

"Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us."

> - COMMUNION ANTIPHON **III SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

# **THIS WEEK**

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 13

8:00 am....St. Lucy Mass 3:00-4:00 pm.....Vigil Mass 4:00 pm.....Vigil Mass 5:15-6:00 pm.....Vigil Mass 6:00 pm.....Vigil Mass

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

7:00 am.....Mass 9:00 am....Mass 10:30 am....Mass 12:00 pm....Mass 1:00 pm ...Baptisms 4:30 pm ...Messiah Concert 6:00 pm....Mass

#### MONDAY DECEMBER 15

8:00 am.....Daily Mass 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass 6:00 pm ....Christ In the City 7:00-8:00 pm ....St. Vincent de Paul Mtg-*St. Jerome* 

#### **TUESDAY DECEMBER 16**

8:30 am.....Rosary Makers-Coffee Shop 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 17

8:00 am.....Daily Mass 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass 6:00-7:30 pm ....Advent Confessions

#### **THURSDAY DECEMBER 18**

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

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 19

8:00 am.... Daily Mass 8:50 am ... School Liturgy 10:00 am.... Moms & Tots 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

### Feast of St. Lucy Special 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 8:00 am. 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.

### The Light is on for You this Advent

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 17 6:00-7:30 pm

### St. Matthew's Guild

**ANDERSON Team** 

# Second Collection

Parish Christmas Flowers & Décor





# DEO GRATIAS "THANKS BE TO GOD!"

*Deo Gratias* "Thanks be to God!" for these generous friends who've supported our *2014 Merry Mercy Festival*.

#### **MERCY'S GRAND LIVE OAKS**

Randy & Cheree Schwartzenburg Arabie Family Louis & Lauren Barfield Family Bubbie & Becky Bourg Family Scott & Katherine Chenevert Family Pete & Carol Dazzio Family David & Lauren Fabre Family Johnny & Rose Marie Fife Family - Adoration Chapel Oak Chris & Cathy Hall Family - The Saint Nicholas Oak Steve & Linda Hicks Family Jeff & Remi Jenkins Family Charles & Kaye Landry Family Don & Michelle Massad Family Walter & Mary Ann Monsour Family Andy & Anne Nelson Family Dean & Hiam Reinschmidt Family Ragan & Virginia Richard Family on behalf of Phelps Dunbar Ritter Maher Architects Dale & Diane Songy Family Michael & JeanAnn Songy Family Roland & Kay Toups Family

MERCY CHOIR CAROLING & BELL RINGING

Peters Family in loving memory of Billie Peters Dicharry

#### **CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO**

Ed & Lucille Bourgeois Family Sam & Sally LaVergne Family

#### **"SMILEY EXPRESS" CHILDREN'S TRAIN**

The Peart & Angers Families

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Chuck & Mary Coghlan, Gabriel "Bud" King, Jeffrey & Ginger Rabb, Pat & Mabyn Shingleton, Marshall & Gabriella St. Amant, Kelly & Julie Walker, Mike Norenberg & EMCO Technologies, Mike Price & Quality Concrete, Calvin's Bocage Market, Baton Rouge Coca-Cola.

### Called to Action

# PARISH LIFE

### **Mercy Alive**

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

### 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 Enthronements

Weekend of December 13th & 14th after all Masses Parish Activity Center

For the Love of God Worldwide Mission will offer Home Enthronements to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Each packet includes a booklet, prayers of the Mission and indulgences, and an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

\*Cost- \$5 per packet

*For more information, contact:* Ms. Tricia Parsons (225) 978-9644

# Little Blue Books

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

### Merry Mercy Thank You

A HUGE thank you to all Merry Mercy Children's Village volunteers who delighted children by face painting, preparing baked gingerbread cookies for decorating, and assisting at various craft activities! Thank you for your support of our annual Advent celebration, "Share Out Light."

# 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

# SVDP Christmas Baskets

Tuesday, December 16 - Assembly Wednesday, December 17 - Delivery 8:30 am Parish Activity Center

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help delivering Christmas food baskets to the needy in our community.

For more information, contact: Mr. Ken Eiswirth (225) 383-5092

### Mercy Marketplace

Perfect for Christmas gift giving! mercymarketplace.org

# 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

# 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

# **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:

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

# 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

jtrahan@olomschool.org (225) 924-1054



The Our Lady of Mercy Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Ms. Mary Kannenberg, will present the "Christmas Portion" of *MESSIAH* this Advent Season. The performance will take place at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 at 4:30pm, and will feature four local solo artists:

Ms. Alissa Mercutio Rowe, Soprano Ms. Alisha Rosa, Mezzo-Soprano Mr. Michael Hendrick, Tenor Mr. Sean Matassa, Bass

Admission is free and all generous donations will benefit the Our Lady of Mercy Music Ministry.

# IN REMEMBRANCE

#### DECEMBER 20, SATURDAY

8:00 am.....Julio C. Patolilic 4:00 pm......Robert & Philip Lanclos/Sam & Angie D'Agostino/Donaldson, Giannoble, Ruhl, Danna, West, Wilcox, Molina, Wintz & Calandro Fmlys/Arbour, Mouch, Fisher, McHardy & Talbot Fmly/Beard, Mariotti, Scanlan & Lanza Fmlys/Tullier, Taylor, Doize, McCullum & Bagot Fmlys/Judy Decoteau/Virgil & Eunice D'Armond/ Herbert & Cookie Kane/Dickens Wall/ Emie Banga/Julia Batista/Guy Lato/ James Malvern Hill, Jr./Mancuso & Sparacino Fmlys/Mrs. Lucy M. Sparacino/ Bill Elam/Jane LeBlanc/Joyce Conway/ Bob Conway/Tina Moran /Frankie Joseph LaPorte/Joseph R. Guitreau, Jr. SPECIAL INTENTION - Kathryn Fulmer/ Sherrill & Mac Lane/Br. Eldon Crifasi 6:00 pm......Eunice & Edward Desroche

### DECEMBER 21, SUNDAY

7:00 am......All People 9:00 am......Sal Cashio 10:30 am.....Margaret Dauzat 12:00 pm.....Louis Yonich 6:00 pm.....Robert Cassano/Dorothy Cassano/

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#### DECEMBER 22, MONDAY

8:00 am......Sanford P. Lemoine 12:00 pm.....Vincent Dimattia, Sr.

#### DECEMBER 23, TUESDAY

12:00 pm......Barbay & Lato Fmlys6:00 pm......Grace & Vincent Drago/Vince Vicaro/

Joel Nasca/Lena Talbert/Odette Lang/ Judy Ballard LeFeaux/Floyd Joseph Roberts, Sr./Dickens Wall/ Dr. L. J. Brassett /Joseph "Joey" Pizzolato Jr./ Jane LeBlanc/Enos & Amanda Chauvin/ Cecil Ethridge/Amy & Kalil Sliman/Bill Elam/Kevin Rozas/Dr. Tom Kiebach/ Orvill L. Allbritton/Frankie Joseph LaPorte/Jeff Jumonville/Joseph R. Guitreau, Jr. SPECIAL INTENTION - Katie Williams & Fmly/For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### DECEMBER 24, WEDNESDAY

- 4:00 pm......Foster, Maranto & Boeta Fmlys
- 6:00 pm......Rivers Wall, Sr. & Rivers Wall, Jr.
- 8:00 pm .....RitaAnne Babin, Madelynne, Joseph Kevin Babin, Babin Babies, Manuel Knight, Sr., Rita Mae & Joan Knight, George & Juanita Knight, Whitmel & Vionie Pairque, Milton Pairque, Charles Jumonville, III & Dalton & Anna Babin.

#### DECEMBER 25, THURSDAY

12:00 am......Ducote, Ardoin, Morein, Giroir & Soldani Fmlys/Jack & Lena Scardina
7:00 am.....Julie Broussard Comeaux
10:30 am ....Dr. Louis Jeansonne, III
12:00 pm....David & Darrell Delage

### DECEMBER 26, FRIDAY

8:00 am.......Will Steele 12:00 pm...... Joseph R. Guitreau, Jr.

# **Mercy Prays**

Reagan Angers

Audrey Blache

Drew Moscona

Jerri Trahan

### Glenda 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 Maunsell W. Brousseau Sr.

The sanctuary light in the Adoration Chapel burns this week in loving memory of **Richard McLeod** 

# In Sympathy to the Families of

- Mary Sylvia Calandro
- Dr. Joseph Guitreau
- Tina Moran
- Rita Adams

# 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.

"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.....2 am, 4 am<sup>\*</sup>, 5 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<sup>\*</sup>, 3 am<sup>\*</sup>, 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. John of the Cross (1542-1591)

FEAST DAY: December 14

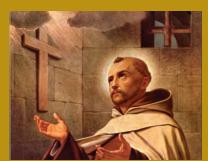
John learned the importance of self-sacrifice at a very early age when his father gave up wealth, status, and comfort to marry John's mother, a lower class orphan. After his father died, his mother kept the destitute family together as they wandered homeless in search of work.

John took a job caring for hospital patients who suffered from incurable diseases and madness. Through the poverty and suffering he experienced at the hospital, he learned to search for beauty and happiness not in the world, but in God.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567, John indicated his intent to join the strict Carthusian Order, an order that appealed to him because of its encouragement of solitary and silent contemplation.

While traveling in 1567, John met a charismatic Carmelite nun, Teresa of Jesus who was seeking to restore the purity of the Carmelite Order through observance of the "Primitive Rule" of 1209, also known as the Franciscan rule, returning to a life of prayer. Teresa asked John to delay his entry into the Carthusian Order to help her reform movement.

Many of the Carmelites felt threatened by the movement and some members of



John's own order kidnapped him, locked him in a cell six feet by ten feet and beat him three times a week. During this imprisonment, he composed a great part of his most famous poem *Spiritual Canticle*, as well as a few shorter poems. John expressed that God brought him his greatest joys in that tiny cell.

John escaped after nine months by unscrewing the lock on his door and creeping past the guard. He climbed out of a window and followed a dog to civilization. He hid from pursuers in a convent infirmary where he read his poetry to the nuns. From then on, his life was devoted to sharing and explaining his experience of God's love.

Called to Worship		
MASS SCHEDULE &	TIMES	
WEEKDAYS MASS TIMES	:	
M, W, Th, & F	: 8:00 am & 12:00 pm	
Tues	: 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm	
RECONCILIATION		
		CATHOLIC
ГЧ - F	: 25 minutes prior to Mass	COMMUNITY
SATURDAY MASS TIME	: 8:00 am	RADIO
	: 3:00 – 4:00 pm & 5:15 – 6:00 pm	1380 AM – WPYR
VIGILS	: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm	
		Listen daily at
SUNDAY MASS TIMES	: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm	noon and 10:30 am
NURSERY	: 9:00 am & 10:30 am	on Sunday for Mercy's
PRE-SCHOOL		Mass live broadcast
	: 9:00 am & 10:30 (in the PAC)	

SATURDAY I	DECEMBER 13	SUNDAY DECEMBER 14				
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				
K Kiesel L D'Armond L Dawkins M Cullen C Formeller A Russo M Killeen J Pastorek J Stewart T Smith	D Reinschmidt M Blouin C Heitman E Chenevert J Jolissaint H Reinschmidt P Poe R Poe R Brian	L Lewis J Lewis I Bourque C Abshire M Buzbee A Haywood P McKeough M McKeough P Samrow	J Nola F Heroman G Gillis B Babin Dcn Grant L Deavers R Beyer L Gemmill E Hurst	S Pocorello A Pocorello B Benedetto C Benedetto T Grant Dcn Grant C Dazzio P Dazzio D Deshotels P Prosser	E Holt G RuizdeChavez P Thomas C Hopkins C Graves L Plaisance L Attuso L Roy K Giglio	K Walker L Falcon C Roberts C Steele B Verrett C Peak D Smith R Coco H Coco
Lectors				Lectors		
K Steintrager D Whaley	F Gwin J Blouin	L Guillot G Samrow J Gardemal	Children's Liturgy	K Andre' B Moscona	S Hopkins C Laird	S Hingle C Melder
Altar	Servers			Altar Servers		
D Duncan B Bourg A Bourg	J Greer R Greer G Jones	N Mangaoil M Mangaoil	A Clark O Clark C Werner	A Baltas C Cothern B Vance	E Shore B Beale D Meeks	M Dietrich B Robert 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

# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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Father Cleo Milano
Father Philip Eapen
Deacon Richard Grant
Mr. Randy Arabie
Mr. Brian Moscona

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

# Parish Activity Center

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### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

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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.



