



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

May 3rd, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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4:30pm - 6:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday – 5:30pm
Wednesday -7:00am
Thursday -7:00am
Friday – 7:00am

Weekend Masses

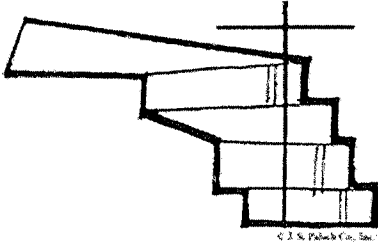
Saturday Mass – 5:00pm
Sunday Mass – 9:30am

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



VOCATION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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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, Delveckio Charles, Donna Duhon, Aleke & Jennie Kanonu.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

— John 14:6

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

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

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:17-21; Ps 96:1,2a,2b-3,10;- Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2,3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or
Jn 17:1-11a

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

May 3

Call Philip the gospel’s “Answer Man.” “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets” (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: “We would like to see Jesus” (John 12:21). Philip’s answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: “Show us the Father!” (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: “You still don’t know me? How can you ask that? Don’t you believe?” And an answer: “I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (John 14:10). Today’s James is not John’s brother, Zebedee’s son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus’ words: “Forgive them, for they know not what they do.” Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James’ letter challenges, “doers of the word and not hearers only” (James 1:22).

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MASS INTENTIONS- May 2nd - 2026 – May 8th, 2026

Sat. 5:00 P.M. For People of the Parish
Gerald James Paddio
Terrence Wilton (Anniversary) req. by
Mary J. LeBlanc
Flora Maria Helphenstine req. by Mildred

Sun. 9:30 A.M. For People of the Parish
Gerald James Paddio req. by The Family
Colencia Davidson & The Sonnier Family

Tues. 5:30PM Special Intention

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. John F. Kieman, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Joseph G. Turner, SSJ

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Peter E. Hogan, SSJ

CONGRATULATIONS: to our First Holy Communion recipients, **Kouri Bernard, Kendall Broussard, Penelope Cook & Julian McClelland**, let us put our hands together for them.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation will take place here at The Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, at 6:00pm, with Our Mother of Mercy, Church Point & St. Theresa, Crowley parishes. All are invited.



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE: will be held on Sunday, May 17th, 2026, at 9:30am Mass, for graduating High School Seniors and College graduates. If you plan on attending, please provide your name, your school, college you plan to attend, and your planned major/minor.

Please bring your information to the rectory no later than Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, Thank You.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter;
Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo
Thursday: National Day of Prayer

QUESTION? What can I do this week to know Jesus better, to serve those who are overlooked, and to prepare my spiritual home?

ENTRANCE

How else but through a broken heart
May the Lord Christ enter in?

April 26th, 2026 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to **Weekly envelopes** \$2,537.00, **Loyalty** \$400.00, **Donation** \$40.00, **Catholic Home Mission**, \$353.00. **Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

SECOND COLLECTION: take up the weekend of May 23rd & 24th, will be for Aleke & Jennie Kanonu, to help with their medical expenses. **PLEASE** respond generously.

THANK YOU, for your generous support for last week's **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. As a parish, we collected \$353.00 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit, www.usccb.org/home-mission.iGiveCatholic.

APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAY: **April 30th**, Nyla Rose, **May 3rd**, Larissa Reed Arceneaux, **May 7th**, Paulette Gothe, **let us put our hands together for them.**

WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: Hear me, Sweet Jesus!

MAY is the Month of Mary: Please pray the Rosary everyday as our May Devotion to the mother of God and of Mercy patroness of our churches.

MARY OUR MOTHER:

What a joy to remember that Mary is our mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?

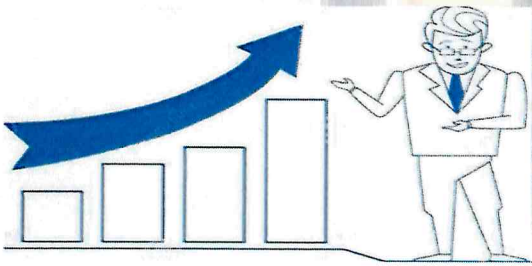
MUCH-NEEDED LOVE

No one needs love more than someone who doesn't deserve it.

—Anonymous

—Oscar Wilde

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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”