



MERCY ALIVE

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*Front Plaza Christmas Lights
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church*

“The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem and the nations will walk by its light.”

- COMMUNION ANTIPHON
EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY JANUARY 3

- 7:30 amFirst Saturday Devotion
- 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 JANUARY 4

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

MONDAY JANUARY 5

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

TUESDAY JANUARY 6

- 9:00-11:30 amCalled By Faith-*Emmanuel Hall*
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
- 6:00 pm.....Mass & Novena
- 6:30 pmLife Teen Bible Study-*JP II House*
- 7:00-8:00 pm.....Baptismal Seminar-*St. Joseph*

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7

- 6:00 amTMIY!
- 8:00 amDaily Mass
- 12:00 pmDaily Mass
- 4:00 pmRCIC
- 5:00 pm.....PSR

THURSDAY JANUARY 8

- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 9:30-12:00 pmMagnificat-*St. Vincent de Paul*
- 12:00 pmDaily Mass

FRIDAY JANUARY 9

- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 8:50 amSchool Liturgy
- 10:00 amMoms & Tots
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass

Breaking Bread Missalettes

The Breaking Bread Missalettes, in the blue plastic binder, have replaced the quarterly missalettes and blue Gather Hymnal. The new missalettes are broken into three parts: The first section includes Sunday readings and Solemnities; the second or middle section includes the Hymnal; and the third section (yellow pages) is used for daily Mass readings. For those who prefer to use the former, *Today's Missale*, which includes daily Mass readings and prayers, copies are available on the book rack in church.

Mercy Alive - Effective January 1st

The Mercy Alive weekly bulletin is no longer being mailed to parishioners' homes. Bulletins will be available online through our website, www.olomchurch.com, at the doors of the church or can be requested through the church office to be mailed to your home. Mercy Alive joins most parishes and The Diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Commentator who have moved to this format.

St. Matthew's Guild

PRINCE Team

Second Collection

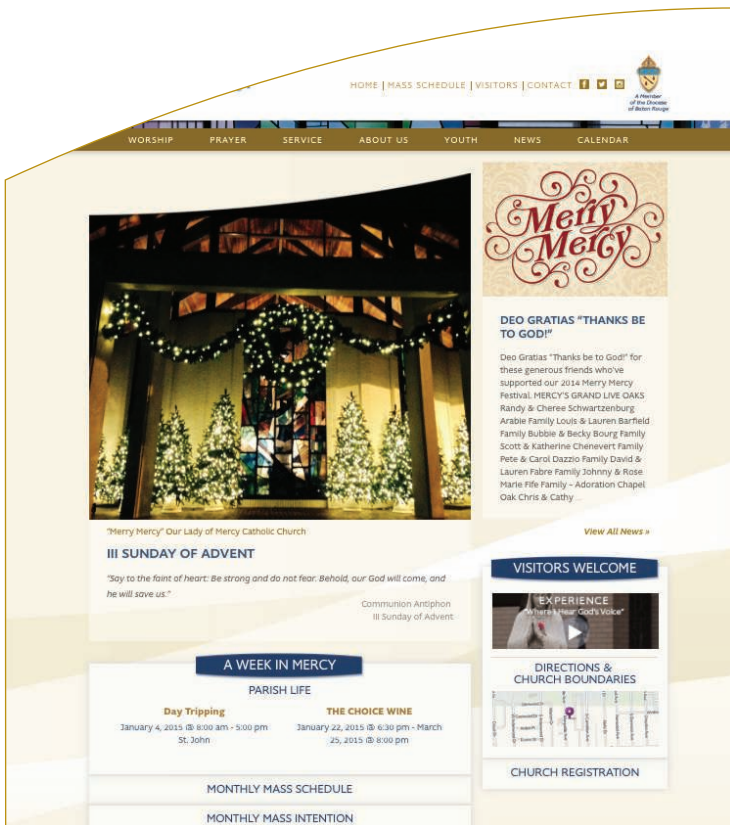
Parish Maintenance Fund

Guardian Angels Nursery

Nursery and Bible School classes will be closed for the New Years holiday on **Sunday, January 4th**.

Prayer Line

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



WWW.OLOMCHURCH.COM

RENEWED FOR 2015!

- ABOUT US - offers information about our staff, the history of our church parish, how to become a member of our parish, Christian Formation, organizations, and information to book a room at the Parish Activity Center and Pope St. John Paul II House.
- YOUTH - this page is dedicated to the future of our parish. Here you will find information about our different Youth Groups, Youth Music Ministries, Parish School of Religion, and child protection.
- NEWS - find current and past issues of Mercy Alive here.
- CALENDAR - as you know, we offer lots of important and fun activities within our Parish. Stay up-to-date on times and dates of important events.

The home page offers all of the information you need right at your fingertips. Weekly and monthly Mass schedules, Mass intentions, and parish support are all listed on the page. Visitors can find directions to our church, registration information, and more.

We hope you enjoy visiting our website at: www.olomchurch.com and acquaint yourself with the new design! Feedback is welcomed on the right-hand tab of the homepage!

For more information, contact:
 Ms. Christy Haldane
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 (225) 926-1883

We are pleased to announce the release of our newly redesigned website! Thanks to the hard work and partnership of Covalent Logic, our new website features more streamlined menus, simple navigation and access to the information you need, any time of day.

When entering the site, you will notice our logo in the top left corner. Clicking on the logo from any page will bring you directly back to the home page. You will also notice on the top right, links for the [HOME PAGE](#), [MASS SCHEDULE](#), a [VISITOR](#) section, [CONTACT](#) information, links to our social media pages, and a link to the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

If you explore the home page even further, you will find a gold navigation bar which will lead you to various options and links:

- WORSHIP - is where Ministers will find schedules, training manuals, and contact information. Sacramental requirements can also be found in this section.
- PRAYER - is where you'll find devotions and contact information for our different prayer groups.
- SERVICE - is where you will find the variety of Ministry groups that we offer; learn more about these groups and how to get involved.

PARISH LIFE

Called By Faith

Tuesday, January 6
9:15-11:30 am
Parish Activity Center

Join the ladies of Called by Faith as they begin a new study, the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians. The group meets weekly and welcomes women of all parishes! Babysitting is available upon request.

For more information, contact:

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

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

Mercy Marketplace

The Mercy Marketplace now has Our Lady of Mercy necklaces available in the church office. These gold filled and sterling silver pendants sell for \$25 each and come with an 18" chain and gift box. They are perfect for First Holy Communion presents, Confirmation presents, Graduation presents, and more! To view our entire collection of custom gift items, visit mercymarketplace.org.



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

Home School Resource Center

Saturday, January 24, 2015
4:30 pm
Baton Rouge Main Library 7711 Goodwood Blvd.

Regina Caeli will host a parent information meeting 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:

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

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Do something this Spring that will change your life forever, go on a Pilgrimage! Award-winning Catholic writer, Stephen J. Ginz is leading two pilgrimages. Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Jesus with Fr. Paul Counce as he travels to the Holy Land May 18-29, or join Fr. Todd Lloyd on a Pilgrimage to Italy in the Footsteps of the Saints, May 18-29.

For more information, contact:

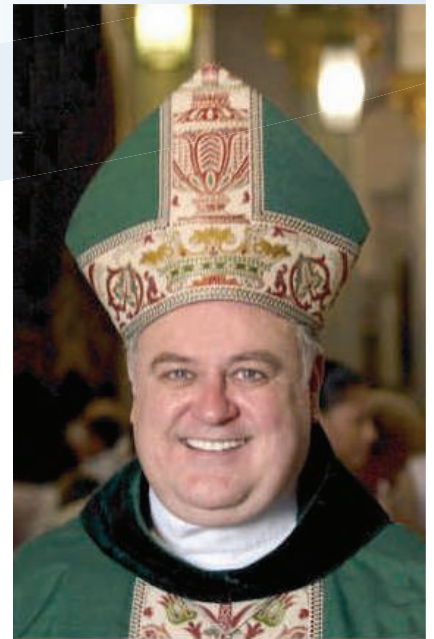
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PARISH LIFE

Dear People of God of the Diocese of Baton Rouge,

Beginning 2015, the Continuing Formation of the Clergy Committee decided to change the annual Spring Formation [Continuing Education] days, previously held in May of each year, to the Annual Priests' Formation Days, to be held in the second full week in January. These formation days are one of the important ways in which the priests of our diocese are formed for ministry. They offer the priests opportunities for growth in intellectual and spiritual formation, emotional maturity and physical well-being. Since these days are offered once a year, and is a commitment by the diocese for their on-going formation, participation by the priests is mandatory. However, on occasion, ministry needs arise at the same time preventing the priests from participating in these Annual Formation days.

With the guidance of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council, the Continuing Formation for Clergy Committee has secured a site for this year's Annual Formation, January 12-15, in Natchez, Mississippi. The committee and I are aware that the distance from Natchez to many of our diocesan parishes would be significant and that pastoral ministry can and will occur during these days. Nonetheless at the express request of the Continuing Formation Committee and the Presbyteral Council, I am expecting priests to attend the entire formation days' schedule. I know this may affect certain regular ministries, such as daily Mass and funerals. The daily Mass schedule in your parish can be adjusted as determined by your parish priest to meet the needs of your parish during Annual Formation. While this is a sacrifice, I consider this sacrifice worth making. Regarding funerals, I would ask that funerals be scheduled either before Annual Formation begins or after, but not during, the scheduled Annual Formation days. If this is completely impossible, one of the deacons from the diocese can provide the needed funeral rites, namely the vigil wake, funeral without Mass and rite of committal. If the local parish staff is unable to secure a deacon for this special funeral need, the parish staff may call the Office of the Vicar General at (225) 387-0561 for further assistance.



Over the years attendance at our Annual Formation and Priest Retreat has been remarkably consistent. Pressing ministry could compromise and jeopardize our commitment to these special opportunities. I hope this letter helps you understand and support our priests with their commitment to their formation for ministry. I ask that you pray for our priests and our diocese during these days.

In summary, every priest of the diocese is expected to be present and take part in Annual Formation days in Natchez. I appreciate your affirmation and encouragement of our clergy who give so much of their lives for our diocese. May God be generous in leading us into the future with hope.

Yours always in Jesus, the Good Shepherd,

Robert W. Muench

Bishop of Baton Rouge

***Please note, this will NOT affect the Daily Mass schedule at Our Lady of Mercy. Daily Masses will be celebrated at our regular times.**

IN REMEMBRANCE

JANUARY 10, SATURDAY

8:00 am.....Jimmy P. Hollis
4:00 pm.....Jane LeBlanc / Malvin & Lena Chauvin /
Curtis & Charlotte Chauvin /
Leonard Belanger / John & Janice
Bueche / Frank & Virginia Smith / Jody
Robichaux / Mancuso & Sparacino
Fmlys / Mrs. Lucy M. Sparacino / Thomas
Scherer Halligan
6:00 pm.....Marie Bentel

JANUARY 11, SUNDAY

7:00 am.....All People
9:00 am.....Billie Jo Roberts
10:30 am.....Jerry Von Gruben
12:00 pm.....Joseph L. Saizan
6:00 pm.....Mrs. Elisa LeBlanc Comeaux

JANUARY 12, MONDAY

8:00 am.....Sylvia Elam Smith
12:00 pm.....Delage, Lejeune, Palermo, Comeaux &
Eckler Fmlys

JANUARY 13, TUESDAY

12:00 pm.....Beard, Mariotti, Scanlan & Lanza Fmlys
6:00 pm.....Lynn Roberts

JANUARY 14, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am.....Wayne Frey
12:00 pm.....Tyler Craig

JANUARY 15, THURSDAY

8:00 am.....E.J. LeBlanc
12:00 pm.....Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bologna, Frank Bologna,
Mr. & Mrs. V.J. Serio

JANUARY 16, FRIDAY

8:00 am.....Rita Adams
12:00 pm.....Bruce Hilbrecht

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 **Jimmy P Hollis**

The sanctuary light in the Adoration Chapel burns this week in loving memory of **Lena & Malvin Chauvin**

In Sympathy to the Families of

- Virginia Robert
- Regina Hall
- Fred Dupre
- Dale Ramirez

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. [Please call the Church Office to make your gift.](#)

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

January 2015

Universal: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Evangelization: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor.

“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, 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, 5 pm, 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. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821)

FEAST DAY: January 4

Elizabeth Bayley Seton was the first native-born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. Born two years before the American Revolution, Elizabeth grew up in the affluent New York society.

At the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman in the import trade.

Tragedy struck the Seton family with the death of William's father, leaving him in charge of his seven brothers and sisters and the family's importing business. The family fortune began to decline and the Setons were forced to file bankruptcy. Suffering from tuberculosis most of his married life, William was sent by his doctors to live in Italy as an attempt to save his health. He died shortly after landing in Italy.

The now widowed Elizabeth, was received by her late husband's Italian business partners. While living with them, she was introduced to the Catholic faith. Passionate about her new faith, she converted to Catholicism upon returning to the United States.



After years of struggle, Elizabeth accepted an invitation from the Sulpicians and moved to Emmitsburg, Maryland, establishing St. Joseph's Academy and the first religious congregation of sisters founded in the United States.

The greatest difficulties she faced were actually internal; stemming from misunderstandings, interpersonal conflicts, and the deaths of loved ones. She died of tuberculosis on January 4, 1821 at the age of 46, only sixteen years after becoming a Catholic. Elizabeth Seton is the patron saint of seafarers.

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: Closed

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 JANUARY 3		SUNDAY JANUARY 4				
4:00 pm	6:00 pm	7:00 am	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Eapen	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Eapen	Fr. Eapen
Extraordinary Ministers		Extraordinary Ministers				
W Keyser	M Downing	J Frederick	L Gemmill	B Moscona	C DiBenedetto	C Landry
J Stalls	P Bourgeois	C Abshire	M Savoy	P Dazzio	H DeLage	M Gillespie
L Dawkins	C Formeller	A Wilson	S Harrington	C Dazzio	D Loar	K Guidry
E Giffin	J Stewart	P McKeough	L Lewis	C Benedetto	D Loar	C Schutte
C Giffin	P Poe	A Bergeron	Dcn Grant	B Benedetto	E Hurst	C Guidry
R Prince	R Poe	J Frederick	S Maggio	Dcn Grant	L Holliday	P Bertrand
G Albares	M Bourgeois	A St. Pierre	D Maggio	A Pocorello	G Anderson	D Smith
J Stalls	R Brian	B Babin	G Gillis	S Pocorello	G Anderson	K Giglio
R DeNicola	E Chenevert	M McKeough	J Lewis	G Burton	A Russo	E Holt
I DeNicola				C Gioe		
Lectors		Lectors				
K Steintrager	T Laville	S Bergeron	B Avery	P Tullier	L Plaisance	S Hingle
D Ragusa	G Lalonde	J Hebert	B Avery	M Hermann	C Graves	G Bertrand
		P Alford				
Altar Servers		Altar Servers				
A Bourg	L Laville	M Mangaoil	J Shiloh	H Blouin	E Anderson	E Landry
B Bourg	J Laville	N Mangaoil	M Avery	P Tullier	K Vukovics	B Vance
D Duncan	G Jones		J Avery	D Tullier	D Meeks	K Hingle

*The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at www.olomchurch.com.
Called to serve? Contact Deacon Grant to volunteer for liturgical ministry.*

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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VICAR.....Father Philip Eapen
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ADMINISTRATION.....Mr. Randy Arabia
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

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Communications

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Glorify the Lord by your life

MEMBERSHIP.....Ms. Tina Graham
BAPTISM.....Deacon Richard Grant
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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.

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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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