



MERCY ALIVE

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"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

- 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
- 7:00 pm ...Ministry Appreciation Party-PAC

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

- 7:00 am.....Mass
- 9:00 am.....Mass (Nursery & Bible School)
- 10:30 am.....Mass (Nursery & Bible School)
- 12:00 pm.....Mass
- 4:00 pm ...Advent Concert-Church
- 6:00 pm.....Mass
- 7:00 pm ...Life Night-Emmanuel Hall

MONDAY DECEMBER 11

- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 12:00 pm ...Daily Mass
- 6:30 pm ...RCIA-St. Gabriel

TUESDAY DECEMBER 12

- 8:30 am ...Rosary Makers-Coffee Shop
- 9:00 am ...Called By Faith-PAC
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
- 6:00 pm ...St. Lucy Mass & Novena
- 7:00 pm ...Charismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

- 8:00 am ...Daily Mass
- 12:00 pm ...Daily Mass
- 6:00 pm ...The Light Is On For You

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14

- 8:00 am ...Daily Mass
- 12:00 pm ...Daily Mass
- 6:30 pm ...High School Bible Study-JPII House

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15

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

On The Front COVER

Christmas angels at the Christmas Eve Children's Mass and Pageant.

Happy Birthday Fr. Nutan!

Join us in wishing Fr. Nutan prayerful best wishes as he celebrates his birthday on December 9th!



St. Nicholas Food Drive

Baskets are placed around the Tabernacle in the church for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas basket food collection. Please bring your non-perishable food items to be given to the needy of our area.

"For I was hungry and you gave me to eat" - Matthew 25:35

Campus Safety

As the holiday season approaches, please do not leave your purse or any valuables visible on the seats or floor of your car. Please place all of your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle in order to avoid anyone who might be tempted to something the Lord would not want them to do. It is recommended that you do not give cash to anyone soliciting money. This only encourages repeat behavior and is somewhat fearful to those in the Adoration Chapel and the elderly. If you want to support the needy, then give to the St. Vincent de Paul Society where your generosity will surely help the poor and hungry.

St. Matthew's GUILD

STALLS TEAM

Second COLLECTION

St. Joseph Abbey

Prayer LINE

For Prayer Line requests, contact:
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Ms. Carroll Benedetto at wlb14@aol.com



THE SEASON OF GIVING

In this Holy Season of the Savior's birth, I cannot think of a more beautiful and holy place to worship our Lord Jesus Christ than here at Our Lady of Mercy. Our parish provides tremendous opportunities to celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Mass and Confession.

Our strong witness to the power of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, and our commitment to St. Vincent de Paul and our outreach to the poor and needy, truly are a bright light in a world that can seem very dark.

Our Lady of Mercy functions not only as a vibrant and active church family but also as a shrine for the City of Baton Rouge and our Diocese.

The doors of Mercy are open to everyone. That is why one of the best charities that you can support during the Christmas Season with your end of the year financial giving, is our own parish. So many people are affected in a good and positive way when you support your church family. If you love the legacy of Mercy and want to continue the light of Christ shining so brightly, I encourage your continued faithful giving in this season of offering our generous heart to God.

God Bless Mercy's faithful families and may the Light of Christ shine more brightly through us.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Cleo

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

DECEMBER 16, SATURDAY

8:00 am James & Mabel Smith
4:00 pm Ben Lessing / Ellie Sances / Leo Levy / Kevin Hooper / Virgie & Eunice D'Armond, Sugar & Cookie Kane / James B. Fernandez / Ed & Vivian Cedotal & Fmly / Phillipa Perry / Floyd Roberts / Mike Couvillion, Tami Couvillion, Keith Couvillion, Vallie & Vivian Lemoine / Tommy Simmons / Peter & Sadie Politz / Joseph Bourgeois / Barbara Sonnier / Thelma Rodriguez / O. J. Lasseigne / Matthew Todd Kleinpeter / Scott Ambrose Kleinpeter / T. J. Hollingsworth / Ingrid Ann Moses /

SPECIAL INTENTION: Shannon Cormier

6:00 pm Jean Gwin

DECEMBER 17, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... ALL PEOPLE
9:00 am..... **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Andre Billeaud
10:30 am... Percy, Ann & Paul Moise
12:00 pm... Brown, LeJeune, Albaral & Duhon Fmlys
6:00 pm Nola Siena Mathes

DECEMBER 18, MONDAY

8:00 am Jean Gwin
12:00 pm... Carl & Dorothy Crossland

DECEMBER 19, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Wayne Frey
6:00 pm Dr. Michael Fakouri / Vincent, Rosalie & Serrita Cangelosi / Lester Simon / George Mervin Simon & Rosa Simon / Jill Barfield Hamilton / Earl J. LeJeune, Sr. & Linda Albaral LeJeune / Concepcion Ben Como / Esperanza Mangaol / Katherine Gottlieb, Miriam Huerstel, Patrick Coates / Poor Souls in Purgatory

DECEMBER 20, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Julio Patolilic
12:00 pm... Ora Werner

DECEMBER 21, THURSDAY

8:00 am Lynn Roberts
12:00 pm... Sonny Barbay

DECEMBER 22, FRIDAY

8:00 am Dr. Larry Ferachi & Vincent A. Ferachi
12:00 pm... Ortego & Dimattia Families / Jack Casey / Ordell Chamnbers Laws / George R. Cera / Eula Mae Marchiafava / Barbara Sonnier & Theo "T.J." Hollingsworth / Esperanza Mangaol / For the Poor Souls in Purgatory /
SPECIAL INTENTION: James Hebert & Therese of Maine

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

John L. Daniel, Sr.

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

Alex Spano

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Shirley Cuevas
- Fr. Jairo Gomes
- Anne Blythe

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.

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 Building 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 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

Carl Babin	Deacon Fallon Lorenz
Martha Bourg	Faye Novo
Todd Fruge	Joel Rivera
Marley Harris	Meghan Saffiotti
Jim Hebert	Gracie Zaunbrecher

The men & women serving in our Armed Forces

PARISH LIFE

FEAST OF ST. LUCY

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 12 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.

Santa Lucia, Prega per Noi!
St. Lucy, Pray for Us!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Light Is On For You!

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAYS

DECEMBER 13

DECEMBER 20



Several churches in our Diocese, including Our Lady of Mercy, offer this special opportunity to receive the Sacrament by hosting Reconciliation Services through "The Light Is On For You."

Have you been putting off going to Confession?

When was the last time you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

This prayer is for you:

Lord, help me genuinely accept that You have taken all my past - all sin I have committed or accusation against me.

Since You do not condemn me, help me renew my thinking and not condemn myself.

Rather, I want to live in the Joy, Peace, & Freedom You have purchased for me by Your death and resurrection in Jesus' name.

Amen

PARISH LIFE

Behind the Veil

Monday, December 18
5:30 pm
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Join us on **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH at 5:30 pm** for a trip back through the history of Our Lady of Mercy Church. Discover the stories and hidden mysteries of our mosaics, statues, stained glass, and artwork. Look behind the veil of the sanctuary, altar, and tabernacle and see things you never knew existed. The walking tour will begin by the baptismal font and will last one hour.

For more information, contact:

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(225) 926-1883

Men of Immaculata Men's Conference

Saturday,
February 17
St. George
Catholic Church

MEN of MERCY
prepare for
your life to
be changed!



Register with MERCY to receive a 20% discount off of the individual registration rate. This is a 1 day, world class, Catholic Men's Conference with something truly for every man. This conference is for you if you've been away from the Church for a while or if you attend Mass daily! This conference is for you if you're 18 or 80! This conference is for Grandfathers, Fathers, Sons, Brothers, Cousins, Coworkers, Teammates, Neighbors & Buddies... Purchase your tickets at: www.olomchurch.com

For more information, contact:

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OLOM School Open House

Wednesday, January 17
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 the 2018-19 school year. Families who have completed the new student application may turn in the required admissions documents during this event.

Completed applications and required documents for the 2018-19 school year are due to our school office by 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 23. Details for the 2018-19 admissions process are 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
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Mercy Auction Classic

Saturday, March 10
7:00 pm
Live Oak Arabians
(6300 Jefferson Hwy)

Mark your calendars now for an evening you won't want to miss - the **Annual Mercy Auction!** Join us for a night of fun and fellowship on **Saturday, March 10** at a NEW LOCATION - Live Oak Arabians! The Auction website is now live so don't wait to purchase your tickets and check out our sponsorship opportunities. <http://olomchurch.home.qtego.net>



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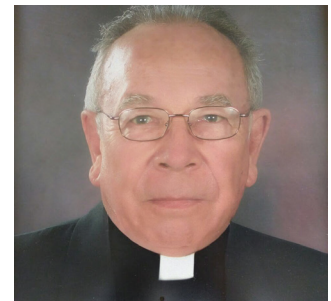


Help the St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College

Under the direction of Bishop Muench, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will take up a special second collection the weekend of December 9th and 10th to assist St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College in their recovery from the devastating flood that affected their campus in 2016. To learn more about recovery efforts, visit www.helptheabbey.com.

In Loving Memory of Fr. Jairo Gomes

Our parish expresses its deepest sympathy on the recent death of our beloved friend and holy priest Fr. Jairo Gomes. Our parishioners remember Fr. Gomes from the many years he served in the Diocese of Baton Rouge and time spent here at Our Lady of Mercy. Fr. Gomes was a native of Colombia, and visited Our Lady of Mercy every summer in the month of July. He was unable to be with us this past July due to his declining health. He passed away in his beloved country. He shall always be fondly remembered for his warm smile, gentle spirit, and great love and devotion to Holy Mother Church. May God grant Fr. Gomes eternal rest and reward him for his faithful service in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. May God give comfort and peace to Fr. Gomes' many, many friends who loved and admired him so very much. God Bless you Fr. Gomes, Rest In Peace!



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 pm
6:00 pm



Sunday Masses

7:00 am
9:00 am

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 10:30 AM OR 12:00 NOON MASSES ON SUNDAY MORNING

CANON LAW DOES NOT DISMISS THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS WHEN CHRISTMAS FALLS ON A MONDAY

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (CHURCH)
4:00 pm (PARISH HALL)
6:00 pm CHILDREN'S LITURGY
8:00 pm
11:30 pm CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT
12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS



Christmas Day

7:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 Noon

PARISH LIFE

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, 2 am, 3 am*, 5 am, 12 noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm

MONDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 3 am, 4 am*, 4 pm, 7 pm

TUESDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 3 am

WEDNESDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 4 am, 5 pm

THURSDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 11 am, 12 noon, 3 pm, 5 pm*

FRIDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 12 noon, 6 pm, 7 pm, 11 pm

SATURDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 7 am*, 10 am, 11 am, 12 noon, 5 pm, 10 pm

*Urgent Needs - Sunday 3 am, Monday 4:00 am, Thursday 5 pm, Saturday 7 am

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



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

In 1531, The Blessed Lady appeared to Juan Diego, an Indian, in the mountains near Guadalupe, Mexico. Diego was told by Mary to go to the local Bishop and request that a church be constructed there in her honor. The Bishop claimed he needed a sign from God so the request was refused. Mary once again appeared to Diego and told him to pick some roses from the mountain top. Diego, puzzled by the appeal since it was winter and no roses were growing at the time, went as instructed and indeed found the roses as Mary told him and placed them in his tilma. Upon his second visit to the Bishop, Diego opened the tilma and the roses fell to the floor. In their place was the beautiful picture of Our Lady which was "made part" of the tilma.

She is depicted as an Indian woman who is expecting a child. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of Mexico and of the pro-life movement.

The large Basilica in Guadalupe is the most visited Marian shrine in the world. **We will celebrate her Feast Day at the 12:00 Noon Mass on Tuesday, December 12th.**

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PRAY FOR US!



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

1380 AM - WPYR

Listen daily at noon and 10:30 am on Sunday for Mercy's Mass live broadcast

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16		SUNDAY DECEMBER 17				
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				
R Prince	M Blouin	P McKeough	R Beyer	J Shelley	C Roberts	C Peak
N Krzystowczyk	P Shingleton	E White	M Savoy	J Angers	G Anderson	C Landry
C Mattza	A Meche	S Bergeron	D Deshotels	R Cooney	G Anderson	L Falcon
C Abshire	M Richard	C Ransome	P Prosser	Dcn McGinnis	S Hopkins	C Schutte
D Lockwood	J Blouin	J Pastorek	D Maggio	L Plaisance	K Darnall	P Persac
J Stalls	M Downing	A Bergeron	B Clay	D Whaley	R Guitreau	D Smith
J Stalls	R Brian	L Dawkins	G Tibbetts	L Shelley	L Attuso	N Hains
W Keyser	A Jolissaint	A Haywood	L Saab	L Gemmill	C DiBenedetto	P Bertrand
M Cullen	A August	T Penouilh	S Maggio	K Sweeney	L Holliday	S Wood
L D'Armond	E Chenevert	B Babin	M Porter	B Gossard	C Hopkins	R Coco
Lectors		Lectors				
K Steintrager	J Blouin	M McKeough	Children's	H Landry	C Graves	G Bertrand
M Hagan	D McCrary	S Montagnino	Liturgy	L Plaisance	S Hopkins	H Coco
J Shiloh						
Altar Servers		Altar Servers				
M Cullen - C	D Meche - C	J Pastorek - C	L Saab - C	M St. Amant - C	T Patin - C	J Korevec - C
L Kelly	C Meche	G Montagnino	A Kimble	J Daggett	M Prochaska	S Smith
P Kelly	D Meche	K Allen	G Beyer	A Lewis	M Prochaska	D Meeks

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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PRINCIPAL..... Mr. Chris Porche

OFFICE HOURS

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

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

Parish Activity Center

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Glorify the Lord by your life

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HOLY COMMUNION/PSR..... Ms. Amelia Gallagher
CONFIRMATION/RCIA..... Mr. Jason Romero
WEDDING..... Ms. Alison Nodier
FUNERAL..... Ms. Theresa Foster
FACILITIES..... Ms. Katie Thorne
FINANCE & GIFTS..... Ms. Deanie Smith

To view complete staff list, visit olomchurch.com.

*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.