



How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

# THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24

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 25

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

#### MONDAY NOVEMBER 26

8:00 am .... Daily Mass 12:00 pm .... Daily Mass 6:30 pm .... RCIA Meeting-St. Ann 7:00 pm .... SVDP Meeting-St. Jerome

#### **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27**

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

#### WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28

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

#### **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29**

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

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30

8:00 am .... Daily Mass 9:00 am .... School Liturgy 12:00 pm .... Daily Mass 6:00 pm .... Holy Name Rosary-St. Jerome

## On The COVER

OLOM 8th graders present the Living Rosary.

### Family Reflection for the ADVENT SEASON

- Pray together
- Manage the media
- Give children chores and responsibility (so they see the family working together)
- Eat supper together
- Put your marriage first (mom & dad need time together)

## Little Blue BOOKS

Little Blue Books used for Advent reflection are now available for purchase in the church office for \$1 each.

## **Guardian Angels NURSERY**

The Guardian Angels Nursery and Bible Class will be closed on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 in observance of the THANKSGIVING holiday.

# St. Matthew's GUILD

ANDERSON TEAM

# Second COLLECTION

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

#### Prayer LINE

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



# Saturday, December 1 4:00 - 8:00 pm Our Lady of Mercy

Merry Mercy: SHARE OUR LIGHT - is a celebration in anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ; a celebration of the Gospel call to first serve the least among us in His name. A portion of the proceeds from Merry Mercy will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Each year at the beginning of Advent, OLOM ceremonially "Shares Our Light" with the first lighting of our grand live oak trees around the church and school campus. Thousands of tiny twinkling lights will symbolize our parish's commitment to making the seasons of Advent and Christmas centered around the Light of God's great love.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. For a child is born to us, a Son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

-Isaiah 9

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

# **INSIDE THE PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER**

- 5:00-7:00 St. Nick's Workshop is open; crafts, face painting, cookie decorating, letters and prayers to St. Nicholas
- 5:00-7:00 Christmas Bingo prizes include gift cards, bottles of wine, poinsettias, and more!
- 5:10-8:00 Pictures with St. Nicholas

# **ADORATION GARDEN**

- 4:00 Mass
- 5:00-7:15 Polar Express arrives on Marquette - take a ride or two!
- 5:30 Annual blessing with Fr. Cleo and Lighting of the Oaks along with live musical performance
- 6:00 Mass

# LOWER SCHOOL PARKING LOT

- 5:00-7:30 Inflatables
- 5:00-8:00 Drink booth Coke, water, beer, signature cocktail, and Grinch juice
- 5:00-8:00 Paul Cat and ACTS retreat participants serving up gumbo, hot dogs, and hamburgers
- 5:30 Gumdrop Stop opens for popcorn and candy for Merry Movie
- 6:00-7:15 Merry Movie featuring the movie, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
- 6:30 Prosecco Bar Opens
- 7:00 Fr. Cleo's Prosecco Toast
- 7:15 Merry Mercy Fireworks

#### Called to Prayer

# IN REMEMBRANCE

## **Mass Intentions**

#### DECEMBER 1, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Luke Fmly 4:00 pm ..... Alex Spano / Ellie Sances / Lena Moran / Al Ransome / Kevin Keyser / Noel Deancaussie / Judy Hamilton / John Milton Fruge & Todd Fruge / Dr. James Hannie / Gerald Albares / Ethel Tujague, Eddie Tujague / Mary Ross, Bill Ross / Bridget, Lynne & Pat Ross / Julie Terracina Fresina / Karl P. Landry, Jr. / David Bella / Seth A. Bombet / Russell Dias / Theo Peter Julier / Paula Chirinos / Bill LeBlanc / Margaret Imafidon & Mona Gilbert / Holy Souls in Purgatory / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**: Larry LeJeune / Shannon Cormier **6:00 pm ....** J. Louis Tonore, Sr.

#### **DECEMBER 2, SUNDAY**

7:00 am..... ALL PEOPLE
9:00 am..... Hoang K. Thinh
10:30 am... Ingrid Ann Moses
12:00 pm... Nelvin R. Fontenot & Theresa Fontenot
6:00 pm .... Gloria Rivet

#### DECEMBER 3, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Sandy Roppolo 12:00 pm... Joseph V. Zito

#### **DECEMBER 4, TUESDAY**

12:00 pm... Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel J. Chatelain 6:00 pm.... Michael FaKouri / Jill Barfield Hamilton / Debbie Gwin / Bourgeois & Gautreau Fmlys, Politz & Territa Fmlys, Pete & Sadie Politz, Joseph Bourgeois / Dr. James Hannie / Edythe Thompson / Rita Primeaux / Marcel Andrew "Mike" Vera / Jessie Gimenez, Emie Banga, Luigi Gimenez / Jeffery Charles Landry & Landry Fmly

#### **DECEMBER 5, WEDNESDAY**

8:00 am ..... SPECIAL INTENTION: Maurice Brown 12:00 pm... Mineo Fmly

#### **DECEMBER 6, THURSDAY**

8:00 am ..... Charles "Snow" Foster 12:00 pm... SPECIAL INTENTION: Danny Tullier

#### **DECEMBER 7, FRIDAY**

8:00 am ..... Maunsell W. Brousseau, Sr. 12:00 pm... Charles C. Healy, Sr. / T. J. Hollingsworth / Jack Jolissaint / John Jolissaint, Sr. / Marilyn Bourgeois / John Milton Fruge & Todd Fruge / Ruth Ricard / Nettie Marcotte / Theo Julier / Steve Tessier / Nicole Helms, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph F. Landry / Poor Souls in Purgatory / SPECIAL INTENTION: Vincent Caruso

## Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

## **Jack Jolissaint**

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

- In Sympathy to the Families of:
- Josie Songy
- Robert Champagne, Jr.

## 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

Lisa Andre' Katie Amorello Charles Barbre Ruth Boudreaux Dr. Ed Brown Carol Ducote Myrtis Giroir Jim Hebert Linda Lachney Michael Anthony Maier Callie Moczygemba Nita Vicari

The men & women serving in our Armed Forces

# Called to Action PARISH LIFE



# FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

# Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be celebrated in honor of the

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

# FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:00 pm and 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 8:00 am

# **ADVENT CONCERT**



Handel's Messiah Sunday, December 9 4:00 pm Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

The Fifth Annual Advent Concert featuring the OLOM Chancel Choir will present the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah* this Advent Season. Bring the whole family for an hour-long, candle-lit, musical event which includes the ever popular "Hallelujah Chorus" among other classic features.

For more information, contact: Mr. Geoff Kannenberg geoff.kannenberg@olomchurch.com (225) 926-1883

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# Food for the Holidays

"For I was Hungry and you gave me to eat."

During the month of November, each of us is encouraged to be bread for others. Empty baskets will be arranged around the Tabernacle in the Sanctuary. Please bring non-perishable food items to be given to the needy of our area for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will especially reach out to those affected by the recent apartment fire.

For more information, contact: Church Office (225) 926-1883

## Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society promotes reverence for the Sacred Names of God and Jesus Christ, obedience and loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification and holiness of its members. Members are called to contribute to the evangelization mission of the Church and to make perpetual acts of reverence and love for our Lord and Savior. The apostolate of the society is to assist in parish ministries. The Holy Name Society meets in the Parish Activity Center every second Sunday of the month following 7:00 am Mass.

For more information, contact: Church Office (225) 926-1883

# Life Night

Sunday, December 2nd 7:00 - 9:00 pm Emmanuel Hall

Happy Thanksgiving!

There will be no Life Teen this Sunday for teens grades 9-12 due to Thanksgiving break.

Life Teen will meet again on December 2nd from 7:00-9:00 pm in Emmanuel Hall for our Advent series as well as some information about our mission trip to Haiti this summer!

Bible Study will meet Thursday November 29th in the JPII house from 6:30-8pm. Teens in grades 9-12 welcome!

#### For more information, contact:

Ms. Tori LaBelle tori.labelle@olomchurch.com (225) 926-1883

# **Cards for Prisoners**

Our Lady of Mercy is collecting new, unsigned Religious Christmas cards to distribute to prisoners at Angola and Hunt Correctional. These cards will be given to prisoners to allow them to write to their families during the holidays. Cards may be dropped off at the church office no later than DECEMBER 1st.

For more information, contact: Church Office (225) 926-1883

## American Heritage Girls Christmas Wreath Pick-Up

Sunday, December 2nd after 9:00, 10:30 am, and 12:00 noon Masses OLOM Lower School

If you purchased a wreath from the American Heritage Girls in November, please bring your numbered receipt to the Lower School to pick up your Christmas wreath.

*For more information, contact:* Ms. Stephanie Stumpf olomAHG@gmail.com

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# **ACTS RETREAT**

An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. The Retreat begins on a Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. While utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.

Throughout the weekend, participants are invited to prayerfully consider how they can respond to God's love by spiritually surrendering to Jesus in order to have new life with Him. This invitation is extended through the pillars of the apostolate: <u>Adoration</u>, <u>Community</u>, <u>Theology</u>, and <u>Service</u>.



This experience is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends. Fr. Cleo invites you to prayerfully consider joining a group of men/women from our parish to make this spiritual retreat at The Solomon Center in Loranger, Louisiana. The cost of the retreat is \$255 per double occupancy room for Mercy parishioners and \$330 for non-parishioners.

Men's Retreat - departs Our Lady of Mercy on Thursday, March 14th and returns for noon Mass at Mercy on Sunday, March 17th.

For more information, contact: Mr. Kelly Walker <u>kelly.walker0413@gmail.com</u> or Mr. Jason Romero jason.romero@olomchurch.com (225) 926-1883



## **Mercy Auction Classic**

Saturday, March 23rd 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 23 at - Live Oak Arabians! The Auction website will be live soon so stay tuned for details.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Brooke Johnson bjohnson@olomschool.org (225) 924-1054

# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

# 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, 6 am, 10 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm MONDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 12 noon, 4 pm, 11 pm TUESDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 12 noon, 1 pm, 4 pm, 9 pm WEDNESDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 4 am, 5 am, 12 noon, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm THURSDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 2 pm FRIDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 5 am, 7 am, 11 am, 12 noon, 6 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm SATURDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 6 am, 9 am, 11 am, 12 noon, 10 pm, 11 pm

Urgent Need - Thursday 10 am and Saturday 6 pm



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



# LOOK WHAT WE'VE DONE TOGETHER!



Called to Worship

# **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

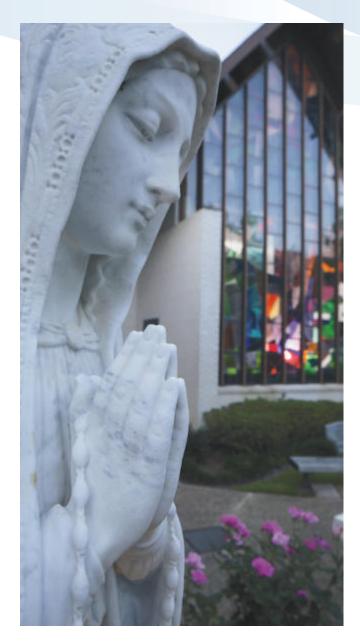
1380 AM - WPYR

Listen daily at 12:00 noon and 10:30 am on Sunday for Mercy's Mass live broadcast

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1		SUNDAY DECEMBER 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. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Minj	Fr. Minj
Extraordinary Ministers		Extraordinary Ministers				
C Mattza N Krzystowczyk R Prince J Eckert J Stalls M Cullen	A Jolissaint M Downing J Frederick M Blouin J Frederick J Smith	P Samrow S Bergeron A Bergeron S Roppolo T Penouilh E White A Haywood A Wilson J Broussard	T Schroeder B Clay M Huber R Huber B Avery L Saab C Guidry K Guidry F Heroman G Tibbetts C Haldane	R Cooney H Blouin L Gemmill J Harrison A Nodier C Ransome M Nodier M Nodier M Hermann K Kimble M Kimble A Dalmau	B Beale A Meche C Roberts A St. Pierre A August P Thomas C Graves L Holliday G Anderson	L Falcon C Schutte R Coco P Bertrand C Landry G Bertrand S Wood K Walker P Persac
Lectors		Lectors				
G Lalonde J Stalls	J Blouin T Laville	S Montagnino J Pastorek J Kirby	Children's Liturgy	A Grant S Toups	E Joffrion M Womack	C Steele H Coco
Altar Servers		Altar Servers				
M Cullen - C J Fruge' A Scioneaux	J Talbot - C N Johnson E Peek	G Smarow - C P Kelly G Montagnino	L Saab - C R Schroeder W Vincent	J Nodier - C D Poiencot K Poiencot	C Meche - C E Floyd J Joffrion	M St. Amant - C M Dietrich G 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.

# **GARDEN OF PEACE**



#### MAUSOLEUM NICHES FOR THE REVERENT INTERMENT OF CREMAINS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR PRE-CONSTRUCTION PURCHASE.

Parishioners will remember that during the period of Master Planning for our future, there was a strong interest in a Columbarium Garden for the interment of cremains. We have now begun offering columbarium spaces for pre-construction sale.

Columbarium spaces will be priced at \$5000 for simple cremain boxes for two people and at \$7500 for columbarium spaces for Urns for two people. Please know that persons purchasing these spaces in the beautiful Columbarium garden are also helping our parish with this donation. You may call Ms. Deanie Smith to make your personal appointment.

You may take a virtual tour of the proposed Columbarium Garden on the Mercy website (<u>www.olomchurch.com</u>). Design of the project has been done by parishioner, Pete Newton Landscaping and the contractor selected is Arkel Construction.

Proposed estimated completion of the construction is approximately one year from now.

#### For more information, contact:

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



