

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18

8:00 am.....Daily Mass 3:00-3:45 pm Confessions 4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 20

8:00 am Daily Mass 12:00 pm Daily Mass 6:30 pm RCIA-St. Ann 7:00 pmSt. Vincent de Paul-St. Jerome

TUESDAY DECEMBER 21

8:30 amRosary Makers-Coffee Shop 9:00 am Called By Faith 12:00 pm..... Daily Mass 6:00 pm Daily Mass 7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22

8:00 am Daily Mass 12:00 pm Daily Mass 6:00 pmThe Light Is On For You

THURSDAY DECEMBER 23

8:00 am Daily Mass 12:00 pm Daily Mass 6:30 pm High School Bible Study

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass-Church & PAC 6:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 8:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 12:00 am Christmas Vigil Mass

Family Reflection for the **ADVENT SEASON**

- Pray together
- Manage media time
- Eat supper together
- Put your marriage first (mom & dad need time together)
- Give children chores and responsibilities (so they see the family working together)

On The COVER

Mercy Men's ACTS VI Team.

Put on the splendor of the glory from God forever.

- Baruch 5.1

Second COLLECTION

PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Your contributions help maintain our beautiful chapel as a powerful witness to the power of prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament

Prayer LINE

For Prayer Line requests, contact: Ms. Genie Ogden: (225) 293-2367 or Ms. Carroll Benedetto at wlb14@aol.com



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24th

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

8:00 pm

12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25th

7:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 Noon

NEW YEARS EVE

Friday, December 31st

4:00 pm

NEW YEARS DAY

Saturday, January 1st

8:00 am

4:00 pm (Vigil for Epiphany Sunday)

PARISH LIFE



SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

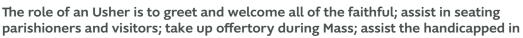
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST VIGIL 4:00 pm

8:00 am

4:00 pm - Vigil for Epiphany Sunday

Plug In To Your Parish ~ USHERS' SOCIETY

An Usher is called to be a Minister of Hospitality. A role in which they are entrusted with promoting a sense of belonging to all the faithful who assemble for worship. They are the first point of contact for the communal celebration of the Liturgy and because of this, should take special steps in being living representatives of our Parish Mission, striving to be as faithful as the Blessed Virgin Mary and to live our faith by serving God, our fellow brothers and sisters, and our community.





The Ushers' Society is in need of individuals to assist with this ministry. They are always happy to welcome new members. Please contact Mr. Tommy Milazzo at tmilazzo@bellsouth.net or (225) 933-8908 to offer your assistance.



Lord, may I, with reverence and friendliness, welcome all.

May I, with attention and diligence, care for the needs of the community as it worships.

May my prayer during this liturgy be that of watchfulness and desire to serve others.

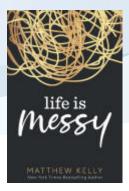
I ask, Lord, that You smile through me, that You greet through my hospitality and that You may be made visible to me in all to whom I serve.

AMEN

PARISH LIFE

Life Is Messy

It isn't a color-within-thelines exercise. It's a wild and outrageous invitation full of uncertain outcomes. The mess of life is both inevitable and unexpected. It is filled with delightful mysteries and frustrating predicaments. In our disposable culture, we throw broken things away.



So, what will we do with broken people, broken relationships, broken institutions, broke families, and of course, our very own broken selves?

We are broken and wounded. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to.

We hope you enjoy our gift to you! Free copies of this book will be available in the vestibule of church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Campus Safety

As the holiday season approaches, please do not leave your purse or any valuables visible on the seats or floor of your car. Place all of your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle in order to avoid anyone who might be tempted to do something the Lord would not want them to do. It is recommended that you do not give cash to anyone soliciting money. This only encourages repeat behavior and is somewhat fearful to those in the Adoration Chapel and the elderly. If you want to support the needy, please give to the St. Vincent de Paul Society where your generosity will surely help the poor and hungry every day.

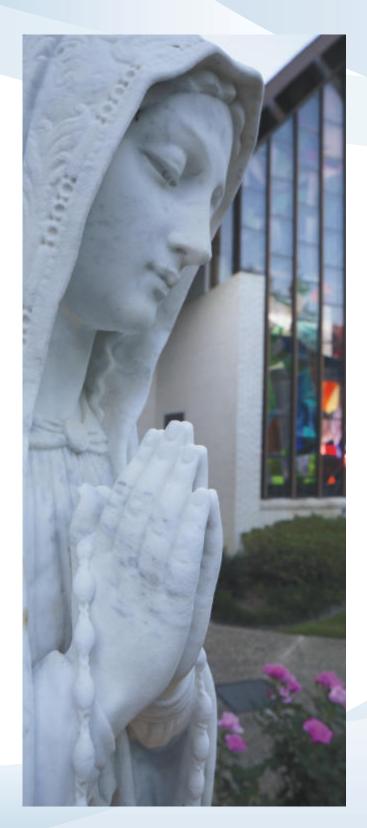
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IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

DECEMBER 25, SATURDAY

7:00 am..... Dr. Louis O. Jeansonne, III, Sam & Angie D'Agostino / Shawn Kean / Demesme Family / Millien Family / Nicholas Family

10:30 am... Vito Impastato & Terry Orillion / Timpa & Miceli Families, Josie Liberto / Hy Van Nguyen / William Auten / Nancy Valluzzo

12:00 pm... Jo Ann Landry / Rose & Dominic Graphia / Sidney Longwell / Poor Souls in Purgatory / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren of the Charles Valluzzo Family

DECEMBER 26, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Sherry and Dwayne Gautreaux

9:00 am..... Alex Landry & Family / Roy Jones / Francis & Billie Roberts / Dorothy Yvonne Nelson / Byron Smith

10:30 am... Anthony Saia / Brenda Fremin / Francis & Verline Pellegrin / Joann Maggio / Anna Mae Cascio LaPorte / SPECIAL INTENTION: Deacon Richard & Tina Grant

12:00 pm... Thomas & Deumite Families / Kevin & Gary Keyser / Charles & Eugene Nolan / Ruby Senaca/ Alvin Pellegrin, Jr.

6:00 pm Francis & Verline Pellegrin / Charles Schutte, Sr. / Rose Graphia / Bitsy & Sonny Adams

DECEMBER 27, MONDAY

8:00 am Clarence Lorio 12:00 pm... Duffard, Ciolino & Vasta Families

DECEMBER 28, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr.
6:00 pm.... Michael Fakouri / Donna Ledet / June & Bill
Lepine / John Hannie, Sr. / Thomas Barfield / Ruthie Ann
Bullock / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny
Simon, Selden Tibbetts & Grace Tibbetts / Bill Carmena
/ Anna Mae Cascio LaPorte / For the Poor Souls in
Purgatory / Byron Curtis Smith / Irma Denoux /
John Hannie Sr. / Rosa Pena / Rolando Pena /
Bitsy & Sonny Adams / Kyle Cassano / Alvin Pellegrin, Jr.
/ Vernon Patin / SPECIAL INTENTION: Patricia Guillory /
Katherine Hannie

DECEMBER 29, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Sandy J. Roppolo 12:00 pm... Alex Spano

DECEMBER 30, THURSDAY

8:00 am Percival LeBlanc 12:00 pm... SPECIAL INTENTION: Carol Patriarco

DECEMBER 31, FRIDAY

8:00 am Lee & Patricia Moreau
4:00 pm Kevin & Gary Keyser / Vito Impastato &
Terry Orillion / Thomas Barfield / Ruthie Ann
Bullock / Ballard, Chambers & McCay Families / Anna
Mae Cascio LaPorte / John Milton
Fruge' & Todd Fruge' / Vern Patin, Sr. / Wayne Paul
Hirschey

Sanctuary Light Memorials

The sanctuary light in the church burns this week in loving memory of

Joseph V. Zito

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

Will Steele

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- William "Bill" Levene
- Ojars Silarais
- Sissay Helm

MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux Patricia Bonnette Ruth Boudreaux Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr. Marie Capone Francisco Castellanos Paul Catalanatto Darryl Cazes Suzanne Chaudoir Sonya Bueche Chauvin Marjorie Collins Janie Constantino Joseph & Rita Corsentino Gordon Craig Pete Crifasi Jack Crittenden Donald Dawson

Nicholas Foster Julie Hannie Warren Knecht Sid Lawton John Paul Lorio Jason Martin **Kevin Minor** Luke Mumfrey Tom Nolan Colleen Peak Bessie Pizzalato **Pauline Rushing** Jim Thompson Bart Tullier Dana Vidrine Kim Whitehead Karen & Wayne Watson

THE SEASON OF GIVING



In this Holy Season of the Savior's birth, I cannot think of a more beautiful and holy place to worship our Lord Jesus Christ than here at Our Lady of Mercy. Our parish provides tremendous opportunities to celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Mass and Confession.

Our strong witness to the power of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, and our commitment to St. Vincent de Paul and our outreach to the poor and needy, truly are a bright light in a world that can seem very dark.

Our Lady of Mercy functions not only as a vibrant and active church family but also as a shrine for the City of Baton Rouge and our Diocese.

The doors of Mercy are open to everyone. That is why one of the best charities that you can support during the Christmas Season with your end of the year financial giving, is our own parish. So many people are affected in a good and positive way when you support your church family. If you love the legacy of Mercy and want to continue the light of Christ shining so brightly, I encourage your continued faithful giving in this season of offering our generous heart to God.

God Bless Mercy's faithful families and may the Light of Christ shine more brightly through us.

Happy Advent! Fr. Cleo

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:

M - F: 45 minutes prior to Mass

SATURDAY

MASS TIME: 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION: 3:00 - 3:45 pm

VIGIL: 4:00 pm

SUNDAY

MASS TIMES: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,

12:00 pm & 6:00 pm

NURSERY: No Nursery at this time

PRE-SCHOOL

BIBLE CLASS: No Bible School at this time

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 25			SUNDAY DECEMBER 26				
7:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	7:00 am	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Minj	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Minj	Fr. Minj
Extraordinary Ministers							
TBD	TBD	TBD	E White J Pastorek B Babin A Haywood T Penouilh	Dcn Grant M Stumpf L Carter M Huber R Huber	Dcn Duplantis T DeJohn L Gemmill Dcn Grant D McCrary	Dcn Duplantis K Kimble M Kimble L Holliday M Roussel	K Walker S Harrington P Bertrand C Schutte E Pavlovich
Lectors							
TBD	TBD	TBD	A Wilson J Gardemal	C Lee S Hingle	B Billeaudeau C Billeaudeau	C Graves S Love	G Bertrand C Steele
Altar Servers							
TBD	TBD	TBD		C Lee O Stumpf	C Billeaudeau A Osborne	J Romero M Romero	A Polito S Rebaldo



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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY......8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

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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, 1am, 2 am

MONDAY......10 pm, 12 am, 2 am

TUESDAY......6 pm, 8 pm, 9 pm, 2 am

WEDNESDAY......1 am, 3 am, 7 pm

THURSDAY......2 am, 4 am, 11 pm

FRIDAY......1 am, 3 am

SATURDAY......12 am, 1 am, 3 am, 7 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm

Urgent Needs - Tuesday 6 pm

If you are able to offer yourself in prayer to the Lord, please contact Ms. Michelle Schroeder at 225.229.1930

Exciting News! You can now commit to a weekly hour of Adoration from your phone, tablet or computer. Simply go to www.adorationpro.org/olomchurch and click on Weekly Commitment to see what times are open and sign up. You can set weekly reminders to be sent to you by text or email.



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