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The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

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# THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26

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

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

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

#### MONDAY FEBRUARY 28

8:00 am .... Daily Mass
12:00 pm .... Daily Mass
6:30 pm .... KC Business Meeting-St. Joseph
7:00 pm .... St. Vincent de Paul-St. Jerome

#### **TUESDAY MARCH 1**

8:30 am ....Rosary Makers-Coffee Shop
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pm ....Daily Mass & Divine Mercy Novena
7:00 pm ....Charismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 2

6:30 am .... Mass & Distribution of Ashes 8:00 am .... Mass & Distribution of Ashes 12:00 pm .... Mass & Distribution of Ashes 6:00 pm .... Mass & Distribution of Ashes

#### **THURSDAY MARCH 3**

8:00 am ....Daily Mass 12:00 pm ....Daily Mass 12:30 pm ....Behind the Veil Church Tour 6:30 pm ....High School Bible Study

#### FRIDAY MARCH 4

7:30 am ....First Friday Devotion
8:00 am ....Daily Mass
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass
5:00 pm ....KC Fish Fry-Parish Activity Center
6:00 pm ....Stations of the Cross

#### Prayer LINE

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

#### **Being Registered MATTERS!**

If you are attending Mass at Mercy regularly, if you have children or grandchildren enrolled at Our Lady of Mercy School, if you are participating in one of our ministries, please take the time to formally register by calling the Church Office and speaking with Ms. Lori Mouton who will be happy to assist you.

#### On The COVER

Double the love for parents Victoria and Hunter Simmons at twins Caroline and Luke's Baptism. The twins' grandparents are Mercy legacy Kevin and Renee Brian and Great Grandparents Dr. Verne and Rose Brian. Photo by MG Miller Photography.

#### Little Black BOOKS

Little black books, a collection of daily Lenten reflections are now available in the church office for \$1 each.

#### Second COLLECTION

Parish Partner - Indian Missionary Society



\$5 per box after 4:00 pm Saturday Mass and 9:00 am, 10:30 am, & 12:00 noon Sunday Masses THIS WEEKEND



#### The Message

The *Message* of Divine Mercy is that God is merciful. He is love itself poured out for us, and He wants no one to escape that merciful love.

The message is that God wants us to turn to Him with trust and repentance while it is still a time of mercy, before he comes as the just Judge. This turning with trust to Him who is Mercy itself is the only source of peace for mankind. Turning to and imploring God's mercy is the answer to the troubled world. There is no escaping that *answer*.

#### The Response of Trust and Conversion

What God most wants of us is to turn to Him with *trust*. And the first act of trust is: *receive* His mercy. To trust God is to rely on Him who is mercy itself. The Lord wants us to live with trust in Him in all circumstances. We trust Him because He is God, and He loves us and cares for us.

His mercy is always available to us, no matter what we have done or what state we are in, even if our sins are as black as night, and we are filled with fears and anxieties.

The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to my mercy (Diary 723).

But there is more we can do. As Catholics, as Christians, we can go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and be reconciled to God and to man. The Lord wants us to live reconciled with Him and one another.

Divine Mercy Novena • Nine Tuesdays through April 19th • following 6:00 pm Mass

# THE MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

# TRUST AND MERCY

#### It's Scriptural

The message of mercy is content and the challenge of Sacred Scripture. In the Hebrew Bible we see a God of mercy who calls His people to be merciful. In the New Testament Jesus exhorts us: *Be merciful even as your Father is merciful* (Lk 6.36 RSV).

He sets the highest goal for us and expects us to obtain His merciful love: *Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy* (Mt 5.7 RSV).

When He comes again, He will judge us on our mercy toward one another: *Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me* (Mt 25.40).

#### **Devotion to the Divine Mercy**

Our Lord not only taught Sr. Faustina the fundamentals of trust, and of mercy to others, but He also revealed special ways to live out the response to His mercy. These we call the *devotion to The Divine Mercy*. The word "devotion" means fulfilling our vows. It is a commitment of our lives to the Lord who is Mercy itself.

By giving our lives to The Divine Mercy - Jesus Christ Himself - we become instruments of His mercy to others, and so we can live out the command of the Lord: *Be merciful even as your Father is merciful* (Lk 6.36 RSV).

Through Sr. Faustina, Our Lord gave us special means of drawing on His mercy; an Image of The Divine Mercy, a Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, a Feast of Mercy, a novena, and prayer at the 3:00 hour - the hour of His death. These special means are in addition to the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation.

#### Called to Action

# PARISH LIFE

#### Behind the Veil

Thursday, March 3rd Following Noon Mass Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Join us for a trip back through the history of Our Lady of Mercy Church to discover the stories and hidden mysteries of our mosaics, statues, stained glass, and artwork. Look behind the veil of the sanctuary, altar, and tabernacle and see things you never knew existed.

\*the hour long tour begins by the baptismal font

For more information, contact: Mr. Fred Gwin fred.gwin@olomchurch.com (225) 926-1883

#### Parish Morning Mission Give Up Worry for Lent by Gary Zimak

Monday, March 21st 10:30 am Parish Activity Center



Join us for coffee, fellowship, and a light lunch as we listen to a powerful presentation by Gary Zimak on his book, *"Give Up Worry for Lent."* 

"Give Up Worry For Lent" combines practical spirituality, daily scripture readings, and simple action steps to help you kick the worry habit as part of your Lenten renewal. You will learn how to let go of the anxietyproducing areas of life in order to find the lasting peace that comes from trusting God.

Register for the event at <u>www.olomchurch.com</u> \*Cost is \$10 per person

For more information, contact: Ms. Lauren DeWitt lauren.dewitt@olomchurch.com



#### St. Vincent de Paul COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS DRIVE-THRU SUPPER PARADE

Friday, March 11th 4:00 - 7:00 pm OLOM Parish Activity Center

Chef John Folse's Sicilian Shrimp & Roasted Tomato Bisque



\$40 per 2-lb bag (serves four, 8-oz servings)

Purchase tickets at svdpbr.org or call (225) 383-7837, ext. 0. No on-site tickets will be sold.



#### Called to Action

## PARISH LIFE

# **MERCY MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ through a retreat experience that begins on a Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. 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 through the pillars of the apostolate: <u>Adoration</u>, <u>Community</u>, <u>Theology</u>, and <u>Service</u>.

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/men from our parish to make this spiritual retreat at The Solomon Retreat Center in Loranger, LA. The cost of the retreat is \$275 per double occupancy room for Mercy parishioners and \$350 for non-parishioners.

Men's Retreat - departs Mercy on Thursday, May 12th and returns for noon Mass at Mercy on Sunday, May, 15th.

# Registration for this retreat is NOW OPEN olomchurch.com

For more information, contact: Ms. Christy Haldane <u>christy.haldane@olomchurch.com</u> (225) 926-1883

# ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd - Day of Fast and Abstinence

6:30 am 8:00 am 12:00 noon

#### 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season, is observed six and one half weeks before Easter. It is a day of fast and abstinence when ashes are blessed and imposed on the foreheads of the faithful to remind us of our obligation to do penance of sins, to seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting, good works and by bearing with patience the trials and difficulties of everyday life. The ashes are used to mark the forehead with the Sign of the Cross, with the reminder: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return."

Ashes will be distributed at the end of each Mass.

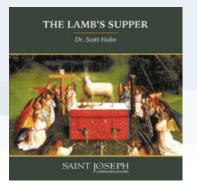
#### Called to Action

# PARISH LIFE

#### **LENTEN SMALL GROUP STUDY** The Lamb's Supper by Dr. Scott Hahn

March 6th - April 13th Various Times and Locations Please check the church website for more details regarding locations and times

Join fellow parishioners this Lent on a guided, small-group study of bestselling author Dr. Scott Hahn's book, *The Lamb's Supper*. Of all things Catholic, there is nothing that is so familiar as the Mass. With its unchanging prayers, the Mass fits Catholics like their favorite clothes. Yet most Catholics sitting in the pews on Sundays fail to



see the powerful supernatural drama that enfolds them. Pope John Paul II described the Mass as "Heaven on Earth," explaining that what "we celebrate on Earth is a mysterious participation in the heavenly liturgy."

Register for the group study at <u>www.olomchurch.com.</u> If you need assistance registering, please visit the Church Office

\*Cost is \$15 per person, includes a copy of The Lamb's Supper

For more information, contact: Ms. Lauren DeWitt lauren.dewitt@olomchurch.com

# **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Pray the Stations of the Cross with us on FRIDAYS during Lent at 6:00 pm starting MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> with our parish and at 9:00 am on WEDNESDAYS starting MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> with our school. The Living Stations of the Cross will be presented for our parish by the OLOM 8th grade class on FRIDAY, APRIL 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

# **KC FISH FRY**

Join us in the PAC for some fun and fellowship at the annual KC Fish Fry! Dinner plates come complete with fish, coleslaw, fries, and bread. \*Cost is \$10 per plate. Dine-in, take out or drive thru; drinks and desserts sold separately.

Friday, March 4	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday, March 11	SVDP Count Your Blessings Supper
Friday, March 18	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday, March 25	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday, April 1	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday, April 8	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



#### Called to Prayer

# IN REMEMBRANCE

#### Mass Intentions MARCH 5, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Robert K. Gunther 4:00 pm ..... Donaldson, Giannoble, Danna, Ruhl, Calandro, West, Wintz, Cox, Wilcox & Molina Families / Ginger White / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Alex Spano / Jacqueline Labat / Arbour, Fisher, McHardy, Mouch & Talbot Families / T. Andre, Lucille Andre & Michael J. Bourgeois / Ellie Sances / Bill Auten / Louis S Prejean, Jr. / Conner Cronin / Paul G. Werling / Sunny Bourgeois / Anna Chuc Ngo / Eva Hebert / Margaret R. Bologna / Grey Hammett / William Moldthan / Shirley Zito / Deceased members of Bourgeois, Gautreau, Politz, & Territa families / Barry Seller / Margaret (Peggy) Nelson Werner / Milicent Kopfinger / Francis Xavier Le / Clyde Simon / **SPECIAL INTENTION**: Donnie Troxclair

#### MARCH 6, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... John Brown, Sr. / Sherry & Dwayne Gautreaux / Margaret Bologna 9:00 am..... Roy Jones / Chuc Ngo / Thad Bourque / Aimee Planchard & Mary Rose Planchard / Marie Tullier 10:30 am... Leon & Eloise Braud / Wayne & Joy Toups / Harold Barlow, Jr. / Brenda Fremin / Steve Martin / Jean Giurintano

12:00 pm... Edwin A. Graves / Ashley Atkinson / Tommy Barfield / Mr. & Mrs. D.R. Barfield / Father Daniel Barfield, S.J. / Charles Bertrand / SPECIAL INTENTION: Brian & Ashley Donaldson & Family
6:00 pm.... Jean Gwin / Betsy Guglielmo / Melba C.

Mills / Michael DiVincenti / Shirley Zito

#### MARCH 7, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Matthew Todd Kleinpeter 12:00 pm... Michael Fakouri

#### MARCH 8, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Eduardo Brito Mieles 6:00 pm.... Debbie Gwin / Jean Gwin / Charles "Snow" Foster / Francis C. Pellegrin & Verline Pellegrin, Kenny Pellegrin / Ray Jones / Bruce Hilbrecht / Tyler Craig, Betty & Gene Craig / George Mervin Simon, Rose Simon & Danny Simon / Selden & Grace Tibbetts / Shirley & Joseph Zito / Daniel & Percival LeBlanc / John & Madge Cardone / Eusebe & Martha Gillis / Aimee Planchard / Kristy McCall Rivers / Barbara Vignes / Wayne Hirschey / June Moldthan / Anna Chuc Ngo / Jane Constantino / Barry Sellers / Margaret (Peggy) Werner / Carmen Chustz / Barry Sellers / Bill Moldthan / Messina and Rosso Families / **SPECIAL INTENTION**: Donnie Troxclair

#### MARCH 9, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Sandy J. Roppolo 12:00 pm... Mineo, Delage, Comeaux, Oats & Eckler Families

#### MARCH 10, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Theresa & Nelvin Fontenot 12:00 pm... Laurent Jean Troxclair

#### MARCH 11, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Michael Carter Percy 12:00 pm... Philo Landry / Al Arceneaux / Jo Ann Landry / Jill Barfield Hamilton / Louis S. Prejean, Jr. / Jean Perry and Martha Michael / Cammie Moreno Shaddock / Anna Chuc Ngo / Louis G. Smith / William Ledet / Conception Bencomo/ Victor Edwin Vignes / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Margaret R. Bologna / Grey Hammett / William Moldthan / Shirley Zito / Margaret Werner / Coreen Boudreaux / Louis Barcelona / Graphia & Levatino Family / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**: Libby Campagna / Lato-Hargroder Family / Donnie Troxclair

#### Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

#### Wayne Paul Hirschey

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

#### In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Paul Catalanatto
- Nickie Dimaio
- Stephanie Gettys
- Larry Steptoe
- Ursula Carmena
- Barbara Dixon
- Theresa Clement

#### Called to Prayer

# **PARISH LIFE**

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

- MONDAY......1 am, 2 am, 10 am, 10 pm, 11 pm
- TUESDAY.....2 am, 12 pm
- WEDNESDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 4 pm
  - THURSDAY ...... 2 am

FRIDAY......1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 7 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm

SATURDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, 3 pm, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm, 10 pm

Urgent Needs - Monday 11 pm and Friday 2 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 <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.

MERCY PRAYS					
Layne Arceneaux	Julie Hannie				
Patricia Bonnette	Warren Knecht				
Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr.	Sid Lawton				
Marie Capone	Deacon Fallon Lorenz				
Francisco Castellanos	Jason Martin				
Darryl Cazes	Kevin Minor				
Suzanne Chaudoir	Luke Mumfrey				
Sonya Bueche Chauvin	Tom Nolan				
Marjorie Collins	Colleen Peak				
Joseph & Rita Corsentino	Bessie Pizzalato				
Gordon Craig	Pauline Rushing				
Randy Craig	Ann Thibodeaux				
Pete Crifasi	Jim Thompson				
Jack Crittenden	Bart Tullier				
Donald Dawson	Dana Vidrine				
Nicholas Foster	Kim Whitehead				
Carl Gonzales	Karen & Wayne Watson				



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 March 5th & 6th								
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			
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L McCann M Downing L Dawkins C Abshire C Formeller	A Wilson B Babin T Penouilh J Pastorek E White		Deacon Grant J Smith T Grant Dcn Duplantis M Taylor	Dcn Duplantis M Roussel T DeJohn K Kimble M Kimble	E Pavlovich C Steele K Walker F Gwin S Jones			
A August G Lalonde	A Haywood S Darensbourg	M Kimble C Ransome	B Billeaudeau C Billeaudeau	A Meche S Love	S Cunningham E Pavlovich			
Altar Servers								
M Bowlin A Scioneaux		W Vincent L Willmann	C Billeaudeau L Scholl	C Meche J Roussel	M Billeauc S Rebaldo			
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.

# THIS YEAR FOR LENT, OUR PARISH IS ADOPTING -THE WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CLINIC



Woman's New Life Clinic's mission is to promote the sanctity of life, the dignity of women, and the sacredness of sexuality through medical and mental health services. The Clinic is empowering women to choose life.

Since their start in 2001, they've saved over 2,553 lives from abortion. WNLC offers free professional counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and case management to women in unplanned pregnancies. They also offer professional post-abortion counseling, pregnancy loss counseling, ALL FREE OF CHARGE.

In addition to these services for women in unplanned pregnancies, Woman's New Life Clinic has launched new programs, allowing them to compete with Planned Parenthood, such as family planning instruction. Woman's New Life Clinic operates strictly through private donations from people like you. Donating to Woman's New Life Clinic is something tangible that each and every one of us can do in the fight for life.

We are challenging each family in our parish to donate \$20 or more to this life-saving campaign. Though you may not be able to be on the front-lines of this battle, your participation enables their staff to be there, because without YOU, Woman's New Life Clinic cannot exist. The staff at Woman's New Life Clinic pray fervently for their donors and clients. Please pray for them as well.

Envelopes will remain in church throughout Lent for your convenience in supporting this important cause. The clinic is located within our parish boundaries at:

760 Colonial Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 663-6470 www.womansnewlife.com

Envelopes are available in the Church to place your offering in support of Pro-Life.



