

JANUARY 9, 2022



After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY JANUARY 8

8:00 amDaily Mass 3:00-3:45 pmConfessions 4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY JANUARY 9

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

On The COVER

"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mark 1.8

Vivien Nguyen born anew by Baptism at the Easter Vigil last Spring.

Mercy AUCTION

MONDAY JANUARY 10

8:00 am Daily Mass
12:00 pm Daily Mass
6:30 pm RCIA-St. Ann
6:30 pm KC Officer Mtg-SVDP Rm
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul-St. Jerome

TUESDAY JANUARY 11

8:30 amRosary Makers-Coffee Shop 12:00 pmDaily Mass 6:00 pmDaily Mass 7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 12

8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass

THURSDAY JANUARY 13

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

FRIDAY JANUARY 14

8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT 2.18.22

Campus Safety

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 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, then give to the St. Vincent de Paul Society where your generosity will surely help the poor, hungry, and cold.

Prayer LINE

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



MAGNIFYING THE FAITHFUL MS. GWEN GILLIS

Lighting candles as a form of prayer is an age-old tradition among Catholics and a popular practice at Our Lady of Mercy. EVERY SINGLE DAY, a team member from our Candle Ministry loads a cart with new candles and walks the perimeter of our church replacing old candles with new ones. They clean glass candle holders, they refresh the sand used to extinguish the flame, and they tidy up the areas around the candles. Their dedication to these duties is the reason that people from throughout the parish and the city stop in at Mercy to light a candle and pray at the feet of the saints. Distinguished Mercy parishioner, Mrs. Gwen Gillis, has served on this committee for the past 26 years, seven of those years serving as the leader of the committee.

Gwen started with the Candle Ministry in 1995 because there was a need to fill a Saturday position. After some discerning and lots of prayer, Gwen accepted the volunteer role and was trained by Mercy greats, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Sagona. Gwen felt particularly called to this ministry because she was drawn to giving back to the saints. By refreshing and replenishing the candles at the feet of the saints at Mercy, she felt it was the least she could do in return for answered prayers.

If you haven't witnessed her dedication through the Candle Ministry, you have certainly seen Mrs. Gillis around campus in her service as a Sunday Sacristan, or as a Committed Adorer, or through her very active role with Magnificat, A Catholic Women's Ministry.

Gwen and her husband John have been Mercy parishioners since 1992. She states, "Mercy has offered so much to me and my husband. Be it through Daily Mass; Confession; Adoration; Bible study; or any of the active ministries, those services have helped me feel like I belong here, have helped me to grow in my faith, and allowed me to have a deeper relationship with our Lord."

Her advice to new and seasoned parishioners, the young and the young at heart - "if you feel a nudge in your heart to get involved and join a ministry, do it! When the timing is right, the Lord will make it easy for you and the joy in giving back is the greatest reward."

Our Lady of Mercy parish extends heartfelt gratitude for Mrs. Gwen Gillis and her tireless dedication to our parish as she retires from this position and passes the candle to Ms. Astrid Wood.

You are a bright light at Our Lady of Mercy!

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

Domestic Church Retreats

January 14th - 17th Our Lady of the Bayou (Abbeville, LA)

January 27th - 30th Our Lady of Hope (Chatawa, MS)

April 7th - 10th Lumen Christi (Schriever, LA)

Would you and your spouse enjoy a relaxing and revitalizing weekend away together?

Do you want to grow in your spiritual life together with your spouse and family?

Check out a marriage retreat from Domestic Church, a movement influenced by St. John Paul II for married couples that is growing in our nation and diocese!

For more information, contact:

Casey & Jill Fruge (225) 788-6832 domesticchurchbr@gmail.com

Byzantine Icon Workshop

February 20th - 25th 9:00 am - 4:30 pm LSU AgCenter Botanic Gardens at Burden



A team of iconographers will provide instructions, which are guided and paced, to produce a finished icon of St. Patrick. The cost of the workshop is \$375 and includes

all materials and lunch for 5 days. Materials provided are a specially prepared board, gold leaf, all paints, brushes, and other materials. Participants who have a 13-watt desk Ott Light may bring it for their personal use during the workshop. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Gardens to further the implementation of the Botanic Gardens Educational Program. Checks should be made payable to Friends of the Gardens and mailed to: Kitty Hessburg Wiemer 7636 Claret Ave. Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

For more information, contact: Ms. Kitty Hessburg Wiemer (225) 284-7440

OLOM School New Student Application

Application deadline is January 18th



The application process for 2022-23 admissions is now underway. Please see all details by visiting the school's website at, <u>www.olomschool.org</u> and accessing ADMISSIONS / 2022-23 APPLY HERE.

Applications should be submitted between now and the deadline of January 18, 2022 to be considered for the 2022-23 school year.

For more information, contact: Ms. Mari Buzbee <u>mbuzbee@olomschool.org</u> (225) 927-2341

Men of Immaculata Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 5th 7:30 am - 3:00 pm St. George Catholic Church



Join over 1000 men for the annual Men of Immaculata Baton Rouge Catholic Men's Conference on March 5th at St. George.

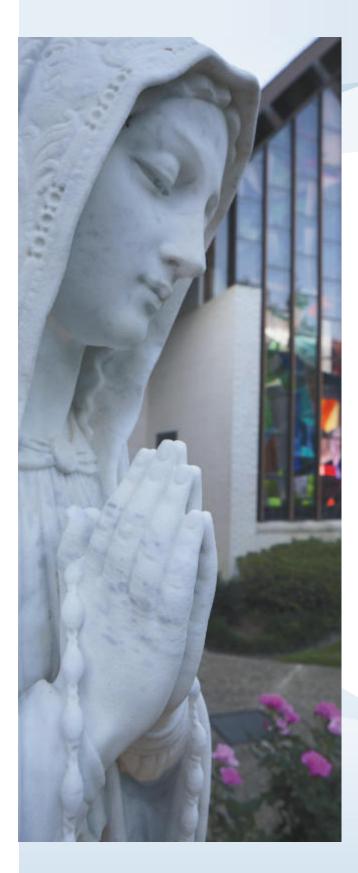
Speaking on this year's theme, "Behold the Man" are Dr. Brandt Pitre; Super Bowl Champ Harrison Butker; Chef John Folse; and Fr. Todd Lloyd..

Get your Lenten Journey off to a great start!

For information and tickets, visit www.menoftheimmaculata.com

Called to Prayer

GARDEN OF PEACE COLUMBARIUM



FINAL RESTING PLACE IN SACREDNESS, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT

The Mercy Columbarium Garden of Peace is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholic and non-Catholic.

Columbarium niches are available in two sizes - each cremain niche holds a space for two persons. They are presently \$5000 for a small niche and \$7500 for larger niches. **Beginning February 1st** the cost will increase to \$5800 for a small niche and \$8500 for larger niches. This price increase is due to the rising cost of engraving, bronze cremation boxes, and shipping. Please note that this is the total cost for all columbarium expenses. The present pricing will be honored for anyone making an appointment between now and February 1st.

There is no greater gift one can give to family than planning final arrangements that fulfill one's specific wishes and take the burden off of others.

Call the Church Office to make your appointment - (225) 926-1883

Called to Prayer

PARISH LIFE

CALLED BY FAITH

Tuesdays starting January 18th 9:00 am - 11:30 am Parish Activity Center

Called by Faith will begin its Spring study on St. Peter on Tuesday, January 25th. Women of all ages are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30am as we explore God's word. The cost for this study is \$15 and can be paid online using a credit or debit card (olomchurch.com/calledbyfaith/) or by cash or



check (made out to OLOM Church) and brought to the Church Office in an envelope labeled "Called By Faith" or to our first meeting.

For more information, contact: Ms. Renee Tullier rr2yea@aol.com

MERCY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

While utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.

Throughout the weekend, participants are invited to prayerfully consider how they can respond to God's love by spiritually surrendering to Jesus in order to have new life with Him. This invitation is extended through the



pillars of the apostolate: Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service.

This experience is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends. Fr. Cleo invites you to prayerfully consider joining a group of women from our parish to make this spiritual retreat at The Solomon Center in Loranger, Louisiana. The cost of the retreat is \$255 per double occupancy room for Mercy parishioners and \$330 for non-parishioners.

Women's Retreat - departs Our Lady of Mercy on Thursday, March 31st and returns for noon Mass at Mercy on Sunday, April 3rd.

REGISTRATION will open MONDAY, JANUARY 24th at 9:00 am olomchurch.com

Called to Prayer

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions JANUARY 15, SATURDAY

8:00 am Kristin and Donald Rivers 4:00 pm Jean Blum & Dennis Blum / Plauche & Dufour Families / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr. / Arbour, Fisher, McHardy, Mouch & Talbot Families / Elam, Mason, Meisner, Flaspoller & Chauvet Families / Leo Levy / Joseph V. Zito & Family / Tommy Simmons / Paul Rozas / Ellie Sances / Daniel & Percival LeBlanc / David Anthony Russ, Sr. / Tim Lamonica / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / Wayne Hirschey / Byron Smith/ Paul G Werling / Steven Faulk / Rizzutto, Cangelosi, Landry and LeBlanc Families / Anna Chuc Ngo / SPECIAL INTENTION: Robyn Rissler

JANUARY 16, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... David Anthony Russ, Sr. / Sherry & Dwayne Gautreaux / Kristy McCall Rivers

9:00 am..... Jeremy Klimavicz / Byron Smith / Kyle Cassano / Ruth Lessing / **SPECIAL INTENTION**: Baby Timothy Guilbeau / The Toups Family / The Schroeder Family

10:30 am... Vicari & Cretini Families / Dr. Louis O. Jeansonne, III / Brenda Fremin / Joseph V. Zito / Vito Impastato / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**: Fr. Cleo Milano

/ Deacon Kirk Duplantis & Family **12:00 pm...** William Middleton / Ruby Senaca / Deacon & Mrs. Gene Bradley / Catherine Teijelo / Jimmy Joe Maurello / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**: The Matthew Family / The Nodier Family

6:00 pm Sue Guillory / Francis Michael Kleinpeter / Rose Marie Sheppard **SPECIAL INTENTION**: Paula & Steve Guillory

JANUARY 17, MONDAY

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

JANUARY 18, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Joseph V. Zito 6:00 pm.... Thomas Barfield / Ruthie Ann Bullock / George Mervin Simon, Rose Simon & Danny Simon / Selden & Grace Tibbetts / Joseph V. Zito & Family / Jo Ann Landry / Kyle Cassano / Wayne Hirschey / Scott Ambrose Kleinpeter / Ellen Ward / Sylvia Chauvin / Anna Chuc Ngo

JANUARY 19, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Michael Carter Percy 12:00 pm... Delage, LeJeune, Comeaux, Eckler & Mineo Families

JANUARY 20, THURSDAY

8:00 am Josie and Ellis Songy 12:00 pm... Jill Barfield Hamilton

JANUARY 21, FRIDAY

8:00 am Byron Smith 12:00 pm... George A. Kadair, Sr. / Rose & Dominic Graphia / Aimee Planchard / In Thanksgiving to the Saints / Matthew Todd Kleinpeter / Kristin Rivers / Donald Rivers / Wayne Hirschey / June Moldthan / Anna Chuc Ngo / SPECIAL INTENTION: Bill Moldthan / Sheila Gomez

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Robert Wiemer, Sr.

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

Sydney Burton

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Mike Feig
- Grey Hammett
- Bill Moldthan
- Melba Mills
- Flora Rivette

- Jim Prince
- Dolly Duplantis
- Leonard Bordelon
- Leon Poche

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 OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

HASTEN TO HELP US! FEAST DAY ~ JANUARY 8TH



The story of Our Lady of Prompt Succor (OLPS) begins when the French Ursuline Nuns were asked to join Jean-Baptiste LeMoyne, Sieur de Bienville (founder of New Orleans) in establishing a new colony near the Mississippi River. The Ursuline sisters endured a long and difficult six month voyage aboard the Gironde and arrived in New Orleans on August 6, 1727 from Rouen, France. Reverend Mother Marie St. Augustin Tranchepain and the other sisters immediately helped the new colony by setting up a convent, school, and orphanage.

During a period of crisis after a large group of nuns left New Orleans for Cuba in 1803, Mother St. Andre Madier, one of the seven who remained, appealed to her cousin, Mother St. Michel Gensoul, an Ursuline in France who was forced to leave her monastery during the reign of terror of the French Revolution. Because Mother St. Michel had opened a flourishing school in the area, her bishop refused her plea to leave saying that only Pope Pius VII (a prisoner of Napoleon) could grant her request. Mother St. Michel prayed for the Intercession of the Blessed Mother for a "quick and favorable" answer, promising to have a statue made honoring Mary under the title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor if her prayer was answered quickly. Her letter miraculously reached the imprisoned pontiff and she was granted permission within five weeks of the request. Upon the good news, Mother St. Michel had a special wooden statue of Mary carved and covered in gold that she and the other sisters would bring to New Orleans in 1810. Her flowing robes were carefully carved so that she would appear to be moving quickly.

A smaller statue of the Blessed Mother named "Sweetheart" (about 12 inches high) that was brought over from the monastery in France was destined for disposal until Sr. Felicite found it in her convent attic. When a terrible fire threatened to burn the City of New Orleans in 1812, this statue of Our Lady was placed toward the fire in the convent window and miraculously the wind changed direction and the convent was spared. The second miracle attributed to OLPS was during the Battle of New Orleans when the City was under attack and the American soldiers led by General Andrew Jackson were greatly outnumbered. During a Mass on the morning of January 8, 1815, news arrived that the British had been defeated and the Americans had suffered very few casualties.

The name "Sweetheart" comes from Mother St. Benoit's response to Ursuline students and other devotees who prayed for Our Lady's help. When told of her intercession on their behalf, Mother St. Benoit would respond, "Oh, she's a Sweetheart!"

A National Votive Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Prompt Succor, is situated on the same property as the current convent and Ursuline Academy. It was constructed during the 1920s and consecrated on January 6, 1928. It continues to fulfill the promise made in 1810 by Mother St. Michel to honor the Mother of God under this title. The Shrine serves the faithful in their devotion and in their confidence in God's unconditional love for them and in Our Lady's prompt help.

The Shrine and its mission are the privilege and responsibility of the Ursuline Sisters of the Roman Union, Central Province. The Ursulines and their generous lay collaborators strive to make the Shrine a place of welcome for all whose faith and devotion lead them to seek a place of worship, quiet prayer or pilgrimage. 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

ON CAMPUS RADIO

87.9 FM Listen to Mercy's Daily Masses live

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

1380 AM - WPYR Listen daily at noon and 10:30 am on Sunday for Mercy's Mass live broadcast

Weekend of January 15th & 16th						
4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm	
Fr. Milano	Fr. Minj	Fr. Minj	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	
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L Dawkins C Abshire L McCann N Krzystowczyk J Smith	S Montagnino B Babin T Penouilh P Samrow J Pastorek	Dcn Duplantis M Huber R Huber S Maggio D Maggio	Deacon Grant M Pinell K Toohey Dcn Duplantis J Pinell	Deacon Grant J Frederick J Frederick B Beale C Roberts	S Harrington P Bertrand E Pavlovich F Gwin T DeJohn	
			tors			
G Lalonde A August	J Gardemal A Haywood	L Guttner M Kimble	A Toohey C Lee	E Joffrion C Graves	G Bertrand F Gwin	
Altar Servers						
C Abshire - C M Bowlin C Lee	G Samrow - C	R Huber - C J LeBlanc L LeBlanc	K Toohey - C A Clark P Clark	B Beale - C B Bargas M Collier	S Harrington - C B Harrington G Harrington	
The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at 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 and youtube.com/olombr. The Sunday 10:30 am Holy Mass can be found on WBRZ+; olomchurch.com; and youtube.com/olombr.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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PASTOR	Father Cleo Milano
VICAR	Father Nutan Minj, IMS
PERMANENT DEACON	Deacon Kirk Duplantis
PERMANENT DEACON	Deacon Richard Grant
ADMINISTRATION	Mr. Randy Arabie
PRINCIPAL	Mr. Chris Porche

OFFICE HOURS

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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Communications

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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, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

MONDAY.....1 am, 10 pm, 11 pm

TUESDAY 2 am

WEDNESDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 4 pm

THURSDAY.....

FRIDAY......3 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm

SATURDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 9 am, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

Urgent Needs - Friday 2 pm, Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 1 am

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<u>www.adorationpro.org/olomchurch</u> 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.



