



When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY MARCH 5

7:25 amFirst Saturday Devotion 8:00 amDaily Mass 3:00-3:45 pmConfessions 4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY MARCH 6

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

MONDAY MARCH 7

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

TUESDAY MARCH 8

8:30 amRosary Makers-Coffee Shop
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pmDaily Mass & Divine Mercy Novena
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY MARCH 9

8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass 6:00 pmFirst Reconciliation

THURSDAY MARCH 10

8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass 6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study

FRIDAY MARCH 11

8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass 5:00 pmSVDP Count Your Blessings Supper 6:00 pmStations 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>

Fr. Nutan's 25th Anniversary Celebration SAVE THE DATE

25th Anniversary

FR. NUTAN MINJ, IMS

SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH 10:30 AM HOLY MASS OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 - Magnifying the FAITHFUL

Natalie Pugh, Anna Price, Charlene Mealer, Lane McKnight, Emily Parks, Laura Cedor, Amanda Williams, Jamie Lewis, and Morgan LeBlanc Lit up the Night under the beautiful Mercy oaks at the Mercy Auction on February 18th.

Second COLLECTION

Parish Maintenance Fund

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.

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 christy.haldane@olomchurch.com (225) 926-1883

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Since 1962, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Our Lady of Mercy has been a vital resource in helping the poorest of our neighbors in Mid-Clty. If you are interested in finding out how you can get involved, please contact Mr. Sean Matassa seanmatassa@gmail.com.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society prepared and distributed 80 Christmas baskets during the holiday season. These baskets were made possible by many hard working volunteers at Mercy as well as the non-perishable donations collected on the altar during the advent season. Each basket assembled included one box of various non-perishable food items, chicken breasts, assorted fresh fruit, and a Christmas card with a personal message to each recipient. The Ash Wednesday collection will go to serve the neediest of our community.

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 anxiety-producing areas of life in order to find the lasting peace that comes from trusting God.

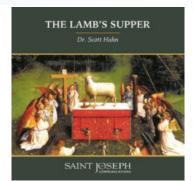
Register for the event at www.olomchurch.com *Cost is \$10 per person

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

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

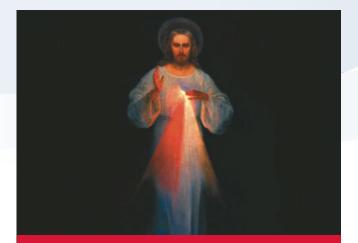
see the powerful supernatural drama that enfolds them. Pope John Paul II described the Mass as "Heaven on Earth," explaining that what "we celebrate on Earth is a mysterious participation in the heavenly liturgy."

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

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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM THROUGH APRIL 19

Join us as our parish family prays our Lenten Devotion together in the Sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena on Tuesdays following 6:00 pm Mass. 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.





Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

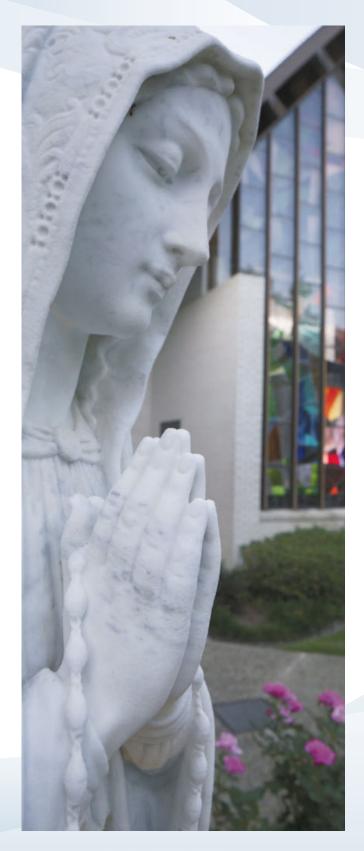
In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words - and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Called to Pray

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 \$5800 for a small niche and \$8500 for larger niches.

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

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions MARCH 12, SATURDAY

8:00 am Byron Smith 4:00 pm Plauche & Dufour Families / Elam, Mason, Meisner, Flaspoller & Chauvet Families / Bonnie Jewell / Ronnie Terito & Virginia Terito / Ellie Sances / Ruthie Ann Bullock / William Auten / Nancy Valluzzo / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / Angelina Oufnac / Louis McHardy / Ruby Seneca / Paul G. Werling / Barbara Vignes / Wayne Hirschey / Anna Chuc Ngo / Mr. and Mrs. Horace Canon and Family / Shirley Zito / Jane Constantino / Barry Sellers / Margaret (Peggy) Nelson Werner / Dan Suire / Donnie Troxclair / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**: Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren of the Charles Valluzzo Family

MARCH 13, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano

9:00 am..... Katelyn Marie Schiro / Deacon & Mrs. Gene Bradley / Clara Newton / Jessica Little / Gwen Jacobson 10:30 am... Mike Little / Maurice Brown / Brenda Fremin / Vito Impastato / Jeremy Klimavicz / Preston Pellegrin

12:00 pm... Thomas & Deumite Families / Betsy Guglielmo / Byron Smith / Wayne Hirschey / Jimmy and Anita Maurello

6:00 pm June Moldthan / Shirley Zito / Bill Moldthan / SPECIAL INTENTION: Michael DiVincenti

MARCH 14, MONDAY

8:00 am Betsy Guglielmo 12:00 pm... Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Nolan

MARCH 15, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Mr. and Mrs. Vignes

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 / John & Madge Cardone / Eusebe & Martha Gillis / Wayne Hirschey / Anna Chuc Ngo / Melba C. Mills / Eva Hebert / William Moldthan / Jane Constantino / Barry Sellers / Donnie Troxclair

MARCH 16, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Louis D'Angelo 12:00 pm... Louis S. Prejean, Jr.

MARCH 17, THURSDAY

8:00 am Frank Panepinto 12:00 pm... L.M. Coleman Family

MARCH 18, FRIDAY

8:00 am O. J. Lasseigne 12:00 pm... Barbay & Lato Families / Casey, Bishop, Landry & Hebert Families / George A. Kadair, Sr. / Vito Impastato / Jo Ann Landry / Anna Chuc Ngo / Barbara Vignes / Shirley Zito / Leon Poche / Margaret Bologna / Carmen Chustz / Aaron Roy / Milicent Kopfinger / Dominic & Rose Graphia

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Al Arceneaux

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

Tommy Simmons

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Alyce Thomas Monsour
- Cookie Durand
- Mary Lynn Rainach
- Paul Catalanatto
- Nickie Dimaio
- Stephanie Gettys

MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux Patricia Bonnette Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr. Marie Capone Francisco Castellanos Darryl Cazes Suzanne Chaudoir Sonya Bueche Chauvin Marjorie Collins Joseph & Rita Corsentino Gordon Craig Randy Craig Pete Crifasi Jack Crittenden Donald Dawson Nicholas Foster Carl Gonzales

Julie Hannie Warren Knecht Sid Lawton Deacon Fallon Lorenz Jason Martin **Kevin Minor** Luke Mumfrey Tom Nolan Colleen Peak **Bessie Pizzalato Pauline Rushing** Ann Thibodeaux Jim Thompson Bart Tullier Dana Vidrine Kim Whitehead Karen & Wayne Watson

PARISH LIFE

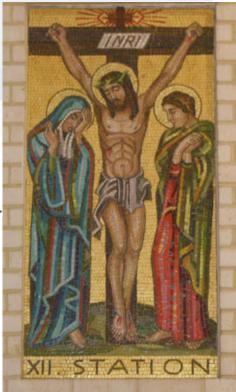
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



Safe Haven Sunday - Equipping the Family: Safeguarding Children March 12th & 13th

The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role, and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world.



Next weekend, March 12th & 13th, Our Lady of Mercy is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks.

Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event.

To learn more, please visit <u>cleanheart.online</u>.

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 12th & 13th							
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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D Lockwood M Cullen L D'Armond J Schiro C Duvielih	E White P Samrow B Babin A Wilson A Haywood		Dcn Duplantis K Sweeney J Pinell Deacon Grant M Pinell	Deacon Grant S Carville J Frederick J Frederick C Roberts	D Smith G Tibbetts G Bertrand M Roussel S Jones		
C Giffin N Krzystowczyk	J Pastorek J Gardemal	H Landry E Joffrion	C Kline E Kline	G Anderson C Graves	C Schutte S Cunningham		
Altar Servers							
R Guillot J Hernandez		L Scholl C Talbert	J Daggett A Osborne	B Bargas M Collier	S Rebaldo J Sims		
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.



