



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

**March 1, 2026**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

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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**

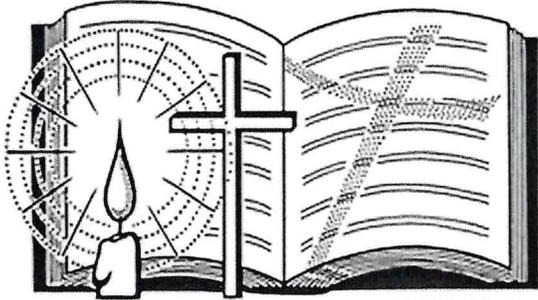
**Saturday Mass – 5:00pm**  
**Sunday Mass – 9:30am**

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

**CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and  
By appointment**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 1, 2026

### THE PASTOR'S DESK



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### CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

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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 Jolivette, 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 Jolivette, 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.

### Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

**Psalm** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

**Gospel** — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38  
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

### SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)

March 3

Born into Philadelphia society, Katharine was an infant when she lost her mother. Her father remarried and the couple taught their daughters that their wealth was a "gift on loan" to be shared with the poor, whom they fed and cared for in their home. Invited by priest friends to witness firsthand the destitution on Native American reservations, Katharine resolved to devote her inheritance to this apostolate and enter a contemplative order. When, however, in private audience, she begged Leo XIII to send missionaries to staff the schools she was building, the pope replied, "My child, why not become a missionary yourself?" Katharine renounced a twenty-million-dollar fortune and founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, adoring Christ present in the Eucharist and ministering to Christ suffering in victims of racial discrimination. Her Sisters established over sixty schools nationwide, including Xavier University, New Orleans, the first dedicated to professional education for African Americans. In 2000, John Paul II canonized "Mother Drexel," praising her "excellent example of practical charity and generous solidarity with the less fortunate, long the distinguishing mark of American Catholics."

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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 1, 2026**

### **MASS INTENTIONS- Feb. 28th - 2026 – March 6th, 2026**

**Sat. 5:00 P.M.** For People of the Parish  
Edward Mike Young (Anniversary)  
Curley "BB" Young (Anniversary)  
req. by Loretta

**Sun. 9:30 A.M** For People of the Parish  
Columbus & Celeste Julian  
req. by Sylvester Julian

**Tues. 5:30PM** Special Intention

**Wed. 7:00AM** Fr. John F. O'Connell, SSJ

**Thurs. 7:00AM** Roy John Paul req. by Mildred

**Fri. 7:00AM** Fr. Vincent J. Assing, SSJ

**February 22nd, 2026** – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,100.00, **Donations**, \$1,650.00, **Loyalty** \$200.00, **Ash Wednesday** \$472.00, **Black & Indian Mission** \$399.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

**FEBRUARY/MARCH BIRTHDAYS:** February 27<sup>th</sup>, Eyden Swanson, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Aleke Kanonu, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gerard Cole, Donna Wheeler, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Harmony Goodwin, Colin Senegal, March 4<sup>th</sup>, Jeanette Williams, Denise Underwood, Jacqueline Steiner, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Stoney J. Keel, Jr., March 6<sup>th</sup>, Jalsyia Senegal, **let us put our hands together for them.**

**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. **Continuing Education ONLY, PLEASE go online and complete your certification.** For **INITIAL TRAINING:** contact the parish office.

**WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL:** Let us be followers of God and walk in love, as Christ also has loved us.

**FRIED FISH Po Boy:** Friday, March 6th, 2026, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm, in the Convent. **Menu:** Fried Fish Po Boy & French Fries. Donation: \$12.00. Sweets will be sold. Thank you.

**FISH FRY PROFIT** February 20, 2026, \$2,428.00, **Thank You!** Knights of Peter Claver Council #75,

**LENTEN MISSION:** National Expert on the Shroud of Turin, Dr. Cherly White, is scheduled to speak at St. Joseph's in Rayne on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> @6pm.

### **HELP NEEDED!**

In preparation for the upcoming Convent Dedication Ceremony next week, please come out and help clean the convent on Sunday, March 1st, at 1:00 pm. **THANK YOU!**

**CONVENT DEDICATION:** Honoring St. Katharine Drexel Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
St. Katharine Drexel Feast Day Ceremony @ 5:00 PM, Mass at 5:30pm  
Parishioners are encouraged to attend  
Special Guest - Sr. Jane Nesmith, SBS

**SAVE THE DATE: FREE:** Parish Wide Lenten retreat, Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, @ 1:00pm, **THEME:** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"- Psalm 51, Prophetic Call: "Awake, O Sleeper" – Ephesians 5:14. The Retreat would intentionally extend into Adoration, Confession, the Rosary, and conclude with the 5pm Mass. Optional Retreat T-Shirts \$20.00.

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent  
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel  
Wednesday: St. Casimir  
Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence;  
First Friday  
Saturday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity; First Saturday

### **SHARING**

It's easy to halve the potato where there's love.  
—Irish saying

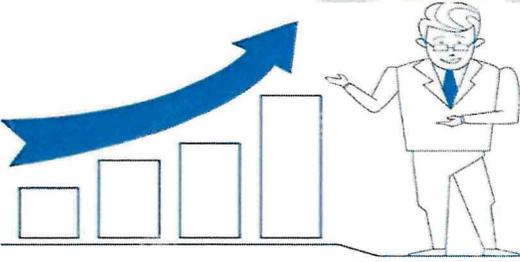
### **THE HEAVIEST LOAD**

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.  
—Anonymous

### **SPRING WEATHER**

In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.  
—Mark Twain

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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"