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Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

THE GOSPEL RAISES THE QUESTION OF WHO IS FIRST AND WHO IS LAST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. THOSE LABORERS ARE LAST WHO SHIFT THEIR FOCUS FROM DOING THE WORK OF THE LANDOWNER TO GRUMBLING ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF WAGES OTHERS ARE RECEIVING. THOSE ARE FIRST WHO DO NOT LABOR IN THE VINEYARD BECAUSE OF THE AMOUNT OF WAGES, BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY ARE PRIVILEGED TO SHARE IN THE WORK OF THE LANDOWNER. INDEED, SIMPLY BEING CALLED TO THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING IN JESUS' WORK OF SALVATION IS ITS OWN RECOMPENSE.

- LIVING LITURGY™
XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 am.....Mass
9:00 am.....Mass
10:30 am.....Mass
12:00 pm.....Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass
7:00-8:30 pm.....Life Teen-*JP II House*

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 am.....Daily Mass
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:30-8:00 pm.....*RCIA-St. Gabriel*
7:00-8:00 pm.....*SVdP Meeting-St. Jerome*

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 am.....*Rosary Makers-Coffee Shop*
9:00-11:30 am.....*Called By Faith-Emmanuel Hall*
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pm.....*Mass & Novena*
6:30-8:00 pm.....*Youth Bible Study-JP II House*
7:00-9:00 pm.....*Charismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel*

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

6:00-7:30 am.....*That Man Is You!-Emmanuel Hall*
8:00 am.....Daily Mass
10:00-11:15 am.....*Chesterton-St. Jerome*
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
4:00-5:00 pm.....*RCIC-OLOM School*
5:00-6:00 pm.....*PSR-OLOM School*
6:30-8:00 pm.....*Faith Formation Series-St. Gabriel*
7:00-8:30 pm.....*T2 Bible Study-JP II House*

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 am.....Daily Mass
9:30-12:00 pm.....*Magnificat*
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 am.....Daily Mass
8:50 am.....School Mass
10:00-11:30 am.....*Moms & Tots*
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass

Knights of Columbus Boston Butt Sale

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th, LSU v. Auburn Game Day. Package (includes 8 lb. Boston Butt, one quart of baked beans and one quart of cole slaw). Advance orders only! \$35 per package. Call Ronnie Ruffino to order: (225) 819-6946. Orders can be picked up at the PAC from 10:30-12:30pm on Oct. 4th.

St. Matthew's Guild

Anderson Team

Our Lady of the Lake

The Pastoral Care Department of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center is seeking volunteers to serve as EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION for patients. Individuals are trained by the Pastoral Care staff; approval of Pastor is required. Contact Sister Georgeann M. Parizek, RSCJ at (225) 765-8896 for more information.

Second Collection

Parish Religious Education

40 Days for Life

The Respect Life Committee is in need of volunteers, preferably retired men, to relieve the site coordinator during the 40 Days for Life Campaign (Sept. 24-Nov. 2). Please contact Jack and Lisa Lewis for more details: lisalewis1645@att.net or (225) 923-2233.

Welcome to our new Faithful Families!

Paul & Jannette Neely

Oliver Landry & Cady Carreras

Andrew & Farin Bolton

Ben & Sarah Anderson

Maricel and Judani Salvacion

George & Michelle Metrailler

Thomas & Kathleen Thompson

Jheri Bellard

Josephine Persica



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MOM: MONTH OF MERCY

The Story of Our Lady of Mercy (Our Lady of Ransom) originates from the efforts of St. Peter Nolaso, when he was inspired by the idea of establishing an Order for the redemption of captives seized by the Moors. On August 1, 1218, the Blessed Virgin first appeared to St. Peter, saying that she desired the establishment of a religious Order, later known as the Mercedarians, bearing the name of her mercy. Its members would deliver Christian captives and offer themselves, if necessary, as a ransom pledge.

Pope Gregory IX approved the Order, established in Spain, under the name of Our Lady of Mercy. By the grace of God and under the protection of His Virgin Mother, the Order spread rapidly. Members followed Our Lady's directive, giving themselves up to voluntary slavery when necessary, to aid the good work.

A feast day was instituted and observed on September 24th first in the Order, and then everywhere throughout Spain and France, in return thanks to God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Innocent XII extended the feast day to be celebrated throughout the entire Church. Pope Leo XIII encouraged the devotion to Our Lady with a focus on how Our Lady ransoms us from the slavery of our sins, and brings us the grace of conversion.

MARIAN FEAST DAYS:

Feast of Our Lady of Mercy-
Wednesday, September 24th 8:00am Mass
& 12:00pm Mass

SPECIAL MERCY DAY OUTDOOR MASS

Sunday, September 28th
12:00pm Mass under the tent
OLOM School football field
lunch will be provided to all

SERVICE:

We've partnered with the WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CENTER for our service opportunity. Items such as: diapers, newborn clothing, bassinets, and playards are needed for families in crisis and can be donated in the vestibule during the month of September.

PARISH LIFE

MoM: Month of Mercy!

Sunday, September 28
12:00 pm Mass on the lawn
OLOM School football field

MERCY DAY

SEPTEMBER will be celebrated as the “Month of Mercy” with lots of special events in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary culminating with the celebration of Our Lady of Mercy’s feast day celebration. **The 12:00 pm Mass under the tent will be followed by a casual family lunch on the lawn with jambalya, hot dogs and drinks provided for everyone.**

For more information, contact:

Deacon Matthew Graham
matthew.graham@olomchurch.com
(225) 928-6220

Thirty Niners

Thursday, October 2
9:00am - 4:30pm
Windsor Court & Shrine of Fr. Seelos

Join Fr. Cleo Milano for a day trip to New Orleans visiting LeSalon at the Windsor Court for traditional English tea followed by recitation of the rosary and guided tour of the Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, museum, and gift shop.

**Make your reservations by September 24th
Cost: \$85 per person*

For more information, contact:

Ms. Carolyn Guidry
carolyn.guidry@olomchurch.com
(225) 929-9353

Mercy Marketplace

We have new custom gifts for you to wear, use and share with your friends and family. Our gifts include hats, phone cases, journals, lapel pins and onesies for your baby.

To view our entire collection of custom gift items, visit mercymarketplace.org.

Woman’s New Life Center

MONTH OF MERCY SERVICE PROJECT

We have adopted the Women’s New Life Center as our partner for the Month of Mercy. The center is in need of donations such as pack and plays, bassinets, diapers: sizes newborn, 3, 4, or 5, wipes, gender neutral receiving blankets and clothing, toy buckets, toys to entertain young children, small packets of crayons and coloring books, and white or brown grocery bags. Please place donated items in the playpens located in the back of church. You will have the opportunity to give through the entire month of September.

Mercy Fund

As Our Lady of Mercy School continues its rich tradition of academic excellence, we are beginning our third annual Mercy Fund campaign. The financial support of parents, grandparents and parishioners has allowed us to pursue our vision of cutting edge technology and a faculty trained in its applications as well as the latest teaching techniques and classroom strategies. Principal Brian Moscona will be speaking at all of the masses the weekend of September 20-21 to share more about this year’s Mercy Fund. Informational brochures will be mailed to your homes later this month. Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the school through this year’s Mercy Fund.

OLOM School Book Fair Family Day

Sunday, October 12
10:00am - 2:00pm
OLOM School Library

Join us for our Book Fair Family Day featuring an author visit by Cornell Landry (author of “Goodnight NOLA”), refreshments, books, and fellowship! And be sure to join us for the Food Truck Round-Up on Wednesday night, October 15th starting at 5:00pm.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Kirsten Steintrager
ksteintrager@olomschool.org
(225) 924-1054

PARISH LIFE

Life Teen

BIBLE STUDY

every Tuesday evening
6:30pm - 8:00pm
JP II House (Youth House)

High Schoolers, we want you to join us for weekly Bible Study!

**dinner will be provided*

CRAZY OLYMPICS

Sunday, September 28
7:00pm - 9:00pm
JP II House (Youth House)

Join us after 6:00pm Mass for a night of Crazy Olympics!

For more information, contact:

Ms. Amelia Gallagher
amelia.gallagher@olomchurch.com
(225) 928-6322

Chesterton Society

every 2nd & 4th Wednesday
St. Jerome Room, PAC
10:00am - 11:30am

Join the Chesterton Society of Baton Rouge as they read and discuss the works of G.K. Chesterton. The group is currently reading *In Defense of Sanity*.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Karen Hornsby
karenjkeating@hotmail.com
(225) 312-5824

Health Fair

Friday, October 17
9:00am - 12:00pm
Parish Activity Center

Save the Date for the Our Lady of Mercy Health Fair! We will offer flu shots, cholesterol checks, blood sugar checks and more.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Jackie Scardina
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(225) 928-6215

SPECIAL GIFTS FOR THE LITURGY

One of the most beautiful expressions of Eucharistic faith is the reception of both the Precious Body in the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood from the Sacred Chalice at Holy Mass. Celebration of the Liturgy and the sharing in the sacred meal of bread and wine so commanded by Jesus at the Last Supper is the most important event that takes place at Our Lady of Mercy. Since the celebration of the Liturgy is so important and in particular the celebration of Liturgy at Mercy so beautiful - our parish is seeking new chalices for the distribution of the Precious Blood at Holy Mass.

These new precious chalices will be used at all Sunday Masses and will more beautifully reflect the sacred Precious Blood they contain. Anyone interested in donating a new chalice to Mercy will have their family name engraved on the bottom in grateful acknowledgement.

Our present chalices will be donated to our sister parish at St. Paul the Apostle to embellish their liturgical celebration at Holy Mass.

A grateful acknowledgment is made to all the faithful parishioners who have donated the beautiful new vestments and Altar Server Cassocks and Surplices.

God deserves our very best. Thank you for your overwhelming goodness and generosity.

Please contact Ms. Deanie Smith, (225) 928-6207 to participate.



IN REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 27, SATURDAY

8:00 am.....Floyd Joseph Roberts, Sr.
4:00 pm.....Bueche & Gautreaux Fmlys / Hotard,
Ferrara & DeLoach Fmlys /
George A. Kadair, Sr. / M.J. Argrave Fmly
/ Constantino Fmly /
Dolores Argrave White / Mike & Joyce
Jones / Missy Landry / Tullier, Taylor,
Doize, McCullum, & Bagot Fmlys /
Dale Richard & Fmly / Louis Lindsay /
Dickens Wall / Lucy Sparacino / Oufnac,
Cedotal, Lombardo Fmly / Al Ransome /
A.J. Bologna, Mrs. J.B. Ragusa,
Kay Ragusa & Jimmy Searinger /
Floyd J. Roberts, Sr. / Anothony Zito /
SPECIAL INTENTION - Joseph & Mary
6:00 pm.....Sonny Barbay

SEPTEMBER 28, SUNDAY

7:00 am.....All People
9:00 am.....Gonzales & Roumain Fmlys
10:30 am.....Percy, Ann, & Paul Moise
12:00 pm.....T. Andre, Jr. / Manno & Andre Fmlys /
Greg Bergeron / Michael Bourgeois
6:00 pm.....Mary Jaclyn Robertson Huber

SEPTEMBER 29, MONDAY

8:00 am.....**SPECIAL INTENTION** - Jeanne Gunther &
Fmly
12:00 pm.....Lela Vidrine

SEPTEMBER 30, TUESDAY

12:00 pm.....Thinh Hoang
6:00 pm.....Leo Fleniken, Sr. / Lemay, Vicknair,

& Mondrosch Fmlys / Tina Purpera /
Dickens Wall / Elisa LeBlanc Comeaux
/ Chester Butcher / Harry Terraneau
/ Charles Edward Elam / Dot Duncan
/ James Malvern Hill, Jr. / Anna Lucia /
Tony Zito / **SPECIAL INTENTION** - Poor
Souls in Purgatory / In Thanksgiving to
St. Jude

OCTOBER 1, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am.....Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Richard
12:00 pm.....Barry, Randall, & Jeffery DeBenedetto

OCTOBER 2, THURSDAY

8:00 am.....Sonny Barbay
12:00 pm.....Thomas R. Riker

OCTOBER 3, FRIDAY

8:00 am.....Mr. & Mrs. Emanuel Chatelain
12:00 pm.....Leslie, Lottie, & Joseph Darensbourg

Armed Forces

On duty day and night, pray for all the men and women serving in our Armed Forces, and especially these faithful who are known to Mercy:

AA Kirk Coco, II	SGT Derek Hebert	AB Elliot Miller	SGT John Perricaro
Christopher Cooley	1st LT Wesley G. Jones	SGT Justin Milner	PVT Timothy Reech
PVT Daniel Day	MTSA Jacob LaMotte	S SGT Wayne Monget	S SGT Ryan W. Ruckel
ME3 Jay Doiron	AMT3 David Luke	Daniel Morgan	AM3 Alexander Rubenstein
SPC Larre' Donaldson	CPL John Mahoney	SGT Christopher Montagnino	LN3 Adam Schulze
SPC Joshua Furr	SPC Matthew Melancon	SPC Gordon Newman	E5 Christopher Sellars
SMSN Kiersten Hardison	A1C Blake Middleton	A02 Jonathan Pauler	1st LT Andrew Tam

To revise this list of active service personnel, contact Ms. Carolyn Guidry at (225) 926-1883.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sanctuary Light Memorials

The sanctuary light in the church burns this week in loving memory of Charles E. Schmidt

The sanctuary light in the adoration chapel burns this week in loving memory of Louis, Mark, Myra, & Marlene Carmouche

In Sympathy to the Families of

- Anthony Joseph Zito
- Edna Allen Simno Wyllie
- Sarah Watt Saizan

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.



The Top 5 Reasons My Blessed Mother Rocks

1. She is God's Mother
2. She crushes the head of Satan
3. Fastest Way to Jesus and Our Greatest Intercessor
4. Model for Holiness
5. She Is Our Mother

Month of Mercy, Month of Service

Mark your calendar to be with us for our special OUTDOOR MASS on the football field, 12:00 noon, Sunday September 28th. Jambalya and hot dogs provided for everyone. Join us as our parish celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. Be there or be square!!!

“Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did.”

- ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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, 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 5 am, 2 pm, 4 pm, 7pm

MONDAY.....2 am, 4 am, 3 pm, 4 pm

TUESDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 9 am*, 11 am, 6 pm

We have an urgent need for the 9 am hour

WEDNESDAY.....12 am, 1 am*, 2 am, 3 am, 1 pm, 9 pm, 11 pm

We have an urgent need for the 1 am hour

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

FRIDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 1 pm, 5 pm

SATURDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 11 am, noon, 7pm

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Padre Pio

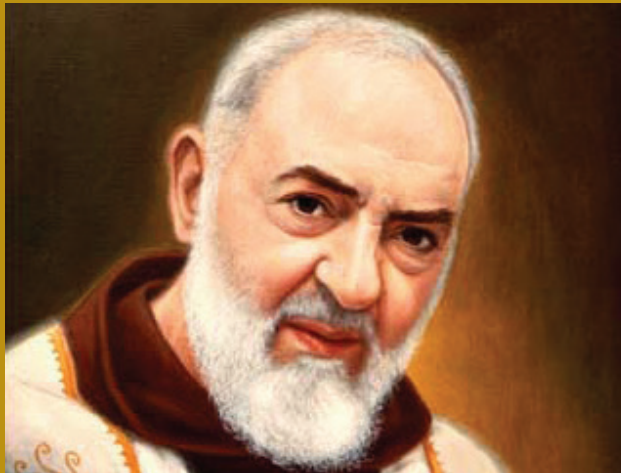
(1887-1968)

FEAST DAY: September 23

Pray, Hope & Don't Worry

Mysticism, stigmata, miracles and saints seem to be out of place in our modern life. Of course, we know contemporary, blessed men and women full of sacrifice and service to the world's people, but we generally associate openly mystical occurrences with ages long ago and a people long since passed away.

Padre Pio is a priest and mystic who died less than 50 years ago, but whose story feels as ancient as the beginning of Christianity. He was called to be a parish priest initially, but being blessed with stigmata, his life was thrown into turmoil. The press of the day and pilgrims followed him through most of his Franciscan life. Padre Pio "only wanted to be a poor friar who



prays," but God called him to a bigger purpose to demonstrate the living Christ in our world.

How often do we ignore God's plan for us, as we think we know what is best? Padre Pio shows us how to be a true servant of God and be obedient to His plan 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 (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 SEPTEMBER 20		SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 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				
L D'Armond	E Chenevert	A St. Pierre	Dcn Grant	T Grant	C Steele	J Baudier
J Stalls	R Poe	S Roppolo	K Poiencot	J Shelley	L Holliday	B Verrett
C Formeller	P Poe	A Wilson	L Deavers	J Angers	R Guitreau	S Say
M Cullen	R Brian	E White	R Beyer	G Johns	E Holt	C Roberts
W Keyser		S Montagnino	J Lewis	M Johns	K Giglio	M Gillespie
		P McKeough	L Lewis	Dcn Grant	L Attuso	L Falcon
		M McKeough	F Heroman	J Purgerson	G Ruiz deChavez	C Schutte
		L Guillot	J Nola	B Purgerson	P Thomas	P Bertrand
		L Dawkins	P Prosser	K Sweeney	L Plaisance	
				P Shingleton		
Lectors		Lectors				
T Turner	R Richard	M McKeough	Children's liturgy	C Paine	C Steele	C Schutte
J Stalls	D Whaley	A Haywood		T Heitman	H Morrison	J Baudier
		J Gardemal				
Altar Servers		Altar Servers				
T Turner	D Meche	G Montagnino	E Shore	N Smith	J Shiloh	B Montagnino
T Turner	D Meche	K Allen	D Poiencot	H Blouin	Z Vicari	F Baudier
T Turner	G Jones		K Poiencot	F Purgerson	V Higgins	C Cash

*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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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

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Glorify the Lord by your life

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HOLY COMMUNION/PSR.....	Ms. Michele Decoteau
CONFIRMATION/RCIA.....	Mr. Jason Romero
WEDDING.....	Ms. Alison Nodier
FUNERAL.....	Ms. Theresa Foster
MINISTRIES.....	Ms. Carolyn Guidry
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.