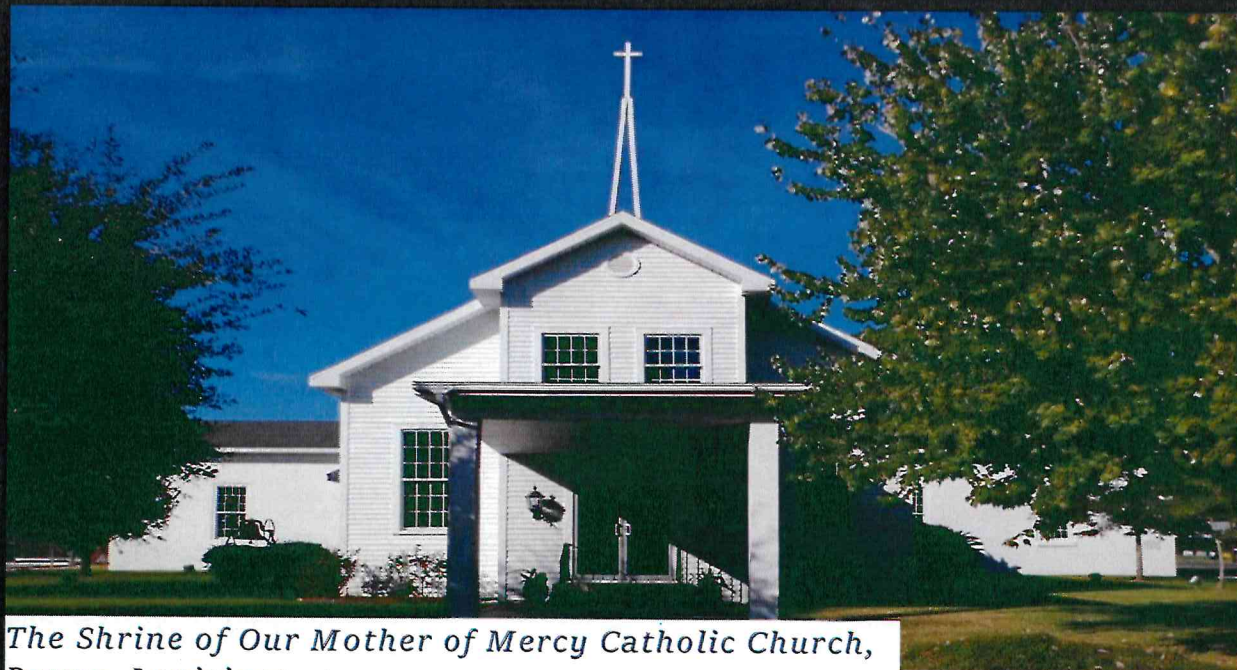




*The Shrine of Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church,
Rayne, Louisiana.*

August 16th, 2026

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Weekend Masses

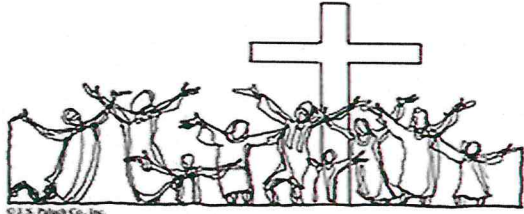
Saturday Mass – 5:00pm
Sunday Mass – 9:30am

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick contact
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CONFESSION: Before and after each Mass/and
By appointment

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 16, 2026

THE PASTOR'S DESK



WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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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, 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.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.

— Isaiah 56:1

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman’s great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINT PIUS X (1835-1914)

August 21

Presidential vetoes we understand. But imagine vetoing a papal election! Yet in the conclave of 1903, the Archbishop of Cracow (ironically, a predecessor in that office of Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II) vetoed the leading candidate on the order of the Austro-Hungarian emperor. Instead, the cardinals elected Giuseppe Sarto of Venice as Pius X, the first pope, after a succession of nobles and diplomats, to hail from humble origins. Nor did the papacy alter his endearing simplicity. Tailors eventually made his cassock cuffs detachable because he absentmindedly wiped his fountain pen on them, forgetting that his old black cassock had been replaced by papal white! Taking as his motto “To restore all things in Christ” (Ephesians 1:10), Pius condemned the theological innovations called “modernism,” yet dramatically altered the then-common practice whereby people rarely received Communion for fear of unworthiness, mandating early First Communion and urging everyone to frequent reception. Refusing to bless troops assembled in Saint Peter’s Square—“I bless peace, not war!”—he died brokenhearted as World War I engulfed Christian Europe despite his peacemaking efforts.

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WORDS OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL: We are living contradiction if we do not take up our cross.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 16, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS- Aug. 15th - 2026 – Aug. 21st, 2026

Sat. 5:00 P.M. For People of the Parish
Gerald Paddio req. by Gale
Ethel White Smith req. by Ida Rubin

Sun. 9:30 A.M. For People of the Parish
Lee Allen Zenon req. by Mary Zenon
Charlie Evans, Sr., req. by Clark Family
Eva Douglas req. by Felicia & Jason

Tues. 5:30PM Special Intention
Ethel White Smith req. by Anthony & Patrice

Wed. 7:00AM Fr. Daniel McHale, SSJ

Thurs. 7:00AM Fr. Patrick F. McCormack, SSJ

Fri. 7:00AM Fr. Philip J. McLoone, SSJ
Lee Allen Zenon req. by Mary Zenon

August 9th, 2026 – Our Stewardship contribution amounted to **Weekly envelopes, \$1,721.00. Thank you for your continuous generosity.**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: **August 15th,** Margaret Jolivette, Reed, Summer Ozone, Corey Senegal, Darius Wiltz, **August 19th,** Alycee Harris, **August 21st,** Leona Rigsby, Demetria Hunt, Cody Brown, **let us put our hands together for them.**

DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE PARISH CENSUS:

Over the coming weeks, our parish will be conducting a Parish Census. This is an opportunity for every household to review and update their contact information so we can better serve our parish family. An accurate parish record helps us communicate important parish news, connect families with ministries and sacramental preparation, and ensure we can stay in touch throughout the year. This census effort is being conducted in every parish throughout the Diocese of Lafayette.

Please watch for more information in the coming weeks. We appreciate your participation as we work together to strengthen our parish community.

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.

FUNERAL INFORMATION: Clarence Lee Logan, funeral Mass was on Saturday, August 15th. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful depart rest in peace. Amen. Please continue to pray for the family.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. THERESA OF CALCUTTA, beginning, Thursday, August 27th, 2026, 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.**

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.**

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. John Eudes

Thursday: St. Bernard

Friday: St. Pius X

World Senior Citizens Day

Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

GRATITUDE

O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more—a grateful heart.

—George Herbert

GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.

—St. Anthony

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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).

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