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PARISH INFORMATION

Office:926-1883
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri:8:30 am–12:30 pm & 1:30–4:30 pm
Priests necessarily see people by appointment.

WE CELEBRATE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigils:4:00 & 6:00 pm
 Sunday:7:00, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12 noon & 6:00 pm

WEEKDAYS

Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri:8:00 am & 12 noon
 Tuesday:12 noon & 6:00 pm
 Saturday:8:00 am
 Sunday Nursery:9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12 noon
 Pre-School Bible Class: ...9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:3:00–4:00 pm & 5:15–6:00 pm
 Weekdays:25 minutes prior to Mass
 Day preceding Holy Day:5:30–6:00 pm

PARISH STAFF

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Parish NurseMs. Mary Scardina
Office AssistantMrs. Karoline Rees
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Custodians ...Ms. Barbara Guy & Mr. Ervin Tolliver
MaintenanceMr. Rodney Franklin
HousekeeperMs. Inez Toussaint
HousekeeperMs. Kathy Williams

Our Lady of Mercy is a family of faith united in prayer, love, and Catholic Tradition. We are dedicated to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through evangelization, education, and Christian example. We strive to be as faithful as the Blessed Virgin Mary and live our faith by serving God, our fellow brothers and sisters, and our community.

From Deacon Brent Maher



What comes to mind when we hear that words ‘sexual purity’? Is it something that we don’t need to worry about? Something only priests and religious do? Something outdated that we need to cut ties with? I hope that you didn’t say ‘yes’ to those questions

because in reality sexual purity is a beautiful gift that God desires each of us to live, whether married, single, or a religious. It is a way of life that all people are called to live – a life of chaste relationships, modesty, and a true respect for others.

There are many in our culture that think that sexual purity is a thing of days long past, something that inhibits our ability to be ‘free’ and do what we want. These people will tell us that the restrictions are unnecessary and that if something makes us feel good or brings us happiness for a moment, there is nothing wrong with it and we ought to be able to enjoy it. And we often take this in without realizing it. If we were to realize what they were telling us, we might be able to make a clearer choice for the good; but it is often disguised. This reminds me of something that happened at my house recently. A stray cat made our back porch his new home. Seeing that he was sick, my mom took him to the vet and she was given some pills for the cat to take to get better. She covered them in peanut butter and the cat ate them up like they were treats. One time, though, she tried to simply put it in the cat’s food. Going outside later, she noticed that all the food was gone and on the plate there sat the little pill. She went and got the peanut butter and pretty soon the cat was enjoying another of those delicious little ‘treats’.

A similar thing happens to us with our use of the media. Our TV shows, movies, magazines, and internet websites are so ‘tasty’ that we often fail to realize what it is that we are really taking in. Mixed in with

those good things are little ‘pills’ that are actually harmful to us. It can come in those brief commercials on TV, the unnecessarily racy scenes in movies, or those little ads in magazines and internet sites, and we are so used to it that we just act as if it is normal, part of daily life. And as they become part of daily life in what we see, they can easily become daily life in what we do and how we live. The question is what do we do about it? Do we stop watching TV, seeing movies, reading magazines, and using the internet? That’s one option. But most would think that’s a drastic step. So what other options are there?

As Fr. Miles mentioned in his bulletin article last month, it is good to exercise ‘custody of the eyes,’ modesty in dress, and pre-marital abstinence. In addition to that – PRAY! As Americans, we often think that we have to *do* things and forget that spending a few minutes in prayer can be more effective than a whole day of work. The grace to do all things comes from God, so to be in contact with Him is vital. It is with that thought in mind that we have begun the rosary for sexual purity, prayed each Tuesday after the Mass and Benediction. In recent weeks we have consistently drawn 60+ people of all ages to this powerful prayer. We pray for ourselves first and secondly for our society, taking the words of St. Francis of Assisi as our model: Sanctify yourself and you will sanctify society. So why not come join us and help us as we pray to change the world one person at a time by being little beacons of the light of Christ in a world with so much darkness?

In Christ,

Deacon Brent Maher

Catholic Radio Needs You!

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Deacon Brent Maher’s Blog
<http://philomenarocks.blogspot.com>

Rosary for Sexual Purity

The Rosary for Sexual Purity continues every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in Church. Deacon Brent Maher will lead the rosary. Everyone is invited to attend and pray for personal purity and for a return to chastity in the surrounding culture.

Parish News

We are happy to welcome Fr. Arun John, I.M.S., back to Our Lady of Mercy!



Fr. Arun John, a priest of the Indian Mission Society, who served as associate pastor of Our Lady of Mercy for three and a half years, from 1998-2001, under both Fr. Moroney and Fr. Walsh, is now "in residence" at our rectory. Fr. John recently completed his term as pastor of the Grosse Tete-Maringouin-Livonia parish cluster and is currently pursuing a two-year degree in counseling at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux. At Fr. Walsh's invitation, he received permission from his religious superior and Bishop Muench to reside at Our Lady of Mercy during this time. Fr. John will not be a "parochial vicar" (associate pastor), but he will assist with Masses on a part-time basis while in residence. We welcome Fr. John back to the Mercy family and look forward to his priestly presence in our midst!

RCIA 2010

RCIA will begin on September 14, 2010. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in learning about the Catholic Church or in becoming Catholic, RCIA is for you! Join Catholic and non-Catholic inquirers in a friendly program of questions and answers and presentations designed to inform you about the Catholic faith. For more information, call Anne Russo at 926-1883 or register your interest at the OLOM home page [www.olomchurch.com] under *Current Information*>RCIA

Called by Faith

All women are invited to join *Called By Faith*, a Catholic Bible fellowship. This year the group will study *Women in the Old Testament*. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about scripture, meet other women and share insights.

The first meeting is Tuesday, **September 14** at 9:15 am in the PAC. Sign up at the church office, at www.olomchurch.com or at the first meeting. For more information call Anne Russo at 926-1883.

In Sympathy to the Families of

Ray James Nelson

Joined in Holy Matrimony

Gabe Garcia & Sarah Bertrand
Joel Buschmann & Colleen Kimbro

Prayer Line

D Ramirez: 927-7490

St Matthew's Guild

08/08/10: Foster

08/15/10: Anderson

Second Collection

08/08/10: Catholic Charities. This collection supports various social services of the diocese to those with special needs. Thank you for your generosity.



"That Man is You! is back and better than ever. Based on our feedback at our test program in Houston, this was the most engaging content yet. After each session men approached us and said, "You have to get this message out, and get it out fast."

This Fall, That Man is You! seeks to help men develop the last two leadership traits: lay a foundation for the future and pay the price. We lay a foundation for the future by helping our children fulfill the desire of their hearts. We help them to form their own families that are united to God. To do so, we must help them identify and avoid all of the traps thrown at them by modern culture. As such, we take a hard hitting look at the culture in which they will grow-up. A culture described by Pope John Paul II as a culture of death. The material has reduced men to tears and is applicable for men who have children ages 2 to 62! Regardless of their age, it is information that men want to take to their families. Finally, the new year includes interviews with recognized authorities in the appropriate fields. The Revelation of the Father is a powerful followup to A Light to the Nations.

If you did not attend last year, you owe it to yourself to attend this year. Sign-up today by visiting the website, www.thatmanisyou.org, or call Deacon Richard Grant, 225-926-1883. Don't put this off, register now. Our new year begins on Wednesday, August 25 at 6:00 a.m.

Mass Intentions, August 16 - 31

August 16, Monday

8:00 am Darrell DeLage
12:00 pm Scott Litz / Frank Messina, Jr.

August 17, Tuesday

12:00 pm Special Intention - Joshua Godwin
6:00 pm Clifford Comeaux / Politz, Territa, Bourgeois & Gautreau Fmlys / Helen Von Gruben / Douglas Chesson / Roy Seneca / Marcy Angus / Mary Bowman /
Special Int. - Stephen Brassett Fmly

August 18, Wednesday

8:00 am Parrino & Saia Fmlys
12:00 pm Timpa, Maranto & Miceli Fmlys / Josie Liberto

August 19, Thursday

8:00 am Sam, Mary & Joanne Politz
12:00 pm Sanford Lemoine

August 20, Friday

8:00 am M/M Emmanuel J. Chatelain
12:00 pm Rivers Wall, III

August 21, Saturday

8:00 am Cecilia & Paul Mayer
4:00 pm Lucy Sparacino/ Sparacino & Mancuso Fmlys / Alvin Barbay & Fmly / Newman & Marie Laborde / M/M Virgil D'Armond / Herbert Kane / Parrino & Saia Fmlys / Billie Jo Roberts / Dominic Graphia / O. K. Broussard, Jr. Fmly / Dookie & Hirsch Meyer / Ceil Clement / Joseph F. Landry, Jr.
6:00 pm Mamie & Philip Tuminello

August 22, Sunday

7:00 am All People
9:00 am Leon Jackson, Jr.
10:30 am Robert Culver
12:00 pm Brignac & Roberie Families
6:00 pm Tracey Martin Kurz

August 23, Monday

8:00 am Michael A. Montagnino
12:00 pm Winkie Berlin

August 24, Tuesday

12:00 pm John Naquin
6:00 pm Wall & Hendrix Fmlys / Josephine Nunez /Mamie & Philip Tuminello / Parrino & Saia Fmlys / Lynn, James & Daisy Olinde Jackson / Shirley Munyon / Dane McCandless / Huey Coltharp / Dr. Luis Batiste / Mary Bowman

August 25, Wednesday

8:00 am Miceli, Maranto & Timpa Fmlys / Josie Liberto
12:00 pm Think Hoang

August 26, Thursday

8:00 am Dr. Henry Harvey
12:00 pm Douglas Morgan

August 27, Friday

8:00 am Brenda S. Hebert
12:00 pm Johnny Hamilton

August 28, Saturday

8:00 am Vincent Cangelosi
4:00 pm M/M Joe Bologna / Frank Bologna / M/M V. J. Serio /Donaldson, Giannoble, Danna, Ruhl, West, Wintz & Calandro Fmlys / Lucy & Louise Landry / Kalil & Amy Sliman / Harry Benoit / Poirier, Buhler & Verbois Fmlys / Lynnwood Brassett / Gloria Bonnette / Lydia Grace Landry, Special Int - Robyn & Erin Rissler & Brandon Trent
6:00 pm Calvin Oubre, Georginia Oubre & Curran Oubre / Wynona & Joseph Alfred Lindsly

August 29, Sunday

7:00 am All People
9:00 am J. C. & Anna Cary
10:30 am K. J. Thomas
12:00 pm Shirley Gaudin
6:00 pm Adam Barksdale

August 30, Monday

8:00 am Saizan, Baynard & Hendry Fmlys
12:00 pm Mr. Bob Newman

August 31, Tuesday

12:00 pm Special Intention - Tanner Messina
6:00 pm DeLage, LeJeune, Palarmo & Comeaux Fmlys / Peggy DiBenedetto / Marion LaPlace

Readings for the Week of August 8

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 - 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Readings for the Week of August 15

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7b; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 10

9:00 am: Rosary Makers

7:00 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group

7:00 pm: Rosary for Sexual Purity - Church

Wednesday, August 11

1st Day of School

10:00 am: Moms & Tots

10:00 am: St Philomena Prayer Group - Library

Thursday, August 12

7:00 pm: Bible Study with Deacon Maher

Friday, August 13

8:30 am: Parish Health Screening

8:30 am: Pro-life Rosary in Meditation Garden

Saturday, August 14

3:00 & 5:15 pm: Reconciliation

Tuesday, August 17

9:00 am: Rosary Makers

7:00 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group

7:00 pm: Rosary for Sexual Purity - Church

Wednesday, August 18

10:00 am: Moms & Tots

Thursday, August 20

7:00 pm: Bible Study with Deacon Maher

Friday, August 21

8:30 am: Parish Health Screening

8:30 am: Pro-life Rosary in Meditation Garden

Saturday, August 22

3:00 & 5:15 pm: Reconciliation

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Annual Day of Renewal

Saturday, August 21, 2010

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

OLOM PAC

Guest Speaker: Fr. Paul Yi

Personal Testimony: Danny Loar

Concludes with Eucharistic Healing Service
and Benediction

*No Registration Required; Lunch Provided
For more information call 636-2464*

Perpetual Adoration

**If you can spend one hour with Jesus
call Martha Wells at 928-5157**

Committed Adorers Needed

Sunday: 3am, 4am, 10am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm

Monday: 2am, 10am, 5pm

Tuesday: 12am, 1am, 12pm

Wednesday: 12am, 1am, 11am, 12 pm

Thursday: 1am, 4am, 9am

Friday: 1am, 2am, 6am, 10am, 9pm

Saturday: 1am, 6am, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 4pm, 7pm, 10pm

Beginning Experience

Weekend for Divorced, Separated & Widowed

Divorced, separated and widowed men and women of all ages are encouraged to attend a weekend designed for those who wish to let go of a painful past and create a more peace-filled future.

August 20 - 22, 2010: Catholic Life Center

For more information call Angela (278 - 7321) or Judy (939 - 4201) or angelaalagoust@stalloysiusparish.com

Evangelization 2010

August 27-28; Natchez, Mississippi

Come to beautiful Natchez, Mississippi for a weekend of spiritual renewal, praise and worship. Hear riveting testimonies of the unconditional saving Love of God. Registration is \$75 per person. For more information: hedyboelte@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATES

Family Day - October 3, 10 am - 2 pm

Italian Date Night - October 15

Parish Auction - March 26, 2011

Parish Fair - May 13-14-15, 2011

Parish School of Religion

*Students in grades 1 - 10 not enrolled in a Catholic School should register for **Parish School of Religion**. Contact Jennifer Nola at 225-926-1883 to register or for additional information.*

Please pray for all of the men and women serving in our Armed Forces



Spc Jarrett Ambeau, Sgt. Jesse Bergeron, M/Sgt Kambea Theriot Chan, M/Sgt Corey Davis, SN Jay Doiron, Sgt. Toni Edmonds, Sgt Clayton Emonds, E2 Jonathan Fahrman, Maj. Doyle Fontenot, Sgt. Kyle Gaubert, PO3 Derek Gaudin, MTSA Jacob LaMotte, AMT3 David Luke, MM1 Duncan M. McKeough, PFC Matthew Melancon, LCpl Justin Milner, A-1stC Wayne Monget, Lt. Adam Moore, SPC Michael Mosman, A02 Jonathan Pauler, Sgt. W. Kendall Prestidge, LN3 Adam Schulze, SPC William Sedlak, Lt. Justin Sheppard, Col. Theresa Sullivan, LNC Cpl. Andrew O. Tam, Lt Col. Don R. Tweedel, Pv2. Matthew Vicari, SPC Michael Vicari, Cpl. Austin Zittrauer

Ministry Schedule: August 7/8 & August 14/15

<u>August 7</u> <u>4:00 pm</u>	<u>August 7</u> <u>6:00 pm</u>	<u>August 8</u> <u>7:00 am</u>	<u>August 8</u> <u>9:00 am</u>	<u>August 8</u> <u>10:30 am</u>	<u>August 8</u> <u>12:00 pm</u>	<u>August 8</u> <u>6:00 pm</u>
Fr. Vic	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Vic	Fr. Vic	Fr. Vic	Fr. Charbel
<u>E. Ministers</u> D Smith B Scurria N Krzystowczyk T Smith J Stalls J Stalls K Kiesel M Scardina J Scardina	<u>E. Ministers</u> M Downing L Hargroder D Reinschmidt R Brian P Shingleton W Keyser J Jolissaint H Reinschmidt J Bordelon	<u>E. Ministers</u> G Samrow E Taylor S Roppolo A Bergeron M McKeough P McKeough P Samrow E White S Roppolo	<u>E. Ministers</u> R Grant L Kipf F Heroman J Vukovics	<u>E. Ministers</u> E Bourgeois R Toups K Toups T Grant R Grant L Bourgeois P Prosser B LeBlanc C Foster	<u>E. Ministers</u> J Hebert R Guitreau C Dazzio P Dazzio R Vicari F Vicari G Ruiz de Chavez A Devillier C DiBenedetto	<u>E. Ministers</u> D Smith K Guidry G Tibbetts L Falcon P Bertrand C Guidry K Degeyter J Walker K Walker
<u>Lectors</u> G Albares J Pastorek	<u>Lectors</u> V Decoteau T Laville	<u>Lectors</u> C Schutte S Bergeron P Alford	<u>Lectors</u> C Gioe PM Breaud	<u>Lectors</u> K Andre' A Grant	<u>Lectors</u> C Graves L Plaisance	<u>Lectors</u> C Steele B Avery
<u>Altar Servers</u> M Krzystowczyk E Krzytowczyk	<u>Altar Servers</u> A Laville A Laville T Laville	<u>Altar Servers</u> K Allen M Brumfield	<u>Altar Servers</u> J Forshag A Gremillion K Vukovics	<u>Altar Servers</u> D Grant H Bovard A Young	<u>Altar Servers</u> M Kurz J Vicari B Rees	<u>Altar Servers</u> C McGoey A Say P Say

<u>August 14</u> <u>4:00 pm</u>	<u>August 14</u> <u>6:00 pm</u>	<u>August 15</u> <u>7:00 am</u>	<u>August 15</u> <u>9:00 am</u>	<u>August 15</u> <u>10:30 am</u>	<u>August 15</u> <u>12:00 pm</u>	<u>August 15</u> <u>6:00 pm</u>
Fr. Charbel	Fr. Vic	Fr. Vic	Fr. Vic	Fr. Walsh	Fr. Walsh	Fr. Charbel
<u>E. Ministers</u> R DeNicola R Prince C Kuttruff I DeNicola B Scurria K Harvey P Stevens V Stevens J Bueche	<u>E. Ministers</u> J Bordelon M Downing J Jolissaint P Shingleton E Chenevert M Blouin P Bourgeois M Bourgeois R Richard	<u>E. Ministers</u> L Guillot A St Pierre J Frederick J Frederick C Schutte A Wilson S Maggio D Maggio J Schaye	<u>E. Ministers</u> R Grant T Roemer C Roberts C Coulon	<u>E. Ministers</u> J Angers J Purgerson S Pocorello K Balden R Grant T Villa B Purgerson A Pocorello L Gemmill	<u>E. Ministers</u> C Benedetto B Benedetto E Knobles B Knobles D Loar D Loar G Anderson G Anderson J Jarreau	<u>E. Ministers</u> B Adams L Karam K Schexnayder H Coco K Degeyter D Smith D Peters R Coco S Nugent
<u>Lectors</u> J Pastorek G Albares	<u>Lectors</u> F Gwin J Blouin	<u>Lectors</u> A Haywood J Gardemal S Montagnino	<u>Lectors</u> V Toups B Avery	<u>Lectors</u> M Carley C Hawkins	<u>Lectors</u> Y McCay H Morrison	<u>Lectors</u> S Hingle A Bertrand
<u>Altar Servers</u> M Konikoff M Donahue	<u>Altar Servers</u> C Richard M Richard M Howell	<u>Altar Servers</u> K Allen P Rodman	<u>Altar Servers</u> A Morales M Avery J Avery	<u>Altar Servers</u> B Reeves T Hawkins T Hawkins	<u>Altar Servers</u> M McNiece R Jones R Shore	<u>Altar Servers</u> K Hingle S Major M Major

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