



MERCY ALIVE

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*"O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!"
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church*

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has show us his merciful love.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY MAY 21

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 MAY 22

7:00 am.....Mass
9:00 am.....Mass (Nursery & Bible School)
10:30 am.....Mass (Nursery & Bible School)
12:00 pm.....Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass

MONDAY MAY 23

8:00 am.....Daily Mass
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass

TUESDAY MAY 24

8:30 am ...Rosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass & Novena
6:00 pm ...High School Bible Study-*JPII House*
6:45 pm ...Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

WEDNESDAY MAY 25

8:00 am ...Daily Mass
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass

THURSDAY MAY 26

8:00 am ...Daily Mass
9:30 am ...Magnificat-*St. Vincent de Paul*
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass

FRIDAY MAY 27

8:00 am ...Daily Mass
8:50 am ...School Liturgy
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass

Congratulations on Diaconate Ordination

The Our Lady of Mercy Community extends prayerful best wishes and congratulations to, Mr. Michael Johns, son of Michael and Julie Johns, who will be ordained to the diaconate in Jonesboro, Arkansas on May 22. Johns is currently studying at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana in preparation of ordination to the priesthood.



Guardian Angels Nursery

The Guardian Angels Nursery and Bible Class will be closed on **SUNDAY, MAY 29** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Church Office Closure

The Parish Office Building will be closed on **MONDAY, MAY 30** in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

St. Matthew's GUILD

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Prayer LINE

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



MOTHER SETON AWARD

Each year, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School seeks to recognize a deserving candidate from our school family to be the recipient of the Mother Seton Award. The Mother Seton Award was created to honor those individuals whose volunteer service and dedication to home, school, and church have been exemplary.

Mr. Matthew Nodier, our 2016 Mother Seton Award recipient, wasn't born a Blue Jay but certainly grew the Blue Jay spirit in his heart early in his adulthood. He first became familiarized with Our Lady of Mercy parish when he was dating his soon to be beautiful wife, Alison, who was a teacher at OLOM School in the 1990s. After they were married, the couple moved to the New Orleans area but eventually found their way back to Baton Rouge shortly after their oldest child was born. Once their son Jack was of school age, there was no question as to where he would attend - Our Lady of Mercy!

No stranger to jumping into activities feet first, Matthew's volunteer role at Mercy began as coach of various sports. He then took over the t-ball/coach's pitch program and hasn't stopped volunteering since. Over his tenure as a Mercy dad, Matthew has been involved in athletics, the Mercy Men's Club, has worn the hat of various Fair roles, served as a Mercy Ambassador, among many other important roles.

Commitment is the most important lesson he's learned as a volunteer. He also enjoys working with young Mercy parents who are looking for opportunities to contribute their own unique gifts.

The Our Lady of Mercy community is pleased to name Mr. Matthew Nodier this year's OLOM recipient of the Mother Seton Award. Mr. Nodier was honored at a reception on April 28 along with other Diocesan Mother Seton Award winners. Mr. Nodier's character is the personification of our school's motto, "Prayer, Knowledge, and Service," for parishioners, parents, faculty, staff, and students. The Mercy Community is pleased to recognize this very deserving Christian man, who is rooted in strong Catholic values, and has a selfless, humble dedication to our parish.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

MAY 28, SATURDAY

8:00 am Billie Cospern
 4:00 pm E. Leon Jackson, Jr. / Malvin & Lena Chauvin / Leonard Belanger / Judy Robichaux / Bruce Hilbrecht / Dale Mayeaux / Patricia Hannie / Robby Cangelosi / Laurent Troxclair & Laurence Anne Troxclair / Pete Constantino / Bobbie Albares & Albares Family / Shirley Hartsfield / Maude Amorello / Chairmonte, Moran & Latino Families / Ralph Brewer / Timothy Michael Conley / Mary Lou Clements / Dena Nodier / Liwayway Bayan / Esther Schexnayder / Lulu Ayala / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** St. Anthony High Class of 1955 / Jack & Mandy Robichaux / In Thanksgiving for Jacinto Edera / Shannon Cormier / Mischa Verma
 6:00 pm Forrest L. Hooper Jr., Rita & Allen Hebert Sr., Louise & Forrest L. Hooper Sr.

MAY 29, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... All People
 9:00 am..... Jeff Nola
 10:30 am... Doycie & Philip Marquette
 12:00 pm... Woodrow Mansur, Sr.
 6:00 pm Marguerite Mayers

MAY 30, MONDAY

8:00 am Parrino & Saia Fmlys
 12:00 pm... Sal Cashio

MAY 31, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Robert Lewis
 6:00 pm Dr. Michael Fakouri / Robby Cangelosi / Pete Constantino / Pat Hannie / Allen Dufrene / Jill Barfield Hamilton / Ralph Brewer / Rene Joseph Tullier / Dena Nodier / Politz, Territa, Bourgeois & Gautreau Fmlys

JUNE 1, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Charles "Snow" Foster
 12:00 pm... V. J. Caruso

JUNE 2, THURSDAY

8:00 am Robert Dolese
 12:00 pm... Anthony Zito Sr

JUNE 3, FRIDAY

8:00 am Bruce Hilbrecht
 12:00 pm... Alice Ehrhardt

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

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

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Mary Scardina
- Kitty Mayer
- Ross Campesi

Altar Flowers Memorial

Each week you may honor a loved one with a gift of \$150 to dedicate the floral arrangement that adorns our Sanctuary. The Altar Flowers are dedicated this week in loving memory of **Harold Christopher Truax, II.**

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 **Traditions for Tomorrow Capital Campaign** 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.

Consider adding a planned gift in your last will and testament to remember Our Lady of Mercy.

Mercy Prays

| | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Reagan Angers | Francesca Ferarra |
| Sandy Ardoin | Todd Fruge |
| Seth Bombet | Marley Harris |
| Randy Civello | Joseph Landry |
| Joe Corsentino | Drew Moscona |

The men & women serving in our Armed Forces



TRADITIONS for TOMORROW

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Nathanson

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Roland & Kay Toups

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE:

Jeff Angers

Tim Barfield

Becky Bourg

Cynthia Graves

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Walter Monsour

Jim Purgerson

Ragan Richard

*"We are the Easter
people and Alleluia is
our song!"*

- Pope St. John Paul II



OUR LADY
of MERCY



DO YOU STILL HAVE YOUR PLEDGE CARD?

We are thankful for the generosity of the over 400 households who have made a commitment to our parish during the initial stages of the campaign. We need the remaining households to participate as well. Some of those who have yet to respond include families who attended a reception and are still considering their pledge. Others were unable to attend a reception but have received the campaign information through the mail. Please be sure to respond as soon as you are able so that we may continue the momentum that this campaign has already achieved!

FOLLOW-UP CONTINUES!

All families who did not attend a reception or submit a pledge envelope will be contacted! By responding today we will be able to remove your name from the contact list. Please respond today!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You are welcome to attend the first Follow-up volunteer meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 pm in the library of the PAC. The meeting should last approximately one hour and is for anyone interested in the campaign and its' success. Thank you!

Our lady of Mercy has over 3,000 families.

Our Lady of Mercy has over 400 pledges & gifts.

Our Lady of Mercy has 1 question:

Have you made your commitment yet?

For more information, contact:

Ms. Renee Polka
renee.polka@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

traditionsfortomorrow.com

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PARISH LIFE

Behind the Veil

Monday, May 23 following 12:00 noon Mass
Tuesday, May 24 following 6:00 pm Mass
Wednesday, May 25 following 8:00 am Mass
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

OLOM Sacristan, Mr. Fred Gwin, will walk you through the history of our church, discussing the physical characteristics, tapestry, stained glass, Sanctuary, and more in this informative tour, "Behind the Veil." Everyone is welcome to explore the history of our church and learn more about why certain pieces adorn our church with some surprises that you never knew existed. The tour will last approximately an hour.

For more information, contact:

Mr. Fred Gwin
fred.gwin@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

High School Bible Study

Tuesday Nights
JPPII Youth House

Feed your mind and your soul with us as we dive into Scripture, eat pizza, and enjoy some fun and fellowship!

For more information, contact:

Ms. Amelia Gallagher
amelia.gallagher@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

Anniversary Mass for Fr. Moroney

Saturday, June 11
4:00 pm
St. Alphonsus Church

Former OLOM Pastor, Fr. Mike Moroney, will celebrate his 45th Anniversary of Ordination on Saturday, June 11 at the 4:00 pm Mass with a reception immediately following. All are welcome to attend!

For more information, contact:

Ms. JoAnn Stein, MPS
joann@alphonsus.org
(225) 261-4650

Mass Intentions for 2017

Wednesday, June 1
8:30 am- 4:30 pm
Parish Activity Center

Mass Intentions (\$5 donation), Sanctuary Light Intentions (\$20 donation), and Memorial Flowers (\$150 donation) are beautiful ways to express sympathy or to remember loved ones. Requests are to be made in person at the church office beginning June 1. For those who are homebound and would like to make a request, please call Ms. Brenda Brown.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Brenda Brown
brenda.brown@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

Jubilee Year of Mercy Gathering

Tuesday, June 7
10:00 - 11:30 am
Williamsburg Senior Living Community

A morning gathering will be held for Catholics to learn about the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. Join us to learn how we are being called to celebrate God's gift of Mercy based upon the teachings of the Catholic faith and Pope Francis' recommendations for the Jubilee Year.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Tonia Griffin
tonia@williamsburgbr.com
(225) 929-8917

PARISH LIFE

American Heritage Girl Meeting

Tuesday, May 24
6:00 pm
Parish Activity Center

Join us for an informational meeting to learn more about American Heritage Girls on Tuesday, May 24 at 6:00 pm in the PAC. American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered scouting program for girls ages 5-18 dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

For more information, contact:
Ms. Danielle Laird
olomAHG@gmail.com

Life Teen Softball

Monday Nights starting June 6
Various locations around town

Calling all High School Teens - We want you to play softball with us this summer! Our group is open to all rising Freshmen to Seniors. Softball games begin June 6. Be there or be square!

For more information, contact:
Ms. Amelia Gallagher
amelia.gallagher@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

Vacation Bible School

June 6 - June 10
8:30 am - 12:00 noon
Parish Activity Center

"Come Fly the Friendly Skies of Mercy: Soaring with the Saints." Students entering grades 1-6, join us for a fun, faith-filled adventure centered around the Saints. Registration is now open on the church website: www.olomchurch.com

For more information, contact:
Ms. Katie Tasman
tasmankatie@gmail.com

Life Teen Summer Camp

July 11 - 16
Dahlonega, GA

Life Teen is taking a group to Camp Hidden Lake again this summer July 11-16! If you're looking for a trip that balances perfectly a fun and wild time with an opportunity to dive deeply into the richness of our Catholic faith, this trip is for you! It is open to all rising 9th graders to graduating seniors. Spots are limited.

For more information, contact:
Ms. Amelia Gallagher
amelia.gallagher@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

WELCOME SEMINARIAN CALEB GILCREASE

Seminarian Caleb Gilcrease is excited to join Our Lady of Mercy parish on June 1. He has been assigned to us by Fr. Matt Dupree of the Diocesan Vocation Office as part of the Summer for Seminarian Program. Mercy is a great place to experience church life in preparation for the priesthood.

Finishing up his third year of formation at St. Joseph Seminary College, Caleb comes to us originally from Morganza, LA. A graduate of Catholic High of Pointe Coupee, Caleb first began his college career at LSU as a Mass Communications major before transferring to St. Joseph Seminary College. Please join us in welcoming Caleb to our parish this summer and pray for him during this discernment period.



TRADITIONS FOR TOMORROW

Frequently Asked Questions

What are we trying to build?

A new gym and expanded parking lot, new Early Childhood Center, new Mercy Ministry Office, and a re-purposing of the current parish office to include new bathrooms, bride's room, expanded coffee shop, choir room, Sunday Sacristy, and meeting space.

How is this plan different from the Master Plan? How was it decided to build these particular facilities next?

The Master Plan was a 20-year vision set forth through an inclusive process of parishioner and parish leadership input. The facilities to be built align with the parish Master Plan and received the strongest feedback in the parish surveys and feasibility study.

When will Phase I construction begin?

Construction is slated to begin this fall and could take up to 36 months for completion. Given the various components of this project, construction would start on the school end.

How much are we trying to raise?

As much as possible towards the estimated cost of \$12-14 million.

What happens if we do not raise enough money?

Based on the feasibility study and CPEX report, this project represents necessary and urgent needs. Depending on the cash flow we can break the project into steps or extend the construction timeline as needed, but we are confident all aspects of this proposed phase can be accomplished.

Are parking and traffic flow being addressed?

Yes! In fact, this plan would give us approximately 120 more parking spots, conveniently located near the church and proposed new church offices and the new gym. Additionally, more parking near the new gym will alleviate traffic and parking issues on event nights.

What will happen to the church, meditation garden, or Adoration Chapel?

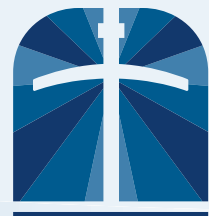
It is a beautiful, timeless, church and garden area. These areas will all remain the same.

What about the columbarium?

The columbarium (a space dedicated for cremated remains) is still in the works, but is not a part of this campaign. The process to design and obtain the appropriate permits is lengthy and ongoing. We intend to offer more information on this in the fall.

Why should I give?

Just like the parishioners who came before us who sacrificed to build the spaces to worship and pass on the faith, so too we have a responsibility to be good stewards. Whether you are a long time parishioner or new to our community, everyone has a stake in our future! This campaign is not just about new buildings, but providing for the living stones. With everyone's cooperation, we can make the vision for our parish a reality.



TRADITIONS
for TOMORROW

Why are families asked for Pledges?

We are suggesting pledges instead of one-time gifts because a pledge allows a family to make a larger contribution over a longer period of time. This allows the parish the opportunity to forecast the influx of money and make educated decisions. The amount of your pledge is more important than the time frame in which it is paid. If you need more time to make a larger pledge that is fine. Of course we are grateful for all of the sacrifices, be they pledges or one-time gifts. Our most important goal is 100% participation from our families! We hope that you will want to make a contribution to your parish. Everyone can do something!

Does each family have to give \$5,000?

We need gifts of all sizes for this campaign to be a success. For some families, \$5,000 is a challenge, therefore, we ask that those who are able to make larger pledges do so. No one can tell you how much you should give, but we are asking each family to make a sacrifice in order to take care of our spiritual home.

What if I am not able to complete my pledge?

We fully understand and empathize with all when life changes happen that prevent families from completing a pledge. People who find themselves in such a situation are encouraged to contact the parish office for support. We are grateful for what you were able to do. If things improve, completing your pledge might then be possible.

When will the pledge redemption begin?

Redemption of the pledges will begin in July 2016 for a period of up to three years, ending in 2018, unless stated on your pledge card that more time is needed to redeem your contribution. Reminder statements will be sent according to your pledge schedule and envelopes for Traditions for Tomorrow will be included with your monthly envelope packet.

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

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)

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| SATURDAY MAY 28 | | SUNDAY MAY 29 | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 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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| G Albares | J Blouin | S Bergeron | D Whaley | Dcn Grant | C Graves | P Persac |
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| C Abshire | P Bourgeois | J Frederick | F Heroman | D Grant | P Thomas | L Falcon |
| M Cullen | P Shingleton | E White | L Deavers | T Grant | L Attuso | C Landry |
| L D'Armond | | | | B Gossard | | |
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| R Prince | F Gwin | J Gardemal | B Avery | M Hermann | L Holliday | C Melder |
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| Altar Servers | | Altar Servers | | | | |
| T Turner | G Jones | N Mangaoil | F Baudier | S Kadair | K Sauviac | S Smith |
| T Turner | R Greer | M Mangaoil | E Shore | T Kadair | D Holliday | N Saurage |
| P Kelly | J Greer | | M Avery | T Kadair | D Meeks | M Dietrich |

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.*

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

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A PRAYER IN SUPPORT OF



TRADITIONS
for TOMORROW

Heavenly Father,

In this year of Mercy, we are mindful of the love
of your son, Jesus, poured out for us.

For more than 70 years, Our Lady of Mercy
Parish has been a spiritual home to your people.

A place of forgiveness and healing;

A place of silent prayer and joyful celebration;

A treasure of sacramental life and grace.

Through the intercession of Our Lady, whose
presence is so strongly felt in this holy place,

Renew your life in us;

Increase our faith and trust;

Bless the works of our hands
and the ***Traditions for Tomorrow;***

Let us not be content with efforts of the past
but lead us with your Spirit
to serve the generations to come;

Open our hearts to give generously
of ourselves and our resources
to provide for the needs of the future;

Renew us from within; and

Give us generous hearts.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

AMEN

Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us

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