



MERCY ALIVE

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*"To you, O Lord, I lift my soul"
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28

8:00 am.....Daily Mass
3:00-4:00 pm ...Confessions
4:00 pm.....Vigil Mass
5:15-6:00 pm.....Confessions
6:00 pm.....Vigil Mass

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29

7:00 am.....Mass
9:00 am.....Mass
10:30 am.....Mass
12:00 pm.....Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30

8:00 am.....Daily Mass
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass
6:30 pm ...RCIA-*St. Gabriel*
7:00 pm ...*St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.-St. Jerome*

TUESDAY DECEMBER 1

8:30 am ...*Rosary Makers-Coffee Shop*
9:00 am ...*Called By Faith-Emmanuel*
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass & Novena
6:30 pm ...*High School Bible Study-JPII House*
7:00 pm ...*Charismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel*

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2

8:00 am ...Daily Mass
10:00 am ...*Chesterton-St. Jerome*
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

8:00 am ...Daily Mass
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass
7:00 pm ...*Adult Bible Study-JPII House*

FRIDAY DECEMBER 4

7:30 am ...*First Friday Devotion*
8:00 am.....Daily Mass
9:00 am ...*School Adoration*
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses will be celebrated in honor of the Immaculate Conception on:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:00 am, 8:50 am (School Mass),
12:00 noon, and 6:00 pm



The Light is on for YOU this Advent

Our Lady of Mercy will leave the Light on for You. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the church on Wednesday nights during Advent.

December 2, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

December 9, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

December 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

December 23, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

St. Lucy Mass

In honor of the Feast of St. Lucy, Patron Saint of diseases of the eye, Our Lady of Mercy Parish will celebrate a special Mass on **Tuesday, December 15 at 6:00 pm**. All eye care professionals and anyone experiencing illness or diseases of the eye are encouraged to attend to receive a special blessing. Traditional Italian St. Lucy bread will also be distributed.

St. Matthew's GUILD

FOSTER Team

Prayer LINE

For Prayer Line requests, contact
Ms. Genie Ogden: (225) 293-2367

Guardian Angels Nursery

Please note, the Guardian Angels Nursery and Bible School will be closed this weekend in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8, 2015
THROUGH
NOVEMBER 20, 2016

The following reflection is taken from the Face of Mercy, the Papal Bull of Pope Francis announcing the Year of Mercy:

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy.

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives.

Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is always ready to forgive.

The mercy of God is not an abstract idea, but a concrete reality through which he reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of love for their child.

The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of Divine love in its fullness. "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8, 16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:

- To feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Welcome the stranger
- Heal the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY:

- To counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive offenses
- Bear patiently those who do us ill
- Pray for the living and the dead

PARISH LIFE

Little Blue Books

Little Blue Books, used for Advent reflection, are now available in the church office for \$1 each or in the vestibule of church this weekend.

2016 Sacred Art Calendars

Sacred art calendars are now available for pick-up in the church office. The sponsorship of Greenoaks Memorial Park and Funeral Home allows these calendars to be available for our parishioners each year.

Bible School Volunteers

All Sundays except for Holidays
9:00 am and 10:30 am
Guardian Angels Nursery

Volunteers are needed to teach Sunday Bible Class for children 4 years of age through 2nd grade. Experience is not necessary, just a love for children.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Sharon Vincent
(225) 272-1603

Thirty Niners Christmas on the River

Sunday, January 3
4:00 pm
Nottoway Plantation / St. John Church

Join the 39ers for a day trip that begins with brunch in the White Ballroom of Nottoway Plantation and culminates in an exquisite concert of Christmas music performed by Fr. Greg Daigle in the beautiful St. John the Evangelist Church in Plaquemine. Make your reservation by December 18 through the church office.

**Cost is \$95 which includes motor coach, brunch, and concert*

For more information, contact:

Ms. Carolyn Guidry
(225) 926-1883
guidryce@gmail.com

Collections for LA War Veterans Home

Monday, November 30
Church Office

Donations for the LA War Veterans Home will be accepted through the end of November. Items needed for residents include: shampoo, Vaesline lotion, baby powder, baby oil, spray deodorant, Nic Sticks, after shave, soft hair brush, ziploc bags,

For more information, contact:

Ms. Deanie Smith
(225) 926-1883
deanie.smith@olomchurch.com

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 21, 2016
3:00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Bishop Robert Muench will celebrate a Mass honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, 65th, or greater wedding anniversary. Families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterwards. Anniversary Mass registration forms are available in the church office.

For more information, contact:

Marriage & Family Life Office
sbaldridge@diobr.org
(225) 242-0323

Associate Director Opening

Woman's New Life Center
Office hours: 7:30-4:00 M-F
www.womansnewlife.com

The Woman's New Life Center invites applications for a full-time Associate Director position in our Baton Rouge office. Applicants must demonstrate proficiencies in leadership and development and must be willing to work within a multidisciplinary team environment. Please send resumes to: athomas@womansnewlife.com. Interviews will be conducted by appointment only.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Katie Zumo
(225) 663-6470
kzumo@womansnewlife.com

PARISH LIFE

OLOM School Open House

Wednesday, January 20
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Our Lady of Mercy School Gym

Our Open House offers an opportunity for prospective families to have a campus tour, meet administrators and staff and receive admissions information for 2016-17.

Families that have completed the new student application may turn in the required admissions documents during this event.

Completed applications and required documents for the 2016-17 school year are due to our school office by Wednesday, January 27, 2016 by 9:00 am. Details for the 2016-17 admissions process will soon be posted under the ADMISSIONS tab of our website., www.olomschool.org.

RSVP for Open House on the school [website](#).

For more information, contact:

Ms. Mari Buzbee
mbuzbee@olomschool.org
(225) 924-1054

Christmas Spectacular

Wednesday, December 16
7:30 pm
Manship Theatre

All the songs you know - performed in a way you've never imagined. Comical, wildly original and incredibly talented, Michael McDowell has already written for an impressive array of ensembles, and now he's composing for his own customized orchestra. Guaranteed to surprise you, his unique arrangements of timeless Christmas tunes and popular songs are a unique combination of color, expression and the energy only he can infuse into a performance.

For more information, contact:

Mr. Michael McDowell
mcdowellpianist.com
(225) 252-0152

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We'd like to extend a special thank you to Gulf Coast Bank and Trust for the use of their trolley during our Merry Mercy festivities!



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ACTIVE PHASE OF PLANNING STUDY IS COMPLETE

We would like to thank everyone for participating in our planning study. The information gathered during the study will be reviewed and analyzed by members of Guidance In Giving, Inc., the firm who has been working with the parish during the past six weeks.

In the coming weeks, the results of the study will be presented to Father Cleo and the parish leadership. After we have had the opportunity to review the results of the study, we will be able to best determine our next course of action. Thank you for your help in this effort. With YOUR input, we can create a plan that will benefit our parish now and well into the future.

IN REMEMBRANCE

DECEMBER 5, SATURDAY

8:00 am.....Dr. Larry Ferachi & Vincent A. Ferachi
4:00 pm.....Bill Lepine / John & Janice Bueche & Fmly / Malvin & Lena Chauvin / Frank & Virginia Smith / Think Hoang / Mancuso & Sparacino Fmlys / Mrs. Lucy M. Sparacino / Copponex & Hannie Fmlys / Adam Barksdale / Metta Richard / Dr. Thomas J. Kiebach / Mrs. Antoinette Corona / LeBlanc, Cangelosi, Rizzutto & Landry Fmlys / Blair Rinaudo / Lois & Don Z. Ebert / Charles C. Healy, Sr./ James F. & Annette M. Chustz / Melanie Wells / Erin Hannie James / Corinne DeLeo / Al J. Ransome / Rita Primeaux / Laurent Troxclair / Gary Hamilton / Betty Stolzenhaller / Carl Lombardo, Vincent & Grace Drago, Sam & Lucille Drago / Gene Ransome / Jerri Trahan / Sandra Messina / Lena Talbot & Ann Talbot / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Brian Hess
6:00 pm.....Debbie Plaisance Gwin

DECEMBER 6, SUNDAY

7:00 am.....All People
9:00 am.....Robby Cangelosi
10:30 am.....Gene & Elaine Robinson
12:00 pm.....Joseph V. Zito
6:00 pm.....Mabel Smith

DECEMBER 7, MONDAY

8:00 amDr. Michael Fakouri
12:00 pmSamson, Simoneaux & Garcia Fmlys
4:00 pmJoseph Amorello
6:00 pmErin Hannie James

DECEMBER 8, TUESDAY

8:00 amBruce Hilbrecht
12:00 pm.....Maunsell W. Brousseau Sr.
6:00 pm.....Saizan, Baynard, Hendry & Cowan Fmlys / Dr. Michael FaKouri / Jeff Nola / Helen Nash Dearman / Doris Letsch / John Hamm, II / Eddie & Sena Mansur / Jerri Trahan / Laurent Troxclair / Judge Irvin Couvillion / Verna & Warren Butcher, Betty Butcher, Cecile Butcher, Elise Greenwood / Jose' Spinoso / Sandra Messina / Carl J. Lombardo / Rochelle Massad / Jill Barfield Hamilton
SPECIAL INTENTION: B.D. Dugas / Benell Bourland

DECEMBER 9, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am.....Richard Elmer Boucher
12:00 pm.....John & Joyce Jolissaint

DECEMBER 10, THURSDAY

8:00 am.....Robert Lewis
12:00 pm.....Vicari & Cretini Fmlys

DECEMBER 11, FRIDAY

8:00 am.....Jack & Lena Scardina
12:00 pm.....Karam J. Thomas

Mercy Prays

Reagan Angers
Audrey Blache
Randy Civello
Marjorie Dempsey
Todd Fruge

Marley Harris
Joseph Landry
Drew Moscona
Emile Poche' Jr.
The men & women serving in our
Armed Forces

Called to Prayer

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sanctuary Light Memorials

The sanctuary light in the church burns this week in loving memory of

Mary Olive Olds

The sanctuary light in the Adoration Chapel burns this week in loving memory of

Charles Schmidt

In Sympathy to the Families of

- June Diamond
- Odile Lane

Altar Flowers Memorial

The Altar Flowers are dedicated this week in loving memory of Philip and Blanche Kimball.

Memorial Gifts

At the death of a loved one, many choose in lieu of flowers to encourage friends and family to make a donation to a special charity or cause. Our Lady of Mercy has nourished the spiritual life of so many parishioners and those throughout the Diocese who come here. A Memorial Gift to our parish and school is a wonderful way to acknowledge the lives of our beloved dead with a gift of loving generosity to the church that has been such a spiritual home. Ms. Deanie Smith can discuss beautiful ways for you to remember your loved one.

“OLOM is a beautiful place - it starts with the eyes, passes to the heart, and settles in the soul”

FR. CLEO MILANO



ADVENT CONCERT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015



Under the direction of Ms. Mary Kannenberg, the Our Lady of Mercy Chancel Choir along with Harpist, Ms. Rebecca Todero and Organist, Mr. Louis Wendt, will present A Ceremony of Carols this Advent Season on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2015 AT 4:30 PM**. The performance will take place at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church and will feature British composer Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols paired with an audience sing-along of traditional carols of the season.

Britten's Ceremony of Carols is a choral piece of solo voices, chorus and harp. Written for Christmas, it consists of eleven movements with Middle English texts taken from The English Galaxy of Shorter Poems. Many of the texts are concerned with the mysterious aspects of the Christmas story. They capture the medieval understanding of God, the world and mankind. The texts themselves celebrate an ancient world that is foreign to our modern lives and the music is full of unfamiliar harmonies and strange melodies. The piece is incredibly atmospheric --it really is the sound of winter. What better way to prepare your mind and heart for Christmas? After the choral piece, audience members will be invited to join in singing beloved carols of the season, including O Come All Ye Faithful and Silent Night. These traditional carols come with a twist: each includes a passage in its original written language; sung in German, French, Latin and Italian!

A suggested donation is \$10.00 per family and one non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Baskets. All proceeds will benefit the Our Lady of Mercy Music Ministry

For more information, contact:

Ms. Mary Kannenberg, M.M.

(225) 926-1883

mary.kannenberg@olomchurch.com

ADORATION CHAPEL

Commitments Needed for Our Adoration Chapel Ministry

Committed adoration is a beautiful way to express your faith and devotion. Our Adoration Chapel is open to you 24 hours a day. We invite you to come visit the Lord and seek His counsel. Although every hour of the day is opened for commitment, your devotion is especially needed during the following times:

SUNDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 6 am, 12 noon, 2 pm, 3 pm

MONDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am

TUESDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 9 am, 2 pm, 3 pm

WEDNESDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 5 am, 8 pm

THURSDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 11 pm

FRIDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 1 pm, 4 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm, 11 pm

SATURDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 12 noon, 1 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm, 10 pm

If you are able to offer yourself in prayer to the Lord, please contact Ms. Martha Wells at (225) 928-5157.

MASS SCHEDULE & TIMES

WEEKDAYS

MASS TIMES:
 M, W, Th, & F: 8:00 am & 12:00 pm
 Tues: 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

RECONCILIATION:
 M - F: 25 minutes prior to Mass

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

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SATURDAY

MASS TIME: 8:00 am
 RECONCILIATION: 3:00 – 4:00 pm & 5:15 – 6:00 pm
 VIGILS: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

SUNDAY

MASS TIMES: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,
 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm
 NURSERY: 9:00 am & 10:30 am
 PRE-SCHOOL
 BIBLE CLASS: 9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)

| SATURDAY DECEMBER 5 | | SUNDAY DECEMBER 6 | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 4:00 pm* | 6:00 pm | 7:00 am* | 9:00 am | 10:30 am | 12:00 pm | 6:00 pm |
| Fr. Minj | Fr. Milano | Fr. Minj | Fr. Minj | Fr. Milano | Fr. Milano | Fr. Milano |
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| L Dawkins | M Downing | A Bergeron | F Heroman | J Williams | P Thomas | E Holt |
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| | | P McKeough | G Tibbetts | Dcn Grant | C Steele | C Guidry |
| | | M McKeough | L Deavers | K Poiencot | G Ruiz deChavez | P Bertrand |
| | | E White | J Nola | D Tullier | R Guitreau | H Coco |
| | | S Montagnino | P Prosser | M Pinell | L Attuso | C Hopkins |
| | | | | J Pinell | | |
| Lectors | | Lectors | | | | |
| D Ragusa | D McCrary | J Gardemal | Children's | C Lee | C Laird | R Roland |
| J Pastorek | M Bourgeois | I Bourque | Liturgy | S Daigle | L Holliday | S Hopkins |
| | | S Montagnino | | | | |
| Altar Servers | | Altar Servers | | | | |
| J Roussel | J Greer | K Allen | O Clark | K Poiencot | K Sauviac | M St. Amant |
| G Warrington | R Greer | G Montagnino | A Clark | D Poiencot | M Graves | E Floyd |
| D Duncan | J Wysocki | | J Shiloh | A Raemsch | M Joffrion | S Smith |

*The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at www.olomchurch.com.
 Called to serve? Contact Deacon Grant to volunteer for liturgical ministry.
 These liturgies are celebrated without incense.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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ADMINISTRATION.....Mr. Randy Arabie
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.....Mr. Brian Moscona

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY.....8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

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Glorify the Lord by your life

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To view complete staff list, visit olomchurch.com.

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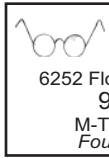


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