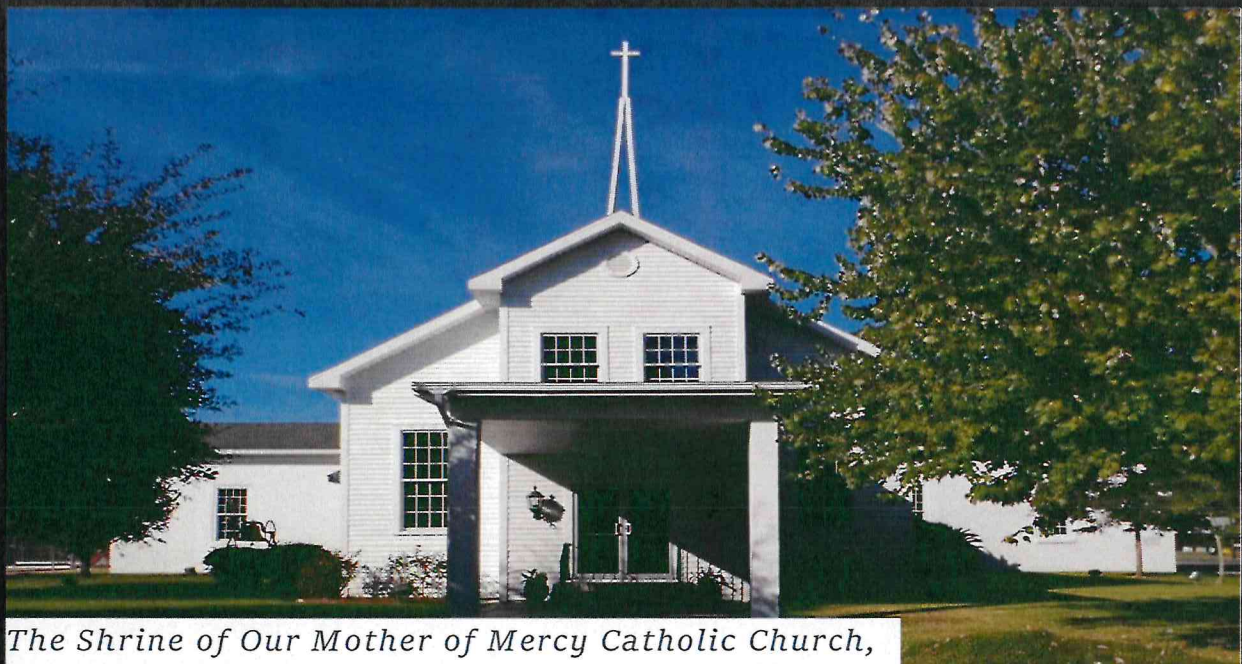




*The Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church,
Rayne, Louisiana.*

August 9th, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekend Masses

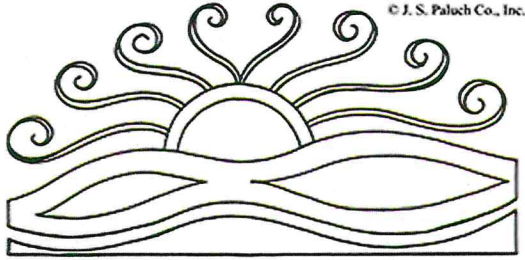
Saturday Mass – 5:00pm
Sunday Mass – 9:30am

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

CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 9, 2026

THE PASTOR'S DESK



THE PRESENCE OF GOD

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, "Truly you are the Son 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 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, Glenn Hunter, Sr., John Washington, Lois Gabriel Yokum, Tim Mayfield, Delveckio Charles, Donna Duhon, Aleke & Jennie Kanonu, Herbert Mouton, Joseph Platia.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: "Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by" (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942)

August 9

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "That is the Truth!" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

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MASS INTENTIONS- August 8th - 2026 – August 14th, 2026

Sat. 5:00 P.M. For People of the Parish
Selena J. Young (Anniversary) by Loretta
Ethel White Smith req. by Ann D. Washington

Sun. 9:30 A.M. For People of the Parish
Lee Allen Zenon req. by Mary Zenon
Ethel White Smith, req. by Pamela Babineaux

Tues. 5:30PM Special Intention
Ethel White Smith req. by Desiree Cole

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Charles V. Clark, SSJ
Michael James Smith (Anniversary)

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

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Bernard A. Lyons, SSJ
Lee Allen Zenon req. by Mary Zenon

August 2nd, 2026 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to **Weekly envelopes, \$2,828.00, Utilities/Maintenance \$581.00, Loyalty, \$400.00. Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: August 8th, Timothy LaPointe, August 10th, Betty Bourque, Thera Guidry, August 12th, Milton J. Francis, III, Valeria Gordon, Marilyn Mayfield, Lauren Senegal, August 13th, Annette Jolivet, **let us put our hands together for them.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: To Gordon Blount, August 8th, celebrating 35 years, being the musician at the Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Church, let us put our hands together for him.

Prayer for Protection During a Hurricane

Our Father in Heaven,
through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
spare us during this hurricane season from all harm.
Protect us and our homes
from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
hasten to help us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

OMOM Religious Education Classes 2026-2027

Registration has begun for religious education and continues throughout the month of August. The first religious class will be on September 12, 2026, in the Katherine Drexel Center. Completed registrations can be turned into the rectory or to Donna Duhon, Director of Religious Education. Forms are on the tables to each entrance to the Church. The Religious Education Program is looking for members of the church community to volunteer their service by helping the youth of our parish. We are looking for a few good men and women to teach religion education classes.

Please contact Donna Duhon @donnaduhon2@gmail.com if you are willing to volunteer or leave a message at the rectory.

Thank you for supporting the children of our parish.
Donna Duhon
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Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy



FOOD FOR SENIORS, Monday, August 17th, 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. Bring proof of income and ID or driver's license.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. THERESA OF CALCUTTA, beginning, Thursday, August 27th, St. Edmond Catholic Church, 4132 West Congress Street. Rosary at 5pm & Mass at 5:30pm, **EXCEPT Saturday & Sunday. Please see bulletin boards for the schedule.**

WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: Cultivate the interior spirit- Do all for the love of God,

GOD'S IMAGE

Nature has perfections in order to show that she is the image of God, and defects to show that she is only God's image.

—Blaise Pascal

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Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

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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"