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Christmas Pageant
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

"Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior."

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
IV SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

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 DECEMBER 21

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 22

8:00 am.....Daily Mass
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
7:00-8:00 pmSt. Vincent de Paul Mtg-*St. Jerome*

TUESDAY DECEMBER 23

12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass & Novena
7:00-9:00 pm.....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24

10:00 am.....Confessions
4:00 pm.....Vigil Mass
6:00 pmVigil Mass
8:00 pmVigil Mass
11:15 pmChristmas Concert

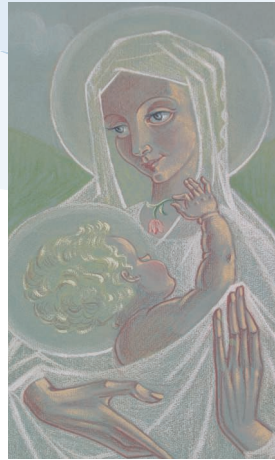
THURSDAY DECEMBER 25

12:00 am.....Midnight Mass
7:00 am.....Christmas Mass
10:30 amChristmas Mass
12:00 pmChristmas Mass

FRIDAY DECEMBER 26

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

Christmas Mass Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm church
4:00 pm PAC
6:00 pm
8:00 pm
12:00 am

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25

7:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm

Choirs and Brass will perform at Christmas Masses

St. Matthew's Guild

STALLS Team

Second Collection

Parish Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Your contributions help maintain our beautiful chapel as a powerful witness to the power of prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Prayer Line

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

Welcome to our new Faithful Families!

Jeanette Eckert

Steve & Carolee
Hopkins

David & Janet Affolter

Amelia Gallagher

Todd & Toni Gautreaux

Bill & Debra Ann
Lockwood

Charles & Shannon
Pate

Roger & Cheree
Scardina



OLOM OPEN HOUSE

TYING BONDS OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, AND CATHOLIC TRADITION

At Our Lady of Mercy School, we believe in educating the whole person, giving your child the foundation for a balanced and purposeful life. Your child will benefit from a comprehensive and Catholic education, one that brings children closer to God, develops their minds, and builds character.

We believe that parents are the first and primary educators of their children. Faculty, staff, and administration partner with parents to provide an authentic Catholic environment where each student is given the opportunity to reach his or her fullest potential by discovering and developing their God-given gifts. Our Lady of Mercy seeks to form the whole child, providing strong foundations of prayer, knowledge, and service to equip each child for Christian life in the 21st century.

We believe that the ultimate goal of a Catholic school is to help each of its students get to Heaven. In a nurturing community of faith, students at Our Lady of Mercy cultivate Christian virtues and are inspired to become the men and women God calls them to be. The Catholic faith is the fabric of our school and is integrated into all aspects of student life. Through prayer, liturgy and the Sacraments, and Church teachings, students encounter Christ and develop a personal relationship with Him.

We believe that a solid intellectual foundation enables children to reach their potential and prepare for a lifetime of learning. Our Lady of Mercy challenges each

child to strive for academic excellence beyond basic skills. Using differentiated instruction and educational technology, teachers engage each unique learner in the acquisition of knowledge and the cultivation of natural curiosity. As students become active participants in their learning, they develop skills of research and discovery and are equipped to successfully meet the challenges of further education.

We believe that faith is manifested in a life of service. At Our Lady of Mercy, students become aware of their place as citizens of the world, learning that their unique gifts are meant to be shared to build the Kingdom of God. Through service projects, extracurricular activities, athletics, and leadership opportunities, students learn to imitate Christ by serving others and contributing to the good of the community.

We encourage you to Save the Date for our upcoming **Open House and Application Day in the SCHOOL GYM on JANUARY 28, 2015 from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**. We also offer private tours at any time. We look forward to welcoming you at our Open House!

For more information, contact:

Ms. Mari Buzbee
mbuzbee@olomschool.org
 (225) 927-2341

PARISH LIFE

Mercy Alive

Beginning January 1st, the Mercy Alive weekly bulletin will no longer be mailed to parishioner's homes. Bulletins will be available online through our website, www.olomchurch.com or at the doors of the church or can be requested through the church office to be mailed to your home.

Thirty Niners Christmas on the River

Sunday, January 4, 2015

11:45 am-7:00 pm

Nottoway Plantation/St. John the Evangelist Church

Join us for brunch in the White Ballroom at Nottoway Plantation and a Christmas Concert at St. John the Evangelist Church featuring Fr. Greg Daigle. Please register by December 19th.

**Cost- \$95 per person*

For more information, contact:

Ms. Carolyn Guidry
carolyn.guidry@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

Home School Resource Center

Saturday, January 24, 2015

4:30 pm

Baton Rouge Main Library 7711 Goodwood Blvd.

Join us for a parent information meeting to learn about Regina Caeli and a potential Resource Center in the Baton Rouge area for the 2015-16 academic year. Regina Caeli is a resource center for home schoolers that uses a classical teaching model formed in the Catholic tradition.

For more information, contact:

Alexis Schlatre
alexis@schlatre.com
(512) 633-2620

Mercy Marketplace

Perfect for Christmas gift giving!
mercymarketplace.org

The Choice Wine

January 22 - March 25, 2015

6:30-8:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy

The Choice Wine: **7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage** is a program that gives married couples the opportunity to re-focus and re-commit to their marriages, to each other... and to God.

For more information, contact:

Deacon Richard Grant
richard.grant@olomchurch.com
(225) 926-1883

Fair Cake Booth Casino Trip

Monday, January 19, 2015

7:30 am

Cypress Bayou Casino

Join the Mercy Fair Cake Booth Representatives for a Gaming bus trip to Cypress Bayou Casino. This is a great opportunity to support the Mercy Fair while having a great time! Reserve your spot today.

**Cost is \$15.00 per person*

For more information, contact:

Ms. Margaret Roberts
(225) 933-8977 or (225) 925-1583

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 8, 2015

3:00 pm

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Bishop Robert Muench will celebrate a Mass honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, 65th, or greater wedding anniversary. Families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterwards. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office or from the Marriage & Family Life website: www.mfldiobr.org

**Registration deadline is January 30, 2015*

For more information, contact:

Marriage & Family Life Office
sbaldridge@diobr.org
(225) 242-0323

PARISH LIFE

Ignite Retreat

December 19-21

5:00 pm Friday-11:00 am Sunday

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center

Ignite your Catholic Faith with young adults (18-30) at this life-changing retreat.

**Cost- \$100, includes retreat fee, board, and meals*

For more information, contact:

Mr. Jason Romero

jason.romero@olomchurch.com

(225) 926-1883

Job Opening

Our Lady of Mercy School

OLOM School seeks a hard-working, energetic employee to serve as part of our maintenance team. Duties include custodial, janitorial and landscape work. We strive to provide our school community with a clean and orderly environment.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Jerri Trahan

jtrahan@olomschool.org

(225) 924-1054

Substitute Teachers Needed

Our Lady of Mercy School

Our Lady of Mercy School is seeking individuals interested in being a substitute teacher.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Shelley Vance

svance@olomschool.org

(225) 924-1054

March for Life

January 18-January 23, 2015

Washington D.C.

Take a stand and be a part of pro-life history!

Open to students in grades 10th-12th, this is a life changing educational experience that will take you from Baton Rouge to the White House. If you are interested in helping sponsor a student for this exciting trip, please contact Ms. Amelia Gallagher.

**Cost- \$500 will cover expenses*

For more information, contact:

Ms Amelia Gallagher

amelia.gallagher@olomchurch.com

(225) 926-1883

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 and the 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 brighter than us.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Cleo

IN REMEMBRANCE

DECEMBER 27, SATURDAY

8:00 am.....Ida Edlefsen

4:00 pm.....Philip J. Marquette / E.A. Gene Rozas
/ Duffard, Ciolino & Vasta Fmlys /
Bourgeois, Politz, Gautreau & Territa
Fmlys / Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bologna / Frank
Bologna / Mr. & Mrs. V.J. Serio / Touns
& Levert Fmlys / Michael Bourgeois
/ Ross & Marie DeNicola, Sr. / John
Thibodeaux / Dickens Wall /A.J. Bologna,
Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Ragusa, Kay Ragusa &
Jimmy Swearingen / Rita May Hoffmann
/ Bessie Kershaw / Jane LeBlanc /
Mancuso & Sparacino Fmlys /
Mrs. Lucy M. Sparacino / Bill Elam /
Rita Wetta Adams / Tina Moran /
Orvill L. Allbritton / Frankie Joseph
LaPorte / Jeff Jumonville / **SPECIAL**
INTENTION - Kathryn Fulmer

6:00 pm.....Joyce & John Jolissaint / Emie Banga

DECEMBER 28, SUNDAY

7:00 am.....All People

9:00 am.....Toni Maggio

10:30 am.....Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr.

12:00 pm.....**SPECIAL INTENTION** - Anne Gunther &
Fmly

6:00 pm.....James Ralph Dupuy

DECEMBER 29, MONDAY

8:00 am.....Bill Elam

12:00 pm.....Clifford & Elisa Comeaux

DECEMBER 30, TUESDAY

12:00 pm.....Anna Lucia

6:00 pm.....Marie Miller / Francis Henchy / Kathy
Leonard / Dickens Wall / James Malvern
Hill, Jr. / Amy & Kalil Sliman / Dr. Tom
Kiebach / Kevin Rozas / Jane LeBlanc /
Rita Wetta Adams / Frankie Joseph
LaPorte / Joseph R. Guitreau, Jr. /
SPECIAL INTENTION - For the Poor Souls
in Purgatory

DECEMBER 31, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am.....Sanford Lemoine

4:00 pm.....Jane LeBlanc

6:00 pm.....Elam, Mason, Meisner, Flaspoller &
Chauvet Fmlys

JANUARY 1, THURSDAY

9:00 am.....Gonzales & Roumain Fmly

12:00 pm.....Al J. Ransome

JANUARY 2, FRIDAY

8:00 am.....Dr. Larry Ferachi

12:00 pm.....Gardy Brandl

Mercy Prays

Reagan Angers

Audrey Blache

Drew Moscona

Jerri Trahan

Fr. Than Vu

Glenda West

The men & women serving in our Armed
Forces

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

The sanctuary light in the Adoration Chapel burns this week in loving memory of **John Robert Corbett**

In Sympathy to the Families of

- Rev. Clarence J. Waguespack
- James Hymel Jr.
- Sylvia Calandro
- Dr. Joseph Guitreau

Altar Flowers Memorial

The Altar Flowers are dedicated this week in loving memory of **Luke & Wanda Catalanatto and Patrick Musacchia**

Memorial Gifts

Ms. Deanie Smith can discuss beautiful ways for you to remember a loved one who has passed this year, or on the anniversary of his or her death. Supporting our church or school through a memorial gift is a way to bring hope and salvation to the living faithful.

REMEMBER OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH AND SCHOOL IN YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.

“Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme Good, and the Supreme Good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above himself.”

ST. BONAVENTURE (1221-1274)



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

December 2014

Universal: That the birth of the redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Evangelization: That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.”

- LUKE 2:10

ADORATION CHAPEL

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.....12 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 6 am, 9 am, 2 pm, 4 pm, 7pm

MONDAY.....12 am*, 2 am, 5 am, 6 am, 11 am, 3 pm, 4 pm
We have an urgent need for the 12 am hour

TUESDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 11 am, 11 pm

WEDNESDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am*, 3 am*, 9 pm, 11 pm
We have an urgent need for the 2 am and 3 am hour

THURSDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am

FRIDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 7 am, 1 pm

SATURDAY.....3 am, 4 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 6 pm

We provide campus security personnel each evening.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Stephen

FEAST DAY: December 26

St. Stephen is traditionally regarded as the Protomartyr, or first martyr of Christianity. According to the Acts of the Apostles, he was a deacon in the early church who incited feelings of hostility among members of various synagogues by his teachings. Accused of blasphemy, at his trial he made a long speech fiercely denouncing the Jewish authorities who were sitting in judgment on him and was then stoned to death. Saul of Tarsus, a Pharisee, witnessed his martyrdom and would later himself become a follower of Jesus and an apostle under the name Paul.

Stephen is first mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as one of seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to distribute food and charitable aid to poorer members of the community in the early church. Stephen is stated to have been full of faith and the Holy Spirit and to have performed many miracles among the people.

In a long speech to the Sanhedrin (an assembly of men appointed in every city in the Land of Israel), Stephen presents his view of the history of Israel, which is comprised of almost the whole of Acts Chapter 7. The criticism of traditional Jewish belief and practice in Stephen's speech is very strong when he says God does not live in a dwelling "made by human hands", referring to the Temple.



Stephen, oblivious to the angry crowd to which he was speaking, cried out "Look! I see Heaven open and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God!" The Sanhedrin took this acclaim as intense blasphemy and rushed upon Stephen, driving him outside the city to an appointed place and stoning him to death. While being stoned, Stephen cried out praying that the Lord would receive his spirit and his killers be forgiven. He then sank to his knees and "fell asleep."

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 (in the 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 20		SUNDAY DECEMBER 21				
4:00 pm	6:00 pm	7:00 am	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Eapen	Fr. Eapen	Fr. Eapen	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano
Extraordinary Ministers		Extraordinary Ministers				
J Stalls	M Bourgeois	A St. Pierre	D Maggio	E Bourgeois	N Kadair	S Say
G Albares	R Poe	J Frederick	S Maggio	R Toups	G Anderson	P Bertrand
C Kuttruff	P Poe	A Wilson	C Guidry	J Angers	G Anderson	H Coco
R Prince	J Pastorek	A Bergeron	E Hurst	C Gioe	L Holliday	R Coco
J Stewart	M Downing	S Montagnino	Dcn Grant	G Burton	J Hebert	M Gillespie
J Stalls	D McCrary	J Frederick	T Roemer	Dcn Grant	D Loar	D Smith
T Turner	R Brian	S Bergeron	K Guidry	C Giffin	D Loar	K Giglio
R DeNicola	E Chenevert	L Dawkins	L Gemmill	M Johns	H DeLage	E Holt
I DeNicola	C Formeller	B Babin	G Gillis	L Bourgeois	C DiBenedetto	C Roberts
W Keyser				K Toups		
Lectors		Lectors				
G Lalonde	M Carley	P Alford	H Landry	E Giffin	S Harrington	G Bertrand
D Ragusa	P Bourgeois	M McKeough	M Clary	C Lee	H Morrison	C Schutte
		P McKeough				
Altar Servers		Altar Servers				
T Turner	H Carley	G Montagnino	M St. Amant	R Peek	S Kadair	M Hymel
T Turner	E Carley	P Kelly	C Roemer	J Theriot	T Kadair	H Say
T Turner	R Otterstetter		A Roemer	S Johns	T Kadair	N Saurage

The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at www.olomchurch.com.

Called to serve? Contact Deacon Grant to volunteer for liturgical ministry.

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VICAR.....Father Philip Eapen
PERMANENT DEACON.....Deacon Richard Grant
ADMINISTRATION.....Mr. Randy Arabie
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.....Mr. Brian Moscona

OFFICE HOURS

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

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

Parish Activity Center

444 Marquette Avenue
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Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

400 Marquette Avenue
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Communications

Ms. Christy Haldane
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Glorify the Lord by your life

MEMBERSHIP.....Ms. Tina Graham
BAPTISM.....Deacon Richard Grant
HOLY COMMUNION/PSR.....Ms. Michele Decoteau
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.

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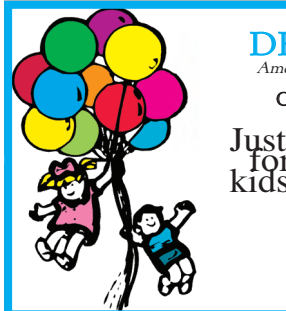
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