



MERCY ALIVE

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All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY JANUARY 14

8:00 amDaily Mass
4:00 pm.....Vigil Mass

SUNDAY JANUARY 15

7:00 am.....Mass
9:00 amMass
10:30 am.....Mass
12:00 pm.....Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass
7:00 pmHigh School Youth Group

MONDAY JANUARY 16

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:00 pmRCIA-St. Ann
7:00 pmSVDP Meeting-St. Jerome

TUESDAY JANUARY 17

8:30 amRosary Makers-Coffee Shop
9:00 amCalled By Faith-PAC
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pmDaily Mass & Novena
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18

8:00 amDaily Mass
11:30 amCourageous Women-St. Jerome
12:00 pmDaily Mass
7:00 pmChoir Practice-Choir Room

THURSDAY JANUARY 19

6:00 amTMIY-St. Joseph & Mary Our Mother Rm
8:00 am.....Daily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study-JPII House

FRIDAY JANUARY 20

8:00 amDaily Mass
9:00 amSchool Liturgy
12:00 pmDaily Mass

Campus Radio Update

Please note that our on-campus radio for the parking lot church is awaiting the arrival of a new part replacement. Please pardon the interruption.

On the Cover

Sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, Ann Malloy Kimble celebrates her complete initiation into the Catholic Church as she receives the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pictured with her is her sponsor, faithful Mercy parishioner, Mitch Kimble. Confirmation will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy on January, 26, 2023

Mercy Auction LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Our 2023 Auction tickets are now available on the church website (olomchurch.com). At this time, you can purchase tickets or become a sponsor. We can't wait to celebrate with you in 2023!

Be sure to follow the Mercy Auction on Instagram (@mercyfundraising) to see all of the items available for bid!



Prayer Line

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



FULFILLING A MISSION

HELPING STUDENTS AT REDEMPTORIST ST. GERARD SCHOOL

The children of St Gerard desperately need after school tutoring and mentoring Monday through Thursday for just a couple of hours a day. There are usually 15 - 25 kids staying after school hours for tutoring but the school is understaffed to handle their scholastic needs. The Mercy ACTS Core Team is prayerfully asking you to form groups of twelve men and women to meet at the PAC at 2 pm to caravan/carpool to St Gerard to provide support to these children and their teachers. The after- school program ends at 4:30 pm and we will return to the PAC before 5:00 pm.

These children have a real hunger and passion to further their education and spirituality at St Gerard. The gift of your presence to help guide these children in basic learning, life lessons and good moral behavior will leave an indelible mark on these kids that may not have the structure at home to give them this much needed mentorship and guidance in their formidable years. We believe, this mission, will provide us the gift of seeing these children of God flourish as we nurture them with support, love and compassion.

Our hope is that we can find it in our hearts to reach beyond our comfort zone, reach beyond 445 Marquette Avenue to help those in real need in our Baton Rouge community. The "ask" is to dedicate a day of the week for just 2 hours to be present in their lives. Please contact Cindy Thibodeaux at the church office or simply organize a group and sign-up for an afternoon from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm. We are hoping to assemble groups of 12 men and women for each day of the week (M/T/W or TH).

"And this is what I bring before you - to love one another until it hurts. But don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

- Mother Teresa in 1979 during her Nobel Peace prize speech

For more information, contact:

Ms. Cindy Thibodeaux
(225) 355-2553

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THAT MAN IS YOU

 OUR LADY of MERCY

Thursday Mornings at
Our Lady of Mercy PAC

New Year - New Semester starting Thursday January 19

- 6:00am Coffee
- 6:30am Presentation
- 7:00am Small Group
- 7:30am Closing Prayer

More information on our Church website

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.



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 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, April 13th and returns for noon Mass at Mercy on Sunday, April 16th.

Registration for this retreat opens January 23rd - olomchurch.com

For more information, contact:

Deacon Kirk Duplantis

kirk.duplantis@olomchurch.com

(225) 926-1883

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REST IN PEACE POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

O God, from whom the just receive an unfailing reward, grant that your servant, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, whom you made vicar of Christ and successor to the Apostle, Peter, may rejoice forever in the vision of your glory. He was a faithful steward here on earth of the mysteries of your forgiveness and grace. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

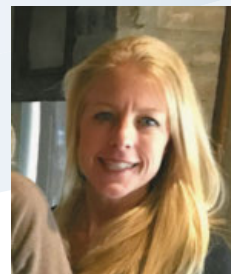
Amen



MAGNIFICAT

Saturday, February 11th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Oak Lodge Reception Center

Join Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, for a Prayer Breakfast featuring speaker, Mrs. Frankie DeMelo.



Frankie was raised in Louisiana and graduated from St. Bonaventure University in NY with a bachelors degree in Fine Arts. After moving back home, she started a career in art, teaching, and selling art. She and husband Jason married in 2006 and have welcomed 7 children. Jason and Frankie are "raising an army for God" and are committed to enabling their tribe to be "world changers, life shakers, sorrow takers, and joy makers" in Jesus' name!

Registration -
<https://brmagfeb2023.eventbrite.com/>

For more information, contact:

Ms. Gwen Gillis
johngg224@gmail.com

BLESSING OF THE THROATS FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The feast day of Saint Blaise is February 3rd and one that is annually celebrated here at Our Lady of Mercy with the "BLESSING OF THE THROATS." But who is Saint Blaise and why is he associated with the blessing of the throat?

St. Blaise was born in Armenia in the 3rd century. He was a physician and bishop and his devotion to the church and his virtuous duty to Christian values earned him acclaim among the clergy. Blaise lived during a time of cruel persecution. He was imprisoned and while there, jailers permitted him to receive visitors who were sick that requested his intercession. Many were cured. One story indicates that a mother's son was choking from a fish bone lodged in his throat. Once Blaise prayed over him, the bone was dislodged and the boy was healed. He is thus patron saint of all diseases of the throat.



Throats will be blessed at Our Lady of Mercy on Friday, February 3rd following the 8:00 am and 12:00 noon Daily Masses.

St. Blaise, pray for us!

PARISH LIFE

DATE NIGHT WITH YOUR SPOUSE

Supper & Substance

Saturday, February 4th

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Parish Activity Center

Join us for a special evening designed for married couples to be enriched and strengthened in their vocation of marriage. This is a wonderful opportunity for spouses to meet with other couples in our parish, enjoy a delicious dinner, and listen to an inspiring presentation by Mercy's own Mrs. Lauren DeWitt who is married to Dr. Aaron DeWitt and together have 3 beautiful children. Register for the event at www.olomchurch.com



For more information, contact:

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wine: Catholic Women's Conference

Anchor of Hope

Saturday, January 28
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
445 Marquette Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

SPEAKERS:

Kitty Cleveland

Leah Jacobson

Martha Fernandez-Sardina

Erin Franco

Hope: An Anchor for the Soul.

Ignite Your Spirit! Join women from around the Diocese of Baton Rouge for a day of inspiration, faith, fellowship & fun. The cost is \$65 for early registration and \$85 after December 28, 2022. \$25 for Religious Sisters or Consecrated.

INCLUDES:

- Adoration
- Confession
- Prayer teams
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Mass at 8 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Michael Duca

EMCEE:
Alyssa Bormes

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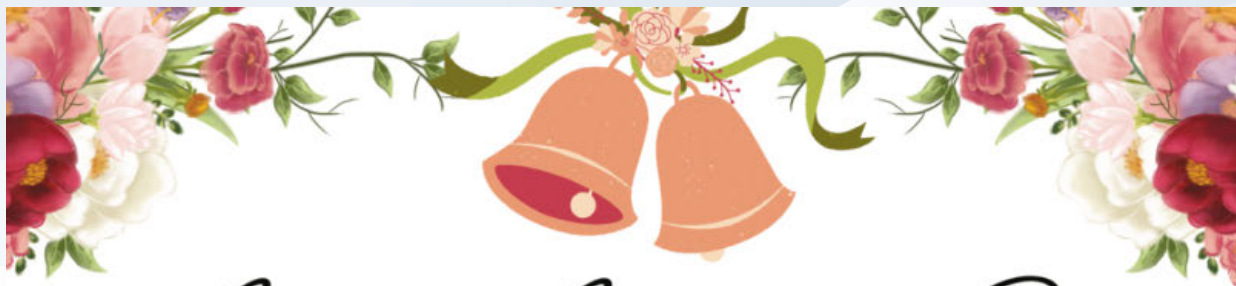
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Mercy Marriage Day

In recognition of World Marriage Day, we are celebrating milestones in marriage. If you celebrated 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 or more years in 2022 or 2023, join us on February 12 for Mass at Noon, followed by a celebration in the PAC. Please register by scanning the code below or call the church office.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

JANUARY 21, SATURDAY

8:00 am **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Terry Messenger Family
4:00 pm Patrick O'Connell / Ellie Sances / Aimee Planchard / Mary Rose Planchard / Clyde and Violet David / Francis Xavier Le / Josie and Robert Ruffino / Bill Auten / Nancy Valluzzo / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / Myles & Adele Morrison / For the Poor Souls in Purgatory / Raphael Juneau / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Charlie Valluzzo / Rissler-Trent Families

JANUARY 22, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano
9:00 am..... Byron Smith and the Chauvin Family / Sylvia Shore / Angelina Lombardo Oufnac and Herman A. Oufnac
10:30 am... Gary Alford / John, Josie and Michael Milazzo / Vito Impastato / Brenda Fremin / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Joann Impastato
12:00 pm... Ron Truxillo / Angelina Lombardo Oufnac and Herman A Oufnac
6:00 pm **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Taylor Messenger Family

JANUARY 23, MONDAY

8:00 am Josie and Robert Ruffino / OJ Lasseigne
12:00 pm... John Graves

JANUARY 24, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Richard Ellis / Francis Miriam Spohrer Rea
6:00 pm George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon and Danny Simon, Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Francis Xavier Le / Josie and Robert Ruffino / Louis King

JANUARY 25, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Jack and Sue Brooks
12:00 pm... Comeaux, Eckler, DeLage, Mineo and Day Families

JANUARY 26, THURSDAY

8:00 am Thelma Boeckelman
12:00 pm... Ron Truxillo

JANUARY 27, FRIDAY

8:00 am Bobby Roshto
12:00 pm... Bruce Hilbrecht / Bayus and Gubancsik Families / George A. Kadair, Sr. / Aimee Planchard / Francis Xavier Le / Vito Impastato / Charles Hardison / Sheila Murphy / Mike Sparks / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Maria Silvio Maranto / Michael Smith / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Joann Impastato / Allen St. Pierre

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Shirley & Joseph Zito

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

Alex Spano

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**
- **Donald Dawson**
- **Kevin Minor**
- **Patricia Davidson**
- **Deacon Guy Decker**
- **Audrey Glaser Browning**
- **Kristin Elizabeth Schwartz**

MERCY PRAYS

Barney Mark Altazan	Warren Knecht
Layne Arceneaux	Sid Lawton
Patricia Bonnette	Jason Martin
Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr.	Steve Michel
Paul Burton	Kevin Minor
Francisco Castellanos	Luke Mumfrey
Darryl Cazes	Paul O'Kelly
Suzanne Chaudoir	Anthony & Bessie Pizzolato
Sonya Bueche Chauvin	Sonny & Mary Politz
Joseph & Rita Corsentino	Margarita Santos
Gordon Craig	Ann Soike
Randy Craig	Ann Thibodeaux
Pete Crifasi	Jim Thompson
Jack Crittenden	Bart Tullier
Nicholas Foster	Dana Vidrine
Julie Hannie	Karen & Wayne Watson
Neal Lorio	Diane Whaley

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: 9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)

PRE-SCHOOL

BIBLE CLASS: 9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)

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Weekend of January 21st & 22nd

4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel
Extraordinary Ministers					
L D'Armond J Schiro L Dawkins M Downing R Brian	A Haywood A Wilson P Samrow T Penouilh J Pastorek	Deacon Grant L Carter A Haldane D Deshotels P Tullier	Deacon Grant A Dalmau B Rigby Deacon Duplantis R Cooney	Deacon Duplantis A Nodier M Nodier J Frederick J Frederick	E Pavlovich C Steele M Roussel T DeJohn K Walker
Lectors					
G Lalonde C Ransome	S Darensbourg B Babin E White	Children's Liturgy	C Kline E Kline	A Meche S Love	S Cunningham C Schutte
Altar Servers					
M Arias (C) H Schiro E Schiro	G Samrow (C)	D Deshotels (C) L Laville C Talbert	R Cooney (C) A Dalmau A Nguyen	M Nodier (C) J LeBlanc L LeBlanc	K Walker (C) 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.

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VICAR.....Father Charbel Jamhoury
PERMANENT DEACON.....Deacon Kirk Duplantis
PERMANENT DEACON.....Deacon Richard Grant
ADMINISTRATION.....Mr. Randy Arabie
PRINCIPAL.....Ms. Allyson LaBorde

OFFICE HOURS

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

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

Parish Activity Center

444 Marquette Avenue
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Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

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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.....

MONDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 11 pm

TUESDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 1 pm

WEDNESDAY.....1 am, 3 am

THURSDAY.....9 am

FRIDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 5 am, 12 pm, 4 pm, 11 pm

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

Urgent Needs - Wednesday 2 pm, Thursday 11 pm,
Saturday 11 am, 4 pm, Sunday 10 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 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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