

JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 29

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

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 30

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

#### MONDAY DECEMBER 31

12:00 pm ....Daily Mass 4:00 pm ....Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass 6:00 pm ....Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

#### TUESDAY JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

8:00 am.....Solemnity of Mary Mass 12:00 pm ....Solemnity of Mary Mass

#### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 2

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

#### **THURSDAY JANUARY 3**

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

#### **FRIDAY JANUARY 4**

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

#### Welcome to Our New Faithful Families!

Janelle Caire

Robyn & Scott Daugherty, Jr.

Jennifer & Chad Delaune

Patricia & Timmy Dupuy

Sara & Gary Fisher, Jr.

**Barbara Griffiths** 

Sandy Lemoine Carrie & Gene Maillet Marilyn Maillet Melanie & Tony Nauta Tina Nguyen Katie & Jeff Romig Jo Shriver

Hannah Leger

#### On The COVER

Johnny Monsour as St. Joseph, Eleanor Camerlink as the Blessed Mother, and James Clay as baby Jesus for the OLOM School Christmas Mass.

#### 2019 Sacred Art Calendar ALERT

There has been a delay in the 2019 Sacred Art Calendars. They will be available in mid-January. Sorry for the inconvenience. May God Bless you in the days of the New Year.

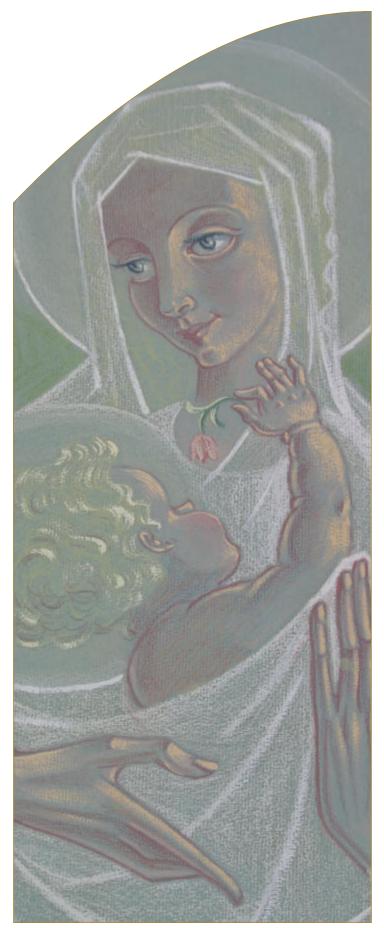
#### **Guardian Angels NURSERY**

The Guardian Angels Nursery and Bible Class will be closed on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 in observance of the NEW YEAR holiday.

#### St. Matthew's GUILD HOLIDAY TEAM

#### **Prayer LINE**

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



# THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

"Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever."

-Entrance Antiphon

## NEW YEAR'S EVE Monday, December 31 4:00 pm 6:00 pm

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Tuesday, January 1 8:00 am 12:00 Noon

#### Called to Prayer

## IN REMEMBRANCE

#### Mass Intentions JANUARY 5, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Fred Joseph, Jr. 4:00 pm ..... Donaldson, Giannoble, Danna, Ruhl, West, Wintz, Cox, Wilcox, Molina & Calandro Fmlys / Alex Spano / Tommy Simmons / Hilario Patolilic / Ellie Sances / Al Ransome / Joseph & Lena Moran, Jane Moran, Hyman Saltz / Theogene & Lucille Andre & Michael Bourgeois / A. J. Bologna, Jim Swearingin, Kay Ragusa, Don Turnley / Cuba Lee Furrate / Kevin Keyser / Calvin, Georginia, Curran Oubre, Alfred Joseph & Wynona Lindsly, Hiram & Ellen May / Marilyn Boourgeois /David Bella / Seth A. Bombet / Russell Dias / Mickey Montalbano / Estelle Parkerson / Jose' Spinoso, Maria Thompson / Lloyd DeRohen / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**: Bryan Boudet / Shannon Cormier / Ben Chase Hagan **6:00 pm ....** LeRoy Richard & June Richard

#### JANUARY 6, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... ALL PEOPLE
9:00 am..... Kevin Keyser
10:30 am... Cuba Furrate
12:00 pm... Bayus & Gubancsik Fmlys
6:00 pm .... For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### JANUARY 7, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Mary Perez
12:00 pm... Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bologna, Mr. & Mrs. Frank G.
Bologna, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent J. Serio, Tullio Saffiotti

#### JANUARY 8, TUESDAY

8:00 am ..... SPECIAL INTENTION: Bill Steele 12:00 pm... Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Panepinto, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Serio, Nina & Vinny DiMartino / Maude & Joseph Amorello / Warren Buther Fmly / Joseph Dazzio Fmly / Michael Fakouri / Eduardo Brito Miles / Vince Ferachi / Jeffery Charles Landry & Landry Fmly /Jose' Spinoso, Maria Thompson / Paul Dinh Khac Tieu

#### JANUARY 9, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... SPECIAL INTENTION: Derbanie Brown Joseph

12:00 pm... Delage, LeJeune, Palermo, Comeaux, Eckler, Mineo & Day Fmlys

#### JANUARY 10, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Brown, LeJeune, Duhon & Albaral Fmlys 12:00 pm... Bruce Hilbrecht

#### JANUARY 11, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Bruce Hilbrecht 12:00 pm... Lydia Julier / Cecile & Noah Kady / Stuart Dickinson / Dr. Kenny Angelo/ Cecil Ethridge / Carmen Palmer / Ethridge, Chauvin & Dumont Families / Ron Lally / George A. Kadair, Sr. / For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

#### Herman Oufnac

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

#### Dianne Auzenne

#### In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Brother Joseph Anthony Donovan S.C.
- Dr. Ed Brown
- Mike Gillespie
- Stephen Weilbacher
- Manuel Arboleda

#### 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 Ruth Boudreaux Charlie Bourgeois Carol Ducote Myrtis Giroir Jim Hebert Linda Lachney Michael Anthony Maier Fr. Pat Mascarella

The men & women serving in our Armed Forces

## Called to Action PARISH LIFE

## THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Feast of the Epiphany, traditionally recognized on January 6, is the day that the Magi or Three Wise Men visited the Christ Child and marks the end of the holiday season, thus bringing a close to the Twelve Days of Christmas.

The well-known English Carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," was written during the era when Roman Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly in England. The carol was intended as a catechism song for young Catholics exposing an element of hidden meaning or a code word easily recognizable by childre



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The "true love" one hears in the song is not a smitten love between a boyfriend and girlfriend, but Jesus Christ, because true Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Jesus because the bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators. Here is the meaning of the rest of the song:

The two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments

The three French hens signify faith, hope, and love

The four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

The five golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in promising a Savior

The six geese a-laying signify the six days of creation

Seven swans a-swimming are the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-----Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes

Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity]

The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments

The eleven pipers piping are the eleven faithful Apostles

The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed

-Catholic News Agency

#### Called to Action

## PARISH LIFE

#### Life Night

Life Teen will resume with Tuesday Bible Study on January 8th from 6:30-8pm in the JPII house.

There is a meeting for all Mercy March for Life pilgrims and parents on Monday January 7th at 7pm in St. Joseph Room in the PAC.

Students and parent chaperones interested in serving on our Haiti summer mission team must have their applications to Tori LaBelle in the parish office by January 6th!

For more information, contact: Ms. Tori LaBelle tori.labelle@olomchurch.com (225) 926-1883

#### Men of Immaculata Men's Conference

Saturday, March 9th St. George Catholic Church

MEN of MERCY prepare for your life to be changed! A Call to Battle: Catholic Men's Conference presented by Men of Immaculata, is held annually in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the first Saturday of Lent. This conference draws over a thousand men from across the Gulf Coast to experience a day of prayer, worship, world-reknown Catholic speakers and fellowship.

The 2019 Conference features key note speakers, Fr. Don Calloway (Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception), author of "Champions of the Rosary: The History and Heroes of a Spiritual Weapon", and Tim Staples, Director or Apologetics and Evangelization at Catholic Answers, author of "Behold Your Mother: A Biblical and Historical Defense of the Marian Doctrine."

For more information, contact: Men of Immaculata www.catholicmenbr.com

### Day of Prayer & Healing For Those Touched By Abortion

Saturday, February 2nd 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Are you or someone you know suffering the loss of a child through abortion? You are not alone. A Day of Prayer & Healing for women and men who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9 am - 5 pm. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Elaine at 256-568-6004 or email <u>EnteringCanaan@diobr.org</u>. All inquiries are confidential. Sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge - Office of Marriage & Family Life.

#### For more information, contact:

Office of Marriage and Family Life <u>enteringcanaan@diobr.org</u> (256) 568-6004



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#### **ACTS RETREAT**

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



**SUPPER & SUBSTANCE** 

Saturday, February 16th 6:30 - 8:30 pm Parish Activity Center Saturday, February 16, 2019 6:30pm – 8:30pm Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center 445 Marquette Assense

Join us for a special evening designed for married couples to be enriched and strengthened in their vocation of marriage. This is a wonderful opportunity for spouses to meet with other couples in our parish, enjoy a delicious dinner, and listen to an inspiring presentation by Dr. Mario Sacasa.

Register for the event at <u>www.olomchurch.com</u>

#### For more information, contact:

Mr. Jason Romero jason.romero@olomchurch.com (225) 926-1883



## **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 WEDNESDAY.....12 am, 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, 5 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 - Sunday 3 am, Sunday 3 pm, Monday 11 am, Saturday 7 am, and Saturday 6 pm

If you are able to offer yourself in prayer to the Lord, please contact Ms. Michelle Schroeder at 225.229.1930

#### **OLOM School Open House**

Wednesday, January 16th 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Our Lady of Mercy School Gym

Our Lady of Mercy School will host the annual Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Tours of the campus will be available with the last tour beginning at 12:30 PM. Please join us for this event and meet our team that will be available to answer your questions regarding the application process for the 2019-20 school year. The RSVP is not required, but will greatly assist with planning if you will kindly complete the online RSVP found at the school's website, www.olomschool.org

#### For more information, contact: Ms. Mari Buzbee <u>mbuzbee@olomschool.org</u> (225) 924-1054



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 JANUARY 5		SUNDAY JANUARY 6				
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				
L D'Armond M Porter D Lockwood G Lalonde J Pastorek C Abshire J Eckert J Schiro J Stalls	A Jolissaint M Downing M Roussel A August D McCrary J Blouin M Blouin R Brian P Shingleton	S Bergeron A Bergeron P Samrow B Babin T Penouilh R Mangaoil A Mangaoil A Wilson A Haywood S Roppolo	G Tibbetts B Clay M Huber R Huber K Guidry C Guidry A Haldane J Amorello D Deshotels H Blouin J Harrison	J Purgerson P Prosser M Hermann B Benedetto C Benedetto Deacon Grant L Gemmill D Grant A Grant T Grant C Graves	K Kimble M Kimble M Nodier A Halphen F Gwin Deacon Grant C Haldane L Saab T Schroeder A Dalmau J Smith	C Steele C Landry D Smith B Avery K Walker C Steele H Coco R Coco K Bull
Lectors		Lectors				
R Prince N Krzystowczyk	F Gwin S Jones	J Gardemal B Babin S Darensbourg	Children's Liturgy	C Lee T Grant	H Landry M Cloutier	R Roland C Steele
Altar Servers		Altar Servers				
J Pastorek - C H Schiro H Schiro	J Talbot - C N Johnson S Laville	G Samrow - C N Mangaoil G Montagnino	C Roemer - C M Amorello C Burkhalter	M Hermann - C F Purgerson L Purgerson	J Nodier - C A Nodier W Vincent	B Avery - C M Billeaud M Graves

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.

## 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

## Our Lady of Mercy - Leave a Legacy Be Generous To Your Church Family





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