



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

May 24th, 2026

## PENTECOST

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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  
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CONFESSIO: Before and after each Mass/and  
By appointment

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## THE PASTOR'S DESK



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### THE RICHNESS OF THE SPIRIT

Students, and most adults recalling their school days, are familiar with the phrase “compare and contrast” that shows up from time to time on tests. Today we hear two different accounts of the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church. Let’s contrast, then compare. Luke’s account from Acts is filled with arresting details: the mighty wind from heaven, the tongues of flame, the miracle of different languages. John’s account seems timid: fearful disciples, the wounded Christ, the expelling of breath from his risen body, not from the sky. Our literal, modern minds wonder which way it happened; our noisy culture probably makes us prefer the former. But if we compare the two, we find that the dazzling richness of the Spirit fills both accounts, for it is the very breath of the risen Christ, ascended to the sky in Luke, that appears to his disciples in John and sends his followers forth to carry on his mission of forgiving sin and proclaiming the mighty acts of God.

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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.

## Pentecost Sunday

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There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.

— Acts 2:3

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

**Psalm** — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

**Second Reading** — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-2-3ab,3cd-4  
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15,19-20;  
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12; Ps 100:2,3,4,5  
Mk 10:46-52

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10,-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17: 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55;  
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

## SAINT PHILIP NERI (1515-1595)

May 26

In a shop near the Vatican, a group of Americans laughed as the shopkeeper showed off his fluent English and latest souvenir, a key ring whose papal portrait, when pressed, activated a recorded blessing. Through the shop window, two clerics scowled disapproval. The shopkeeper grunted, “They’re a very somber order who’ve left the Church. I recognize them.” “By their long robes?” an American asked. “Many in Rome wear robes,” replied the shopkeeper. “It’s their long faces!” When Philip Neri arrived in sixteenth-century Rome, there was reason to be somber. Swiss Guards had been massacred on Saint Peter’s steps defending the pope. Parts of Europe were abandoning the Church. But Philip resolved to be an “apostle of joy,” drawing especially the young to Christ—and frequent confession and Communion—by his sincere interest in their problems, prayerful example, and gentle humor. His “Oratory,” a movement as well as a place, provided recreation and devotion in a joyful atmosphere of companionship, service, and liturgy. Philip Neri challenges each of us to begin improving Church and world by changing ourselves with unflinching joy.

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# PENTECOST – MAY 24, 2026

**MASS INTENTIONS- May 23rd - 2026 – May 29th, 2026**

**Sat. 5:00 P.M.** For People of the Parish  
Fr. Richard F. Wagner, SSJ, by Paula  
Damien Jolivette & Peter Jolivette, Jr.  
req. by Margaret Reed

**Sun. 9:30 A.M** For People of the Parish  
Lee Allen Zenon

**Tues. 5:30PM** Special Intention  
Rose Mary Tauriac req. by Mildred

**Wed. 7:00AM** Fr, Charles J. Evers, SSJ

**Thurs. 7:00AM** Fr. Vincent J. Severino, SSJ

**Fri. 7:00AM** Douglas Jolivette, Jr. (Anniversary)

**May 17th, 2026** – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to **Weekly envelopes, \$1,958, Donation, \$1,180.00, Ascension, \$269.00. Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

**MAY BIRTHDAY:** **May 23<sup>rd</sup>,** Anthony DeRouselle, Ivy Bernard, **May 27<sup>th</sup>,** Kaela R. Granger, Kyla J. Granger, **May 29<sup>th</sup>,** Braylin Butler, **let us put our hands together for them.**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Willie & Zona Larry, 39 years, May 22nd, 2026. May God continue to bless your union with many more years.

**WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE:** Charity means to live by the Spirit.

**SCHOLARSHIP FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLICS IN THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE:** The Catholic Legacy Foundation is offering the Father Harold J. Trahan & Friends Scholarship. Applications are now being accepted for current high school seniors. For more information and to apply, email [OfficeManager@CLFAinc.org](mailto:OfficeManager@CLFAinc.org). **DEADLINE to apply is May 31, 2026**

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday  
Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church;  
Eight Week in Ordinary Time begins  
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri  
Wednesday: At. Augustine of Canterbury  
Friday: St. Paul VI  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## **PENTECOST**

Unless the eye catch fire,  
God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire,  
God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire,  
God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
—William Blake

## **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,  
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

### **Let us pray.**


O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise  
and ever rejoice in his consolation.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A DAY OF REFLECTION honoring the BOND BETWEEN FATHER AND SON,** June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 9:00am, Concludes with Mass at 4pm, Diocese of Lafayette Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, La. RSVP to Rogers Griffin at [rgriffin@holyfamilycs.com](mailto:rgriffin@holyfamilycs.com). Sponsored by the Office of Black Catholics.

**FOOD FOR SENIORS 2026 Schedule: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. For more information contact Brenda McClelland (337)224-6413 or [csfp@no-hunger.org](mailto:csfp@no-hunger.org).

**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.

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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”**