



MERCY ALIVE

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"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY MARCH 25

- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 9:00 am Engaged Encounter-*St. Jerome*
- 3:00-4:00 pm Confessions
- 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
- 5:15-6:00 pm Confessions
- 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY MARCH 26

- 7:00 am Mass
- 9:00 am Mass (Nursery & Bible School)
- 10:30 am Mass (Nursery & Bible School)
- 10:30 am RCIA-*Mary Our Mother Hall*
- 12:00 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm Mass

MONDAY MARCH 27

- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 12:00 pm Daily Mass
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Mtg-*St. Joseph*

TUESDAY MARCH 28

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

WEDNESDAY MARCH 29

- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 12:00 pm Daily Mass
- 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross (School)
- 6:00 pm The Light Is On For You!
- 6:30 pm The Choice Wine-*PAC*

THURSDAY MARCH 30

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

FRIDAY MARCH 31

- 8:00 am Daily Mass
- 8:50 am School Liturgy
- 12:00 pm Daily Mass
- 5:00 pm KC Fish Fry-*St. Joseph*
- 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

Join us as our parish family prays our Lenten Devotion together in the Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena on Tuesdays following 6:00 pm Mass.

Palms for Palm Sunday

Help us help you prepare your garden for Spring. Parishioners are kindly asked to donate cleaned Sago Palm branches to be used for Palm Sunday Liturgies. You can drop off the clean palm branches in the St. Joseph Room of the PAC the by **APRIL 7**. For more information, contact: the church office or Mr. Fred Gwin at 926-1883.

St. Matthew's GUILD

MONDAY MORNING Team

Second COLLECTION

Catholic Relief Services

Prayer LINE

For Prayer Line requests, contact:
Ms. Genie Ogden: (225) 293-2367 or
Ms. Carroll Benedetto at wlb14@aol.com



LIGHTING UP THE LIBRARY

Chance of rain? NEVER!!! The threat of rain only added to our excitement and it certainly fit our theme "Louisiana Saturday Night" but did not keep Mercy's greatest fans from supporting the community they love and raising vital funds for our kids.

The 46th Annual Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School Auction & Gala was again held at the world-class East Baton Rouge Goodwood Main Library. This is the second year Mercy partnered with our friends at the Main Library and the wonderful Director, Ms. Mary Stein. We are humbled by their generosity and are blessed by their hospitality.

The evening began at 6:00 pm with a patron party reception leading up to the festive opening of the main event at 7:00 pm with the special voices of the Our Lady of Mercy Church Chancel Choir, directed and accompanied by Ms. Mary Kannenberg and Mr. Louis Wendt. The evening provided an opportunity for our church and school community to come together and celebrate all that is good at Our Lady of Mercy. Guests enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new ones as they were delighted by the class projects, trips, and items donated by friends and family.

The high-energy dance band, "MVP," from Atlanta took a break from their set as Father Cleo offered the invocation and welcomed guests. Father Cleo gave exciting updates about our Traditions For Tomorrow Capital Campaign which will lead off with the construction of a new Early Childhood Center expansion to our Lower School Campus. On behalf of our whole family of faith he lead grateful ovations for the leadership of Mr. Chris Porche, Principal, and Mr. Randy Arabie, Administration Director.

Father Cleo then recognized the dedication, hard work and year-long commitments of the Auction chairs: Ms. Remi Jenkins and Ms. Katie Shoriak with

the support of their husbands Mr. Jeff Jenkins and Mr. Matt Shoriak. These couples joined Father in praise of their 2017 Committee: [Ms. Jacqueline Bello](#), [Mr. Derek Fitch](#), [Mr. Shane Griffin](#), [Ms. Shannon Mahon](#), [Ms. Sharon Poche](#), [Ms. Kathryn Sanches](#), [Ms. Ali Simms](#), [Ms. Andree Talbert](#), [Ms. Elizabeth Weiler](#), and [Ms. Megan Boucvalt](#).

The mic was then handed to our great friend and Celebrity Emcee & Auctioneer, [Mr. Pat Shingleton](#). It wasn't long before Pat had the live auction paddles flying for 13 amazing lots ranging from tickets to see Hamilton on Broadway and Bruno Mars at Madison Square Garden, to a Custom Ice Cream Truck Playhouse, and to a student's opportunity to be Principal For The Day! Equally exciting was the participation of so many faculty members and their guests thanks to Church and parent sponsorships. It was so good to enjoy friendship with the women and men who partner with us in the formation of our little ones.

The Auction is the single annual fundraiser exclusively for our children at Our Lady of Mercy School. The most important ministry of our parish outside of the celebration of the Sacraments is the formation of our students and their families at our Catholic school. For us the ringing of the school bell is as sacred as the toll of the bell tower. Thanks to our benefactors 100% of the proceeds of ticket sales will benefit our school. We are so grateful to everyone who was able to participate in any way. Your support, even a single ticket purchase will make a difference in our children's experience at Mercy. We look forward the next great Mercy celebration! Like Father Cleo says: "There's no party like a Mercy Party!"

Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

APRIL 1, SATURDAY

8:00 am Dena Nodier
4:00 pm Elam, Mason, Meisner & Chauvet Fmlys / Donaldson, Giannoble, Danna, Ruhl, West, Wintz, Molina & Calandro Fmlys / Dorothy E. Highers / Al J. Ransome, Sr. / Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bologna, Mr. & Mrs. V.J. Serio, Frank Bologna / Ethel Hamilton, Connie DeSalvo, Bernice L. Jones / Michael Bourgeois / Calvin, Georgina & Curran Oubre / Wynona & Joseph Alfred Lindsly / Francis "Frank" Mayer & Kathleen "Kitty" Mayer / Alejandro Naranjo / P.M. Breaud / Lannie Bonnette / Ellie Sances / Harold Beard / Leola "Loly" Guidry / Alex Spano / Roseland P. Rebaldo / D.J. Graphia / Graphia, Levatino & Cali Fmlys / Ruth L. Stabiler / Rosalie Ragusa Holder / Theresa B. Gascon / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Rose & Vince & Fmly / Shannon Cormier / Jimmy Smith
6:00 pm Dr. William C. Haile, Sr.

APRIL 2, SUNDAY

7:00 am ALL PEOPLE
9:00 am Sally Fleniken
10:30 am Maude & Joe Amorello
12:00 pm James B. Fernandez / Ed & Vivian Cedotal and Fmly
6:00 pm John J. Rinaudo, Sr.

APRIL 3, MONDAY

8:00 am Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr.
12:00 pm Ralph Brewer

APRIL 4, TUESDAY

12:00 pm Beard, Scanlan, Mariotti, Lanza Families
6:00 pm Debbie Plaisance Gwin / Charles "Snow" Foster / Tyler Craig, Betty & Gene Craig / Nicole Helms, Lydia & Joseph F. Landry / John & Madge Cardone, Eubsebe & Martha Gillis / Bruce Hilbrecht / Joseph V. Zito / George Mervin Simon & Rosa Simon / Dr. Michael Fakouri / Charlotte Sheehan Gautreau / Malcolm & Gertrude Meyn / William & Couchetta Cox / John M. Daigle, III / Julius Bischoff / John Milton Fruge / J. W. Zaubrecher / All Souls in Purgatory / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Charlie & Cindy Murphy / Charlie & Nancy Valluzzo / Christine & Mark McMorris Fmly

APRIL 5, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Adolph Ajubita
12:00 pm John L. Daniel, Sr. & Johnice Daniel

APRIL 6, THURSDAY

8:00 am Jennie Brister
12:00 pm Gordon Fisher

APRIL 7, FRIDAY

8:00 am John Liebert
12:00 pm Aubrey Young / Mineo, Delage, Comeaux, Eckler Fmlys / Savoy & Soileau Fmlys / K. J. Thomas / Daniel Jarreau, Nelta Jarreau, Jerry Fakouri, Sr. / Joe & Maude Amorello / Shirley Shingleton / Alex Spano / Gloria Griggs / John J. Rinaudo, Sr. / Denise Ducote / Emmitt Porche / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Chris Hill & Fmly / Laura Deavers

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Joseph V. Zito

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

Holt Harrison

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Deacon Dutch Schanzbach
- Thomas Simmons
- Frances Roberts
- Fr. Michael Collins
- Sgt Shawn Anderson
- Cedric Delaune
- Holt Harrison

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.

Mercy Wish List

At present there are a few items that are on our wish list:

FROZEN DRINK MACHINE

Please contact us if you are interested in donating any of these items to enhance community life at Mercy. These items will be used at parish events like the Fair, Merry Mercy, VBS. If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation toward the purchase of these items, please call the church office at 926-1883 and speak with Ms. Deanie Smith or Ms. Brenda Brown.

Mercy Prays

Mary Bourgeois	Marley Harris
Pat Bourgeois	Jim Hebert
Valerie Carter	Tina Hector
Laura Deavers	Deacon Fallon Lorenz
Todd Fruge	Tracy Louis

The men & women serving in our Armed Forces

PARISH LIFE

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

"Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart" says God through the prophet Hosea. As Catholics, we are given the opportunity to heed God's call by readying ourselves for the Lord's Passion during this Lenten season through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Our Lady of Mercy offers this special opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation through "The Light Is On For You."

Start with an examination of conscience, recalling your sins and prayerfully asking yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God's Commandments.

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Mercy are on Wednesdays from **6:00 pm - 7:30 pm** on: **MARCH 29**

APRIL 5

APRIL 12

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Pray the Stations of the Cross with us on **FRIDAYS** during Lent at **6:00 pm** and at **2:00 pm** on **WEDNESDAYS** with our school.

The Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the OLOM 8th grade class on **FRIDAY, APRIL 7 at 6:00 pm**.

KC FISH FRY

Join us in the PAC for some fun and fellowship at the annual KC Fish Fry! Dinner plates come complete with fish, coleslaw, fries, and bread. Dine-in or take out; drinks sold separately.

*Cost is \$7 per plate

Friday, March 31 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7 5:00 pm - 7:00pm



PARISH LIFE

Notice from OLOL Hospital

Our Lady of the Lake Hospital has informed us that they have recently migrated to a new electronic medical record. This new system unfortunately does not have the capability to fax and they will no longer be able to send notices to parishes when their parishioners are patients in OLOL Hospital. **Parishioners will now have to let the parish know directly that their loved ones are in the hospital.**

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8
1:00 pm Registration
PAC Field

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt where your child will enjoy gathering eggs filled with goodies as well as participate in spiritual reminders of the season. There will be prizes, games, refreshments, and more!

For more information, contact:

Ms. Jessica Milburn
jessica.milburn@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

Woman's New Life Center Plates for Life

Friday, April 28
7:30 - 11:30 pm
Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

Join us as we celebrate saving and changing lives. This exciting new event will help Woman's New Life Center expand its medical services in the Baton Rouge community. Enjoy a lovely sit-down dinner at the beautiful Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, followed by a Live Auction with unique and priceless items. Then dance the night away with music by Pelican 212.

For more information, contact:

Woman's New Life Center
www.womansnewlife.com/plates
(225) 218-4862

Edge Night - Theology of the Body

Monday, April 3
5:30 pm
Parish Activity Center

Our Lady of Mercy EDGE Program invites all Middle School families to attend our EDGE 1 Night-Mission. Brian Butler and Greg Boudreaux of Dumb Ox Ministries will be with us to present St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. There will be two simultaneous presentations: one for your middle schooler and one for you! Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to learn more about what Theology of the Body is, and how you can be proactive in helping your child learn how to love authentically and live in freedom! Our 1 Night-Mission will begin at 5:30 with an optional Jambalaya dinner in the PAC. Our parent and middle school session will begin at 6:00 pm.

Babysitting will be available for those with younger children. **Please call in advance to let us know your babysitting needs.**

For more information, contact:

Mr. Stephen Franklin
stephen.franklin@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

Vacation Bible School

June 5 - June 9
8:30 am - 12:00 noon
Parish Activity Center

All aboard the Queen of Heaven Express! Students entering grades 1-6, join us for a fun, faith-filled adventure. We'll track Mary through France, Portugal, Mexico, Ireland, and England discovering her mysteries and messages. Registration is now open on the church website: www.olomchurch.com

For more information, contact:

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PARISH LIFE



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the OLOM 8th grade class on **THURSDAY, APRIL 6 at 9:00 am**, **FRIDAY, APRIL 7 at 9:00 am**; and **FRIDAY, APRIL 7 at 6:00 pm**.

FAIR RAFFLES

Tuition Raffle

Purchase a School Tuition Raffle ticket and be ONE of TEN lucky people to receive a key to unlock the winning treasure chest. Prize includes In-Parish Tuition, Book Fee, Grade Level Fee, and Capital Improvement Fee for the 2017- 2018 school year for one (1) student.

- Tickets are \$15 each
- Tickets can be purchased at the Fair Information Booth until 1:00 pm, Sunday, April 30, 2017
- For more information contact: Ginger Rabb at rabb.ginger@gmail.com

\$10,000 RAFFLE

Your best chance to be a big winner! Only 300 tickets sold! First Prize \$10,000, Second Prize \$1,000 Third Prize \$500, Fourth Prize \$100! Tickets are \$100 each and may be purchased at the Church Office, from one of our volunteers, or on the church website: www.olomchurch.com. For more information email Dawn Beale at dmbeale@bellsouth.net.

\$1,000 RAFFLE

Each household in the parish and school has been provided with a book of 10 tickets for this raffle. To assign parishioner ticket sales to a particular student at the school for their incentives, simply put the student's name at the bottom of each ticket and return to the school. Tickets are \$1 each and additional tickets are available through the church and school offices.

FAIR T-SHIRTS



Fair T-Shirts for Wild Wild West have been placed to ensure timely delivery for OLOM School students. If you are still in need of a fair t-shirt, please contact Mary Coghlan at mary.coghlan@keanmiller.com. For the latest on all fair news and schedules, check out the school website under the NEWS section: www.olomschool.org



Mercy March 5K

Saturday, April 29, 2017
9:00 A.M.

Register TODAY:
[www.olomchurch.com/
event/mercy-march-5k](http://www.olomchurch.com/event/mercy-march-5k)



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

As we approach the middle of the Lenten season, it is till not too late to take on a spiritual discipline or sacrifice.

Areas of Potential Growth and Change:

What might you choose to do this Lent that will help you grow in this area of needed change? What will help you be more alive in Christ and in your relationships with others?

PRAYER:

Attend Mass each Sunday
Attend daily Mass on a more frequent basis
Make a Holy Hour, attend the Station of the Cross
Pray the rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet every day
Pray with your spouse, children or friends
Read the Bible, spend 15 minutes in silent prayer or read the daily Mass readings each day
Go to confession each month

ALMSGIVING:

Commit a true 10% tithe of your income to the church
Increase your commitment to the Traditions for Tomorrow Campaign
Choose a charity and make a weekly contribution
Give your time to your spouse, children, or grandchildren
Have dinner each night with your family
Go through your closet and donate what you no longer use

FASTING:

Give up a meal once a day during Lent
Fast from Social Media, cell phone use, or other forms of electronics
Fast from people or situations that cause you to sin or think bad thoughts
Fast from using bad or negative language
Fast from wasting time and do something productive



St. Vincent de Paul Count Your Blessings Supper

We are grateful for the many blessings our St. Vincent de Paul Society provides to those in need.

Through your support of St. Vincent de Paul, you have fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, and provided medicine to those who are sick and suffering. In 2016, your support allowed SVDP to accomplish so much for so many.



SVDP Conferences visited needy families	Over 2,000 home visits
Our SVDP Dining Room served	253, 446 meals
Our SVDP Community Pharmacy filled	22,852 prescriptions
Guest nights provided to homeless men, women, and children by our Bishop Ott Shelter Program & Myriam's House	30, 593 guest nights
Our Uniform for Kids Program distributed	18,645 uniforms
SVDP Stores provided free clothing, furniture, etc.	10,000 + needy families
Community Support is great - monthly volunteer average	1,500 + volunteers

* \$0.96 of every dollar given to St. Vincent de Paul goes toward helping those in need

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)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

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on Sunday for Mercy's
Mass live broadcast*

SATURDAY APRIL 1		SUNDAY APRIL 2				
4:00 pm*	6:00 pm	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Minj	Fr. Minj	Fr. Minj	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano
Extraordinary Ministers		Extraordinary Ministers				
N Krzystowczyk	J Blouin	S Montagnino	K Poiencot	J Purgerson	C Graves	E Holt
M Porter	J Jolissaint	L Dawkins	C Guidry	L Bourgeois	R Guitreau	C Formeller
R Prince	P Shingleton	A Bergeron	F Heroman	E Bourgeois	R Cooney	L Sanchez
L D'Armond	A August	I Bourque	M Savoy	P Tullier	A St. Pierre	C Roberts
G Lalonde	L Plaisance	A Wilson	L Saab	J Harrison	L Roy	P Persac
J Stalls	M Blouin	C Ransome	Dcn Grant	Dcn Grant	R Clement	S Armand
W Keyser	R Brian	B Babin	K Guidry	B Purgerson	L Attuso	C Landry
M Cullen	M Downing	J Frederick	K Giglio	K Sweeney	G Anderson	L Falcon
R Pitre	D McCrary	J Frederick	P Prosser	J Pinell	G Anderson	H Coco
I DeNicola		C Murphy		M Pinell		
Lectors		Lectors				
J Stalls	T Laville	J Gardemal	Children's	T Grant	E Joffrion	H Coco
K Steintrager	M Hagan	S Darensbourg	Liturgy	M Hermann	H Morrison	R Coco
		S Bergeron				
Altar Servers		Altar Servers				
M Krzystowczyk	J Laville	K Allen	D Poiencot	F Purgerson	M Joffrion	G Huye
J Fruge'	S Laville	G Montagnino	K Poiencot	L Purgerson	K Sauviac	G Huye
M Graves	G Jones		T Hawkins	M St. Amant	E Anderson	R Huye

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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VICAR.....Father Nutan Minj, IMS
PERMANENT DEACON.....Deacon Richard Grant
ADMINISTRATION.....Mr. Randy Arabie
PRINCIPAL.....Mr. Chris Porche

OFFICE HOURS

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

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

Parish Activity Center

444 Marquette Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
(225) 928-6216

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

400 Marquette Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
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olomschool.org

Communications

Ms. Christy Haldane
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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.....1 am, 3 am, 5 am, 12 noon, 2 pm,
3 pm, 4 pm, 8 pm

MONDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 3 am, 8 am, 9 am,
12 noon, 11 pm

TUESDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 11 am

WEDNESDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 3 am

THURSDAY.....11 am, 12 noon, 10 pm

FRIDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 10 pm

SATURDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 4 am, 7 am, 12 noon,
4 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.*

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