



# MERCY ALIVE

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O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

# THIS WEEK

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 4

- 7:25 am ....First Saturday Devotion
- 8:00 am.....Daily Mass
- 3:00-3:45 pm ....Confessions
- 4:00 pm ....Vigil Mass

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

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

## MONDAY DECEMBER 6

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

## TUESDAY DECEMBER 7

- 8:30 am ....Rosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*
- 9:00 am ....Called By Faith-*PAC*
- 12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
- 4:00 pm ....Immaculate Conception Mass
- 6:00 pm ....Immaculate Conception Mass
- 7:00 pm ....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

## WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8

- 8:00 am ....Immaculate Conception Mass
- 11:30 am ....Courageous Women
- 12:00 pm ....Immaculate Conception Mass

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 9

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

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 10

- 8:00 am ....Daily Mass
- 9:00 am ....Moms & Tots
- 12:00 pm ....Daily Mass

## Happy Birthday Fr. Nutan!

Join us in wishing Fr. Nutan prayerful best wishes as he celebrates his birthday on December 9th!



## 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

Faithful Mercy Parishioners, Elia Altazan, Leighton Altazan, Brett Blanchard, Kelly Walker, Justin Altazan, Stuart Gray, Ben Coghlan, Anthony O'Connor, Lucas Babin, Derek Fitch, and Mike Kimble at our parish's Thanksgiving hot meal and food box distribution.

## Second COLLECTION

PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND

## Prayer LINE

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

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# FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

BY: FRED GWIN

A humble peasant farmer named Juan Diego, born under Aztec rule, was walking down a mountain trail in 1531 near Guadalupe, Mexico when he came upon a beautiful woman adorned in a blue tunic. The tunic, covered with stars, resembled what an Aztec princess would wear. He realizes the woman is the Virgin Mary as he is a recent convert to Catholicism. He is truly startled but Our Lady calms him with her voice which sounded like birds singing. She tells him who she is and instructs him to take a message to the Bishop. Mary wanted a temple built so that petitioners would have a place to present their petitions to Jesus and to help heal the suffering there.



Juan goes to the Bishop and presents the request but is dismissed. Juan returns to the mountain and Our Lady appears again. Juan is instructed to return a second time which he did. The Bishop, thinking Juan may not be mentally sound, asks for a “sign”. He tells the Bishop he will return the next day but he does not. His uncle is dying and Juan goes to him instead. When Juan is certain of his uncle’s pending death, he leaves to find a priest. On the way, Our Lady comes to him. Juan is upset and Our Lady comforts him. Juan tells her that the Bishop wants a “sign”. Juan is told to go to the mountain top to pick some roses. However, he tells Our Lady that no flowers would be there in the winter. He is sent anyway. Mary tells him to pick them, put them in his tilma and not to open it until he sees the Bishop. Our Lady also appears to Juan’s uncle and he survives. She tells the uncle that she is to be called “Santa Maria, de Guadalupe.”

When Juan sees the Bishop, he opens the tilma and the roses fall out revealing the sacred image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is somehow painted on the tilma. In the image, the Blessed Lady appears as she did to Juan. The Church was built and the woven tilma remains as it was but is now protected in a glass enclosure. The tilma should have disintegrated within ten years but remains.

The tilma is enshrined in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The tilma maintains a constant temperature of 98.6 degrees no matter the temperature in the Church. The tilma has been examined by many scientists and cannot be explained. The image is “part of” the fabric. The eyes of Mary have been examined and within the eyes, under magnification, one can see the faces of those present when the tilma was first opened for the Bishop. In 1921, a radical cleric exploded a large cache of dynamite under the openly displayed tilma. It remained unscathed.

In the image, Mary is held up by an angel meaning she is pleasing to God, as she stands on a crescent moon meaning birth and life. The white clouds represent heaven with the golden rays of sun coming forth. See Revelation 12:1-2.

Pray to Our Lady on her feast day for her intercession.

# THE GIVING TREE

Your generous gifts through the Giving Tree will brighten the lives of many during this Holy Season. Your donations of cash and items listed below support the following organizations:



Heritage Manor  
St. Anthony House  
LA War Veterans Home

St. Vincent de Paul  
OLOM Parish Families  
Catholic Prison Ministry

Make credit card donations on the church website at: [www.olomchurch.com](http://www.olomchurch.com) or you can drop off your donation at the church office. Contact the church office, (225) 926-1883 for more details.

## LA War Veterans Home Collections

Gift bags prepared for residents including cards of appreciation from school children and donated items needed by residents.  
(travel size toiletries only)

Shampoo - Regular and Dandruff  
Baby Oil  
Spray Deodorant  
Body Wash  
Denture Adhesive, Tablets  
Hand Lotion  
Mouth Wash (non-alcohol)  
Shaving Cream  
Bar Soap  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste

## Heritage House Collections

Gift bags prepared for residents including cards of appreciation from school children and donated items needed by residents.  
(travel size toiletries only)

Knit Hats  
Scarves  
Throw Blanket  
Coin Purse  
Socks

## 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 no later than **DECEMBER 1st**.

The church office will accept donations until December 15th.

## PARISH LIFE



## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

### Holy Day of Obligation

Masses will be celebrated in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on:

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:00 PM VIGIL

6:00 PM VIGIL

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 AM

12:00 NOON

### American Heritage Girls Christmas Wreaths

American Heritage Girls will be distributing pre-sold wreaths on Sunday, December 5 from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm at the Lower School. Please present your receipt at pick up. Should you be unable to pick up your wreath on Sunday, December 5 during the designated times, please contact Annie Broussard at (504) 416-1208 to arrange pick up or delivery.

### Troop 12 Gumbo Sale

Weekend of December 4th & 5th  
after all Masses  
Parish Activity Center

Our Lady of Mercy's Boy Scout Troop 12 will be pre-selling tickets for 1qt containers of chicken and sausage gumbo after all Masses on December 4th & 5th for \$15/quart. Gumbo pick up will take place on Sunday, December 12th from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm at the PAC.

\*Cost is \$15 per one quart container of gumbo



### Food for the Holidays

"For I was Hungry and you gave me to eat."



During the month of December, each of us is encouraged to be bread for others. Empty baskets will be arranged around the Tabernacle in the Sanctuary.

Please bring non-perishable food items to be given to the needy of our area for Christmas.

## PARISH LIFE

### The Gift of Stewardship

*"For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future." - Ephesians 4.4*

The Apostle Paul stressed to the Church of Ephesus the importance of the body of Christ uniting. Unity is the "state of being one." We, as a family and community of faith, are called to the unified mission Christ left to our care, which is to love God and love our neighbors. Something transformative happens in our hearts and spirits when we focus on the needs of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Caring for others is what we are called to do. In this season of giving, please consider remembering those who could benefit from your generosity.



Give online at: [www.diobr.org/stewardship](http://www.diobr.org/stewardship)

**God Bless Bishop Duca and the faithful of the Diocese of Baton Rouge!**

### MERCY PRAYS

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Layne Arceneaux          | Warren Knecht        |
| Patricia Bonnette        | Wade Labat           |
| Ruth Boudreaux           | Sid Lawton           |
| Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr.    | John Paul Lorio      |
| Marie Capone             | Jason Martin         |
| Francisco Castellanos    | Kevin Minor          |
| Paul Catalanatto         | Luke Mumfrey         |
| Darryl Cazes             | Tom Nolan            |
| Sonya Bueche Chauvin     | Colleen Peak         |
| Marjorie Collins         | Bessie Pizzalato     |
| Janie Constantino        | Pauline Rushing      |
| Joseph & Rita Corsentino | Jim Thompson         |
| Gordon Craig             | Bart Tullier         |
| Pete Crifasi             | Dana Vidrine         |
| Donald Dawson            | Kim Whitehead        |
| Nicholas Foster          | Karen & Wayne Watson |
| Julie Hannie             |                      |

## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Mass Intentions

#### DECEMBER 11, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Jacqueline Labat  
4:00 pm ..... Rosalie C. Rinaudo / Adams, Maggio, Junes & Dirksmeyer Families / Bruce Hilbrecht / Bradley Smith / Kevin & Gary Keyser / James Guglielmo / David Ishmael, II / Chenevert, Knutsen, Salles & Manguno Families / Timpa & Miceli Families, Josie Liberto / Robert Wiemer, Sr. / Jean Blum & Dennis Blum / Hy Van Nguyen / Ruthie Ann Bullock / William Auten / Nancy Valluzzo / Rose Graphia / Sidney Longwell / Poor Souls in Purgatory / Francis Xavier Trinh Le / Master Trooper Adam Gaubert / Wayne Paul Hirschey / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Shannon Cormier & Family / Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren of the Charles Valluzzo Family

#### DECEMBER 12, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Sherry and Dwayne Gautreaux / David H. Fisher, Sr. / Poor Souls in Purgatory / Poor Souls who have passed away from COVID 19  
9:00 am..... Bruce & Eva Soileau / Paul Plaisance/ Angelina Oufnac / Vernon Patin / Byron Smith  
10:30 am... Vicari & Cretini Families / Percy, Ann & Paul Moise / Anthony Saia / Vallie & Vivian Lemoine / Mike, Myrtle, Tami & Keith Couvillion / Mildred & Charles Reynaud & Faye Kling / Francis Hendry & Family / Brenda Fremin / Vito Impastato & Terry Orillion / Steve Martin / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Anthony Roussevel  
12:00 pm... Brown, Clark, Eiswirth & Schmitt Families / Albert & Virginia Terito / John Graves / Vincent & Grace Marino / Ruby Senaca  
6:00 pm ..... Francis & Verline Pellegrin / Bitsy & Sonny Adams / Kyle Cassano / Keith Hagstette

#### DECEMBER 13, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Van & June Gaudin, Jr.  
12:00 pm... Saizan, Baynard, Hendry & Cowan Families

#### DECEMBER 14, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Sandy J. Roppolo  
6:00 pm ..... Michael Fakouri / Thomas Barfield / Ruthie Ann Bullock / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon, Selden Tibbetts & Grace Tibbetts / Anna Mae Cascio LaPorte / Francise, Verline & Kenneth Pellegrin / Judy Amadee / Charles Schutte, Sr. /Joan Kin Le Thanh Hoai/ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory / Bitsy & Sonny Adams/ Alvin Pellegrin, Jr / Vernon Patin / John Milton Fruge' & Todd Fruge' / Wayne Paul Hirschey

#### DECEMBER 15, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Theresa & Nelvin Fontenot  
12:00 pm... Sonny Barbay

#### DECEMBER 16, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Teotimo Gealogo  
12:00 pm... Ruth Lessing

#### DECEMBER 17, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Emanuel Gealogo  
12:00 pm... Bayus & Gubancsik Families / Bill Young / Janet Stewart / Vito Impastato & Terry Orillion / Thomas Barfield / Ruthie Ann Bullock / Edith Foy / Mattie Lee Martin / Sammy Brocato / Jo Ann Landry / Kenneth Pellegrin / Irene Beary / Ann Laville / Deceased members of Voltz & Hooe Families / Poor Souls in Purgatory / Byron Curtis Smith / Irma Denoux / Kyle Cassano / Wayne Hirschey / Jessie Quinata / Lima Fola / Vern Patin, Sr. / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** America to Heal Spiritually, Mentally & Physically

### Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

**Dr. Louis O. Jeansonne, III**

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

**Special Intention**

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Donald Wayne Diel**
- **Jane LeBlanc**
- **Sunny Bourgeois**
- **Wallace Dillon**
- **Tweetie Atkins Guidry**

## PARISH LIFE

# THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



“Prepare the way for the Lord,” cried John the Baptist from the desert to the people of his time. As Catholics, we are given the opportunity to heed St. John’s call by readying ourselves for the Lord’s coming during this Advent Season through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**When was the last time you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation?  
Have you been putting off going to Confession?**

**This prayer is for you:**

*Lord, help me genuinely accept that You have taken all my past - all sin I have committed or accusation against me.*

*Since You do not condemn me, help me renew my thinking & not condemn myself. Rather, I want to live in the Joy, Peace, & Freedom You have purchased for me by Your death and resurrection in Jesus’ name.*

Amen

Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Mercy:

**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**



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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## Weekend of December 11th & 12th

| 4:00 pm*  | 7:00 am*   | 9:00 am   | 10:30 am   | 12:00 pm   | 6:00 pm  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| Fr. Milano  | Fr. Milano   | Fr. Milano  | Fr. Milano   | Fr. Minj   | Fr. Minj   |
| Extraordinary Ministers                                       |  |   |  |  |  |
| A Turner<br>L D'Armond<br>C Formeller<br>M Cullen<br>J Stalls | E White<br>A Wilson<br>P Samrow<br>T Penouilh<br>L Dawkins | Deacon Grant<br>D Deshotels<br>C Haldane<br>M Savoy<br>H Blouin | Dcn Duplantis<br>A Toohey<br>K Sweeney<br>Deacon Grant<br>K Toohey | Dcn Duplantis<br>C Graves<br>B Beale<br>K Kimble<br>M Kimble | S Harrington<br>E Pavlovich<br>P Bertrand<br>C Steele<br>D Smith |
| Lectors   |  |   |  |  |  |
| A August<br>T Turner  | J Pastorek<br>A Haywood                                    | B Clay<br>M Kimble  | D Massad<br>M Massad   | G Anderson<br>A Meche  | G Bertrand<br>C Steele   |
| Altar Servers   |  |   |  |  |  |
| R Guillot<br>A Scioneaux                                      |  | C Quartararo<br>R Schroeder                                     | A Nguyen<br>L Willmann   | M Collier<br>C Meche   | B Harrington<br>G Harrington                                     |

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.

\*These liturgies are celebrated without incense.

The live-stream of the 12:00 noon Daily Mass can be found on the church website at [www.olomchurch.com](http://www.olomchurch.com) and [youtube.com/olombr](http://youtube.com/olombr). The Sunday 10:30 am Holy Mass can be found on [WBRZ+](http://WBRZ+); [olomchurch.com](http://olomchurch.com); and [youtube.com/olombr](http://youtube.com/olombr).

# 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

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