



*Advent Wreath  
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church*

Lord God, your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior, who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and ever.

- BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH  
I SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29

- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 3:00-4:00 pm.....Confessions
- 3:00-8:00 pm ...Parish Blood Drive-*Emmanuel Hall*
- 3:00-8:00 pm ... Merry Mercy
- 4:00 pm.....Vigil Mass
- 5:15-6:00 pm.....Confessions
- 6:00 pm.....Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

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

### MONDAY DECEMBER 1

- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
- 6:30-8:00 pm ...RCIA-*St. Ann*

### TUESDAY DECEMBER 2

- 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.....Life Teen Bible Study-*JP II House*
- 7:00-9:00 pm.....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3

- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
- 4:00-5:00 pm ...RCIC-*Emmanuel Hall*
- 5:00-6:00 pm ...PSR
- 6:30-7:30 pm ...The Light is on for You
- 7:00-8:30 pm.....T2 Bible Study-*JP II House*

### THURSDAY DECEMBER 4

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

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

- 7:30 am ...First Friday Devotion
- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 8:00 am ... Santa's Angels-*St. Gabriel*
- 10:00 am.....Moms & Tots
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
- 2:00 pm ... School Benediction

## Immaculate Conception Mass

The Immaculate Conception - the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in her mother's womb free from original sin, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated in honor of the Immaculate Conception on **Monday, December 8th at: 8:00am, 8:50am (School Liturgy), 12:00pm, and 6:00pm.**

## The Light is on for You

Our Lady of Mercy will leave the *Light on for You*. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the church on Wednesday nights during Advent. **Wednesday, December 3, 10, and 17th**  
6:00-7:30pm

## Anointing of the Sick

Please join us for our parish's monthly celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on **Tuesday, December 2nd at the 6:00pm Mass.**

## St. Lucy Mass

In honor of the Feast of St. Lucy, Patron Saint of diseases of the eye, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, will celebrate a special Mass on **Saturday, December 13th at 8:00am.** All eye care professionals and anyone experiencing illness or diseases of the eye are encouraged to attend to receive a special blessing. Traditional Italian St. Lucy bread will also be distributed.

## Guardian Angels Nursery

Nursery and Bible School classes will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on **Sunday, November 30th.**

## St. Matthew's Guild

Carmena Team

## Prayer Line

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



Saturday, November 29th

3:00-8:00pm

### Our Lady of Mercy

Merry Mercy: SHARE OUR LIGHT - is a celebration in anticipation of the birth of Jesus Christ; a celebration of the Gospel call to first serve the least among us in His name. A portion of the proceeds from Merry Mercy will benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Each year on the vigil of the First Sunday of Advent, OLOM will ceremonially "Share Our Light" with the first lighting of our grand live oak trees around the church and school campus. Thousands of tiny twinkling lights will symbolize our parish's commitment to making the seasons of Advent and Christmas centered around the Light of God's great Love.

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God Hero, Father-Forver, Prince of Peace.*

*-Isaiah 9*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### UNDER THE BIG TENT - PAC PARKING LOT

- 3:00-5:00 Children's Village of Traditional Crafts
- 3:00-8:00 Bourgeois & LaVergne's World Famous Chicken & Sausage Gumbo  
KC Hot Dogs
- 3:00-8:00 Drinks - Coke, Water, Hot Cocoa, Beer, & Poinsettia Punch

### CHURCH

- 4:00-5:00 Mass celebrating the First Sunday of Advent
- 5:15 St. Nicholas arrives atop antique fire truck
- 5:30 Lighting of the Oaks together with all Choirs live performance on front plaza
- 6:00-8:00 Pictures with St. Nicholas
- 6:00-7:00 Mass celebrating the First Sunday of Advent

### PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

- 3:00-8:00 Blood Drive
- 5:00-7:00 Christmas BINGO

### KID'S ZONE - PAC FIELD

- 3:00-8:00 Inflatables for all ages
- 4:30-7:30 Beaucoup Boogie
- 3:00-5:00 Play in six tons of Snow
- 7:15 Christmas Fireworks Display & Champagne Toast!

## PARISH LIFE

### Thirty Niners Christmas on the River

Sunday, January 4, 2015

11:45am-7:00pm

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

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(225) 929-9353

### 2015 Sacred Art Calendars

Sacred art calendars are now available for pick-up in the Coffee Shop. The sponsorship of Greenoaks Memorial Park and Funeral Home allows these calendars to be available for our parishioners.

### Cards for Prisoners

Our Lady of Mercy is collecting new, unsigned Religious Christmas cards to distribute to prisoners at Angola and Hunt Correctional. These cards will be given to prisoners to allow them to write to their families during the holidays. Cards may be dropped off at the church office.

### Little Blue Books

Little Blue Books, used for Advent Reflection, are now available in the church office for \$1 each.

### Mercy Marketplace

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

### Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 14

4:30pm

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Get in the Christmas Spirit with this timeless classic and holiday favorite, presented by the Our Lady of Mercy Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra.

**For more information, contact:**

Ms. Mary Kannenberg

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(225) 928-6339

### SVDP Christmas Baskets

Tuesday, December 16 - Assembly

Wednesday, December 17 - Delivery

8:30am

Parish Activity Center

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help. Each year the group delivers 100 Christmas food baskets to the needy in our community.

**For more information, contact:**

Mr. Ken Eiswirth

(225) 383-5092

### Home Enthronements

Weekend of December 13th & 14th

after all Masses

Parish Activity Center

The Mission "For the Love of God Worldwide" will offer home enthronements to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Each packet will include a booklet, prayers of the Mission and indulgences, and an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which was placed against the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe in her Basilica in Mexico City.

*\*cost-\$5 per packet*

**For more information, contact:**

Ms Tricia Parsons

(225) 978-9644

## PARISH LIFE

### Blood Drive

Saturday, November 29

3:00-8:00pm

Parish Activity Center

Our Parish Blood Drive will be held in conjunction with Merry Mercy for parishioners to donate blood in the name of Regan Angers and our Mercy family. Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center will be staffed and equipped for timely processing and handling of maximum amount of donations! Previous donors from OLOM School Blood Drive on September 9, 2014 are eligible to donate. T-shirts will be provided as a token of gratitude for this tremendous gift of life!

### T2 Bible Study

Wednesdays

7:00pm-8:30pm

Pope St. John Paul II House

Bible Study is open to all young adults in their 20s and 30s. Join us for fellowship and food as we journey through the Bible.

**For more information, contact:**

Ms. Amelia Gallagher

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(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 as we strive to provide our school community with a clean and orderly environment.

**For more information, contact:**

Ms. Jerri Trahan

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(225) 924-1054

### OLOM School Open House

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

8:00am - 1:00pm

Our Lady of Mercy School Gym

At Our Lady of Mercy, 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. Join us for our upcoming Open House.

**For more information, contact:**

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(225) 927-2341

## 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 are used at all Sunday Masses and 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 acknowledgment.

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

### DECEMBER 6, SATURDAY

8:00 am.....John Robert Corbett  
4:00 pm.....Thomas Mungall / Mary Del & Jerome Tassin / Norris Slocum / Lindsey Posey / Leo Levy / Micaud Fmly / Clarence & Celine Savoie Fmly / Thomas & Deumite Fmlys / Mancuso & Sparacino Fmlys / Mrs. Lucy M. Sparacino / John Thibodeaux / Dickens Wall / Emie Banga / Oufnac, Dupre & Cedotal Fmly / Julia Batista / John & Janice Bueche / Bruce Hilbrecht / A.J. Bologna, Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Ragusa, Kay Ragusa & Jimmy Swearingen / Rita May Hoffmann / D.J. Graphia, Graphia & Levatino Fmlys / Jose Spinoso / Jane LeBlanc / Bill Elam  
**SPECIAL INTENTION-** Kathryn Hessburg / Charlie and Nancy Valluzzo  
6:00 pm.....Joyce & John Jolissaint

### DECEMBER 7, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... All People  
9:00 am.....Calvin & Georginia Oubre, Joseph Alfred & Wynona Lindsly, Curran Oubre, Hiram & Ellen May  
10:30 am.....Louis Gebhart  
12:00 pm.....Joseph L. Saizan  
6:00 pm.....**SPECIAL INTENTION** - To St. Anthony for Prayers Answered

### DECEMBER 8, MONDAY

8:00 am..... Jill Barfield Hamilton  
12:00 pm.....Billie Peters Dicharry

### DECEMBER 9, TUESDAY

12:00 pm.....Charleen Lorio Averette  
6:00 pm.....Joseph & Alma Bergeron / Reed Fmly / Gene Robinson / Robert Vicknair / Dickens Wall / Robert Lewis / William Spanakos / Jane LeBlanc / Jeff Jumonville / Enos & Amanda Chauvin / Cecil Ethridge / James "Mal" Hill / Rita Primeaux / Douglas Morgan / Bill Elam / Dr. Kevin Rozas / Dr. Tom Kiebach  
**SPECIAL INTENTION** - Schutte Fmly / For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

### DECEMBER 10, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am.....Karam J. Thomas  
12:00 pm.....Vicari & Cretini Fmlys

### DECEMBER 11, THURSDAY

8:00 am.....Billie Barton  
**SPECIAL INTENTION** - Harry Barton  
12:00 pm.....Bruce Hilbrecht

### DECEMBER 12, FRIDAY

8:00 am.....Orland Brown, Catherine Brown Morrish & Michael Clark  
12:00 pm.....Clifford Comeaux

## Mercy Prays

Rita Adams

Reagan Angers

Audrey Blache

Manuel Fernandez

Drew Moscona

Jerri Trahan

Glenn West

The men & women serving in our Armed Forces

Those suffering from diseases of the eye

## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Sanctuary Light Memorials

The sanctuary light in the church burns this week in loving memory of **Frank & Margaret Koles**

The sanctuary light in the Adoration Chapel burns this week in loving memory of **Eddie & Sue Boudreaux**

### In Sympathy to the Families of

- George Vincent
- John Cifreo
- Dr. Tom Kiebach
- Dr. Kevin Rozas

### 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

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.

*“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.”*

- 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, 2 am, 3 am, 4 am, 6 am, 2 pm, 4 pm, 7pm

MONDAY.....2 am, 4 am\*, 6 am, 11 am, 3 pm, 4 pm  
*We have an urgent need for the 4 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. Nicholas Bishop of Myra (270-343)*

FEAST DAY: December 6

Born of virtuous and pious parents, Nicholas of Myra began studying the sacred books at the age of five. His parents died while he was still young, leaving him with a comfortable fortune, which he would later use for his works of charity. An opportunity came for Nicholas to use his fortune when a citizen of Patara lost all of his money and his three daughters could not marry because of their poverty. In despair, the father considered committing the women to a life of shame. When Nicholas learned of the situation, he took a bag of gold and tossed it through an open window of the man's house. The eldest daughter used the bag of money as a dowry and quickly married. Nicholas continued the practice for the second and third daughters.

At the beginning of the fourth century, the clergy and

people of Myra gathered together to elect a new bishop. God directed them to choose Nicholas. The new leader, Nicholas was seized by the magistrates, tortured, chained and thrown into prison during the time of Diocletian's persecutions. He was released along with the other Christian prisoners once the great and religious Constantine assumed the imperial diadem of the Romans.



Nicholas took strong measures against paganism, tearing down many temples, among them one to the Greek goddess Artemis, which was the chief pagan shrine of the district. The image of St. Nicholas is found more often than that of any other on Byzantine seals. He is venerated as the patron saint of several classes of people, especially in the East of sailors, and in the West of children. Nicholas is celebrated in both secular and religious observances, with his greatest popularity in Russia where he is a joint national patron saint. By the Middle Ages, four hundred churches were dedicated to him in England alone. St. Nicholas' emblems are children, a mitre, and a vessel.

# 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: Holiday Closure

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 NOVEMBER 29		SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30				
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				
T Turner	P Bourgeois	A Haywood	K Poiencot	D McCrary	L Attuso	K Giglio
J Pastorek	M Bourgeois	M Buzbee	P Prosser	B Purgerson	B Verrett	D Smith
M Killeen	C Formeller	C Abshire	D Deshotels	J Angers	L Plaisance	C Schutte
J Stalls	E Chenevert	S Roppolo	R Beyer	K Toups	C Graves	L Deavers
A Russo	P Poe	A St. Pierre	B Babin	L Bourgeois	L Roy	C Peak
L D'Armond	R Poe	E White	T Roemer	J Purgerson	C Steele	P Bertrand
J Stalls	M Blouin	L Guillot	J Nola	P Tullier	C Hopkins	E Holt
G Gillis	J Blouin	L Dawkins	J Lewis	C Gioe	P Thomas	C Roberts
G Burton	J Stewart	M McKeough	L Lewis	R Toups	G RuizdeChavez	L Falcon
M Cullen				E Bourgeois		

Lectors		Lectors				
D Whaley	C Heitman	I Bourque	M Hermann	M Clary	C Laird	J Baudier
K Steintrager	P Shingleton	J Gardemal	H Landry	T Heitman	S Hopkins	G Bertrand
		P McKeough				
Altar Servers		Altar Servers				
T Turner	C Meche	J Roussel	C Roemer	D Tullier	D Meeks	F Baudier
T Turner	D Meche	P Kelly	A Roemer	P Tullier	C D'Angelo	J Avant
T Turner	D Meche		M Acosta	H Blouin	S D'Angelo	N Shipley

*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.*

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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*

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*To view complete staff list, visit [olomchurch.com](http://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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