



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

February 15, 2026

**SIXTH 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**

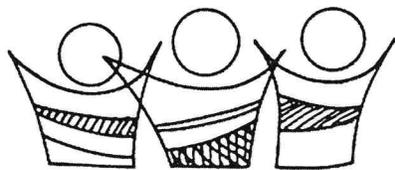
**Saturday Mass – 5:00pm**  
**Sunday Mass – 9:30am**

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

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 15, 2026

### THE PASTOR'S DESK



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### CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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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, Betty Jolivet, 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.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

**Second Reading** — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

**Gospel** — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18; Ps. 51:3-5, 6ab, 12-13, 14, 17  
2 Cor. 5:20-6:2; Mt. 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Deut. 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk. 9:22-25

Friday: Is. 58:1-9a; Ps. 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19  
Matt. 9:14-15

Saturday: Is. 58:9b-14; Ps. 86:1-6; Lk. 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn. 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps. 51:3-6; 12-13, 17;  
Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Matt. 4:1-11

### THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

#### February 22

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 15, 2026

**MASS INTENTIONS- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 -Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Sat. 5:00 P.M.** For People of the Parish  
Colencia Davidson & Sonnier Family  
Merlin James Nixon

**Sun. 9:30 A.M.** For People of the Parish  
Columbus & Celeste Julian  
req. by Sylvester Julian  
Geraldine Jolivette (Anniversary)  
Joseph Rochon  
Merlin James Nixon

**Tues. 5:30PM NO MASS**

**Ash Wed. 7:00AM** People of the Parish

**Ash Wed. 6:00PM** People of the Parish

**Thurs. 7:00AM** For Nolton Senegal, Jr., (Birthday)

**Fri. 7:00AM** Fr. Edward J. Blasius, SSJ

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026** – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to \$2,369.00; Loyalty, \$250.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS:** will be at 7:00am & 6:00pm  
**COLLECTION Ash Wednesday** will be for Catholic Charities of Acadian. Please respond generously.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be every Friday during Lent at 5:00pm.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:** February 14<sup>th</sup>, Vanessa Jolivette Rickett, February 16<sup>th</sup>, Angelina Logan, **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.

**2026 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL:** Follow-Up Weekend, we invite those who haven't yet participated to join us by making a pledge to the 2026 Bishop's Services Appeal. Every gift, no matter the size, provides the essential funding needed for "Holding the Faith" through our diocesan ministries that serve the vulnerable and form the future of our Church here in Acadiana. **You can scan the QR code in the BSA envelope in the pews.**

**BIBLE STUDY:** on Wednesday at 5:00PM in the Convent

**WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL:** Kind works by their power of producing happiness have also a power of producing holiness.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Cor. 2:9-10

**FISH DINNERS:** Fish Dinners will be sold on Friday, during Lent. Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm, in the Convent. **Menu:** Fried Catfish, Shrimp Etouffee, w/rice, green beans, green salad & bread. Cost \$12.00. Tickets see Grand Knight, Willie Larry, or any member of Council #75, sweets will also be sold. Thank you.

**BAD COMPANY**

People who live solely for themselves are eventually corrupted by their own company.

—Anonymous

**CONSCIENCE**

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

—George Washington

**THE BLACK CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY presents:**

Black History Month Movie, Matinee: Sundays February 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, Starlight Baptist Church, 206 Webb Street, Rayne, Doors open at 1:00pm. Movie begins at 1:30pm. Ages 12 to 19. Popcorn, pizza and a drink provided.

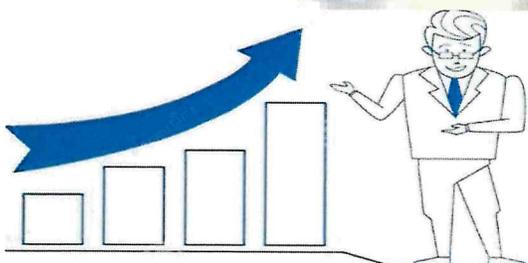
**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CHURCH**

**February 23-25 @ 6:00pm,** three nights of Reflection, Adoration and Silence, before Christ Crucified. 114 Bienvenu Street, Church Point, La.

**CUNNINGHAM C.M.E.** Church Family would like to invite you to share our Black History Celebration with us. Sunday, February 22, 2026 @ 10am. Speaker Attorney Shytishia Flugence, Theme "Saving our Youth."



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<p><b>Loyalty Donations 2026</b></p>  <p><b>\$1,475.00</b></p>	<p>Mildred Young, Edra K. Broussard, Jamie &amp; Sharinda Evans, Elaine Carmouche Wooley, Rockella, Lawrence &amp; Bremilin Minnix, Gilbert Martin, Pamela Duhon Babineaux, Norma Jean Evans.</p>
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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"