



# MERCY ALIVE

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Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

The king is adamant about filling the wedding hall with guests. His initial guest list has been carefully drawn up, but when these invited guests do not come, the king sends his servants out to invite anyone and everyone - the "bad and good alike." The hall must be filled. There can be no real feast with only a partially filled hall - the joy and happiness of the feast must be full. In the same manner as the parable king, God persistently invites us to the royal banquet in the "kingdom of heaven."

- LIVING LITURGY™  
XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY OCTOBER 11

- 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 OCTOBER 12

- 7:00 am.....Mass
- 7:30-2:30 pm ...Parish Blood Drive- *Emmanuel Hall*
- 9:00 am.....Mass
- 9:00 am ...Nursery & Bible Class- *Nursery*
- 10:30 am.....Mass
- 10:30 am ...Nursery & Bible Class- *Nursery*
- 12:00 pm.....Mass
- 6:00 pm.....Mass

### MONDAY OCTOBER 13

- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
- 6:30-8:00 pm ...RCIA-*St. Gabriel*
- 7:00-8:00 pm ...St. Vincent dePaul Mtg- *St. Jerome*

### TUESDAY OCTOBER 14

- 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 OCTOBER 15

- 6:00-7:30 am.....That Man Is You!-*Emmanuel Hall*
- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
- 4:00-5:00 pm ...RCIC-*Emmanuel Hall*
- 5:00-6:00 pm ...PSR
- 7:00-8:30 pm.....T2 Bible Study-*JP II House*

### THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

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

### FRIDAY OCTOBER 17

- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 9:00-12:00 pm.....Parish Health Fair-*Emmanuel Hall*
- 10:00-11:30 am...Moms & Tots
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass

## October is Month of the Rosary



## Month of Mercy Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make Month of Mercy, Mercy Day a success! A special thanks to our cooks: District Attorney Hillar Moore, Kelly Walker, Paul Catalanatto, and the Our Lady of Mercy KCs; Baton Rouge Coca Cola for donating all of the drinks; Deacon Matthew Graham; all of the volunteers who dedicated their time and service; and most importantly, Our Blessed Mother for the weather!

## Reception for Deacon Matthew

Join us for a reception in the PAC honoring Deacon Matthew Graham on Sunday, October 19th after the 10:30am Mass. Deacon Matthew will be leaving us to complete his studies for the priesthood. Join us as we wish him well on his last step before ordination.

## St. Matthew's Guild

Prince Team

## Prayer Line

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



# ADORATION CHAPEL

*-So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? (Matthew 26:40)*

After prayerful deliberation and encouragement from various parishioners, it was decided by Msg. Andrew Frey that a Perpetual Adoration Chapel would be of spiritual benefit to the parish. In February of 1982, Perpetual Adoration was established at Our Lady of Mercy in an area located immediately behind the tabernacle of the current church.

As use of the chapel grew considerably during the years, it was realized something larger was needed. Fr. Michael Moroney, the current pastor at the time, recommended building a structure separate from the church. The present chapel, donated by a faithful family, was designed to match the church. Within the chapel walls are sixteen fabric-covered chairs and kneelers and a monstrance designed in New York City especially for this chapel.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament requires that a committed adorer be present at all times; twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. Sometimes the thought of devoting a full hour can be overwhelming. Many are often hesitant to volunteer their time because they don't know how to begin or what to say or do during their committed time. The beauty of it is that it doesn't make any difference how you begin - or end, for that matter. And it doesn't matter what you say, if you say anything at all. All you have to do is show up!

The need for committed adorers grows greater and greater as many of our more mature adorers are failing in health and can no longer maintain their committed hour. The needed times for adorers can be found on page 8 in each issue of Mercy Alive. Spending an hour in prayerful Adoration bestows great blessings on us individually. The Adoration Chapel provides an oasis of peace in this busy, hectic world. Your only requirement is to walk in, be still, and let your spirit open up to God. Everyone has his or her own style of prayer. Bibles, books, pamphlets and rosaries are all provided for use while in the chapel. Please prayerfully consider devoting one hour a week as a committed adorer.

**For more information, contact:**

Ms. Martha Wells  
(225) 928-5157

## PARISH LIFE

### St. Sharbel Mass and Reception

Sunday, October 19

3:00pm

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Join the St. Sharbel Maronite Mission of Louisiana as they host a Mass and reception at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. Bishop Elias Zaidan is the guest. A reception including delicious Lebanese cuisine will immediately follow in the PAC.

### Health Fair

Friday, October 17

9:00am - 12:00pm

Parish Activity Center

We will offer flu shots, cholesterol checks, blood sugar checks and more. Note- Glucose and cholesterol screenings require fasting. Also, the Kidney Foundation will be here to check body mass index, blood pressure, and kidney function.

**For more information, contact:**

*Ms. Jackie Scardina*

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### White Coat Mass

Sunday, October 19

10:00am

OLOL Regional Medical Center Chapel

All Health Care workers are invited to attend the White Coat Mass in honor of St. Luke, Patron of Physicians. Co-sponsored by the Capital Area Guild of Catholic Medical Association and Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center.

### Mercy Marketplace

We have 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](http://mercymarketplace.org).

### High School Open House

#### ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

SJA's annual Open House is Thursday, October 16, and is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their families.

**For more information, contact**

(225) 383-7207

[sjabr.org](http://sjabr.org)

#### ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL

All parents of 6th-8th grade students are welcome to join us on Wednesday, October 22nd for our Open House. Tours of the campus will begin at 5:00pm with the last tour starting at 7:00pm.

**For more information, contact**

(225) 753-9782

[www.smhsbr.org](http://www.smhsbr.org)

#### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Young men in the 8th grade and their parents are invited to attend an Information Night on October 19th from 7:00-9:00pm.

Young men in grades 6th-8th and their parents are invited to our Open House on November 13th. Tours begin at 5:00pm.

**For more information, contact**

(225) 383-0397

[www.catholichigh.org](http://www.catholichigh.org)

### Catholic High Mother's Club Raffle

Sunday October 19

after all morning Masses

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Catholic High School's Mother's Club will sell raffle tickets after all morning Masses for the chance to win a car. The winner of the raffle will have the choice of a Toyota Camry, Nissan Altima, or a 3 year lease on a Lexus provided by Price LeBlanc.

## PARISH LIFE

### 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal: Centered on the Concerns of Others

To a first century Church, St. Paul offered the following direction: "Bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) The law of Christ was and is just as profound: Love God, and love one another. Those who generously contribute to the work of the Bishop's Annual Appeal from Our Lady of Mercy Church Parish model this relationship every year.

Your gifts to the BAA encourage others and grant hope and essential support to many thousands of people. Through the Annual Appeal, you help fund Catholic Charities and ministries like Sanctuary for Life, which supports expecting mothers in need who are choosing life over the alternative. You help provide for Catholic programming through Catholic Life TV, which helps further our evangelization efforts across our diocese, and you minister to our exceptional students, the elderly, the homeless and others in need.

Prayerfully consider your involvement this year. Consider the concerns of others, for God knows our needs. When you respond to Bishop Robert W. Muench and his invitation to join him in making a financial commitment, you honor Christ and provide help to many of your neighbors and fellow parishioners. Please give to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Last week, parishioners were mailed an invitation from Bishop Muench inviting them to participate in the 2014-15 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the appeal that supports vital ministries within our diocese which otherwise would go unfunded.

**For more information, contact:**

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(225) 336-8790  
[baabr.org](http://baabr.org)



## 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

### OCTOBER 18, SATURDAY

8:00 am.....Bruce Hilbrecht  
4:00 pm.....Bourgeois, Politz, Gautreau & Territa  
Fmlys / Mancuso & Sparacino Fmlys  
/ Lucy Sparaino / Sal Cashio / Scott A.  
Kleinpeter / Bessie Kershaw / Robert  
Vicknair / Mrs. L. Brasset & Mrs. Carolyn  
Walker / Jeanette Hidalgo & Herman  
J. Oufnac / Bruce Hilbrecht / Julia  
Batista / Elisa LeBlanc Comeaux / Guy  
Lato / Harry Terraneau / A.J. Bologna,  
Mrs. J.B. Ragusa, Kay Ragusa & Jimmy  
Swearingen / Carl J. Robichaux / Jane  
LeBlanc / Dickens Wall / Timothy Hulin,  
Sr., James & Lydia Levert, Otis & Clara  
Schlater,  
Luke Fauver  
6:00 pm.....Judy Decoteau

### OCTOBER 19, SUNDAY

7:00 am.....All People  
9:00 am.....John Robert Corbett  
10:30 am.....Margaret, Grace, & Anthony Lombardo /  
Catherine & Tony Couvillion  
12:00 pm.....James B. Fernandez / Ed & Vivian  
Cedotal Fmlys  
6:00 pm.....Elaine Robinson

### OCTOBER 20, MONDAY

8:00 am.....McKeough & Gilbert Fmlys  
12:00 pm.....Joseph H. Darensbourg

### OCTOBER 21, TUESDAY

12:00 pm.....Anthony Chetta

6:00 pm.....Toepfer, Nesom, Fauver, & LeBlanc  
Fmlys / Rosie Kidder / Gene Robinso  
/ David Barfield / Floyd Joseph  
Roberts, Sr. / Dickens Wall / Elaine  
Robinson / Elisa LeBlanc Comeaux /  
Elise Greenwood / Anna Lucia / L.A.  
Roy / Julia Batista / Joseph H. Patin /  
Francis Ceasar Patin / William F. Porche  
/ Joseph "Joey" Pizzolato, Jr. / **SPECIAL  
INTENTION** - Poor Souls in Purgatory / In  
Thanksgiving to St. Jude

### OCTOBER 22, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am.....Elam, Mason, Meisner, Flaspoller, &  
Chauvet Fmlys  
12:00 pm.....**SPECIAL INTENTION** - Robin Rissler / Erin,  
Olivia, & Brandon Trent

### OCTOBER 23, THURSDAY

8:00 am.....Vincent Russo  
12:00 pm.....Frank & Virginia Smith

### OCTOBER 24, FRIDAY

8:00 am.....Sam, Mary, & Joanne Politz / Jack &  
Lena Scardina  
12:00 pm.....James & Grace Lombardo

## Mercy Prays

Bill Elam  
Reagan Angers  
the men & women serving in our Armed Forces  
Drew Moscona

## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Sanctuary Light Memorials

The sanctuary light in the church burns this week in loving memory of **Dr. Larry Ferachi**

The sanctuary light in the adoration chapel burns this week in loving memory of **Roseland Rebaldo**

### In Sympathy to the Families of

- Edwin James LeJeune, Sr.
- Jane LeBlanc

### 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.

*Consider adding a planned gift in your last will and testament to remember Our Lady of Mercy.*

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*“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)

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### Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions

October 2014

*Universal:* That the Lord may grant peace to those parts of the world most battered by war and violence.

*Evangelization:* That the World Mission Day may rekindle in every believer zeal for carrying the Gospel into all the world.

*“You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.”*

- POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

## 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, 6 am, 2 pm, 4 pm, 7pm

MONDAY.....2 am, 4 am, 3 pm, 4 pm, 8 pm

TUESDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 11 am, 10 pm, 11 pm

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

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

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

SATURDAY.....2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 10 am, 11 am, noon, 7 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

### *Sts. Jean de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues*

FEAST DAY: October 19

Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636 he and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec. The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois. Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Several fingers had been cut, chewed or burnt off. Pope Urban VIII gave him permission to offer Mass with his mutilated hands:

“It would be shameful that a martyr of Christ not be allowed to drink the Blood of Christ.” Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return and died peacefully in his homeland, but his zeal led him back to North America once more.

In 1646 he set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. He was captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18 Father Jogues was tomahawked and beheaded.

Jean de Brébeuf was a French Jesuit who came to Canada at the age of 32 and labored there for 24 years. He went back to France when the English captured Quebec in 1629 and expelled the Jesuits, but returned to his missions four years later.

He composed catechisms and a dictionary in Huron, and saw 7,000 converted before his death. He was captured by the Iroquois and died after four hours of extreme torture at Sainte Marie, near Georgian Bay, Canada.



# 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 OCTOBER 11     |             | SUNDAY OCTOBER 12       |                       |             |               |            |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------|------------|
| 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. Eapen               | Fr. Eapen             | Fr. Milano  | Fr. Milano    | Fr. Milano |
| Extraordinary Ministers |             | Extraordinary Ministers |                       |             |               |            |
| M Cullen                | P Bourgeois | L Lewis                 | M Savoy               | K Sweeney   | L Attuso      | K Walker   |
| J Stewart               | M Bourgeois | J Lewis                 | E Hurst               | P Dazzio    | C DiBenedetto | R Coco     |
| K Kiesel                | M Downing   | S Roppolo               | L Gemmill             | C Dazzio    | L Holliday    | H Coco     |
| G Albares               | E Chenevert | A Haywood               | G Gillis              | C Benedetto | H DeLage      | K Giglio   |
| J Pastorek              |             | J Brown                 | D Deshotels           | B Benedetto | B Verrett     | C Schutte  |
|                         |             | J Frederick             | K Poiencot            | B Gossard   | G Anderson    | D Smith    |
|                         |             | J Frederick             | G Tibbetts            | B Moscona   | G Anderson    | L Falcon   |
|                         |             | B Babin                 | S Maggio              | J Angers    | D Loar        | C Roberts  |
|                         |             | P Samrow                | D Maggio              | A Pocorello | D Loar        | E Holt     |
|                         |             |                         |                       | S Pocorello |               |            |
| Lectors                 |             | Lectors                 |                       |             |               |            |
| D Ragusa                | T Laville   | P Alford                | Children's<br>liturgy | S Toups     | H Morrison    | B Avery    |
| D Whaley                | F Gwin      | J Hebert                |                       | C Paine     | C Steele      | B Avery    |
|                         |             | A Wilson                |                       |             |               |            |
| Altar Servers           |             | Altar Servers           |                       |             |               |            |
| A Bourg                 | J Laville   | K Brown                 | D Poiencot            | R Toups     | D Meeks       | J Avery    |
| B Bourg                 | L Laville   | K Allen                 | K Poiencot            | R Peek      | B Beale       | M Avery    |
| D Duncan                | M Dietrich  |                         | E Shore               | J Theriot   | N Shipley     | J Avant    |

*The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at [www.olomchurch.com](http://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

444 Marquette Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(225) 928-6216

## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

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olomschool.org

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## *Glorify the Lord by your life*

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*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.