with my whole heart and soul.

WELCOME: Fr. Justus Ihemanwulotu, SSJ, back to the Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Church. We as a Parish Family Congratulates you on your Priestly Ordination. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you. Amen.

FATHERHOOD

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

—William Shakespeare

WHAT WE LOVE

We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.

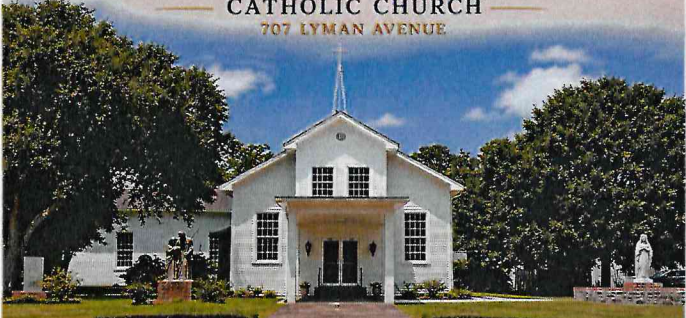
—St. Francis de Sales

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.

Join us for Vacation Bible School at Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church:

Wednesday, July 8 - Friday, July 10, 2026, from 5:00 PM–7:00 PM. Our theme, **UNFINISHED: GOD Isn't Finished with Me Yet**, reminds us that GOD continues to work in and through each of us. Open to ages 6 through adult. The closing presentation will be held Friday, July 10 at 7:15 PM. Registration forms are on the tables at each entrance to the church or you can register online at www.shrineofourmotherofmercy.com. **All are welcome. Come grow in faith with us!**

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CATHOLIC CHURCH
707 LYMAN AVENUE



UNFINISHED

GOD Isn't Finished With Me Yet.

“A WORK IN PROGRESS”

“I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.”
PHILIPPIANS 1:6 (NABRE)

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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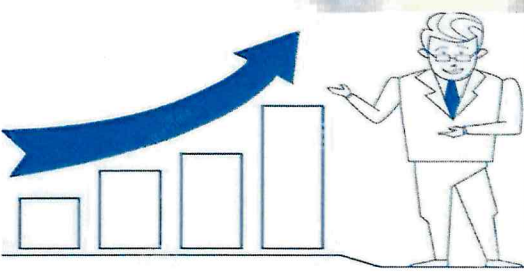
Your story is not over.

Your mistakes are not the end.
Your struggles are not the end.
GOD is still working.

LET'S PACK THE CHURCH!

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.

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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"