



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 FEBRUARY 25

8:00 amDaily Mass 3:00-3:45 pmConfessions 4:00 pm.....Vigil Mass

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 27

8:00 am Daily Mass 12:00 pm Daily Mass 6:00 pm KC Business Mtg -St. Joseph 7:00 pm Lenten Mission-Church 7:00 pm SVDP Meeting-St. Jerome

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28

8:30 am.....Rosary Makers-Coffee Shop
9:00 amCalled By Faith-PAC
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pmDaily Mass & Divine Novena
7:00 pmLenten Mission-Church
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer

WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

8:00 am Daily Mass 9:00 am Way of the Cross (School) 11:30 am Courageous Women-*St. Jerome* 12:00 pm Daily Mass 7:00 pm Choir Practice-*Choir Room*

THURSDAY MARCH 2

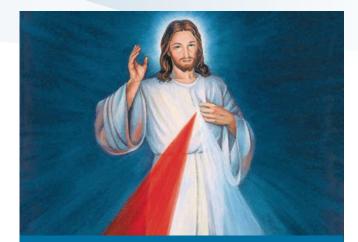
6:00 am TMIY-*St. Joseph & Mary Our Mother Rm* 8:00 am.....Daily Mass 9:00 am Moms & Tots-*Nursery* 12:00 pmDaily Mass 6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study-JPII House

FRIDAY MARCH 3

7:30 amFirst Friday Devotion
8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
4:00 pmCount Your Blessings Soup Parade
6:00 pmStations of the Cross

On the Cover

Faithful Mercy parishioners, John and Alice Lowery, celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary at the special Anniversary Couple's Mass and Reception.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM THROUGH APRIL 11th

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.

Little Black BOOKS

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

Second COLLECTION

Black & Indian Mission

Prayer Line

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



A BLESSED WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes to all of our Mercy couples who celebrated milestone years of holy matrimony!

25 years

Leah & Darren Couvillion Tia & Fritz Embaugh Martha & Tim Roussel Susan & Glynn Pellegrin Blair & Jim Purgerson Angie & B.J. Meche Anglyn & Jesse Brown Lisa & Mark Cloutier Aimee & Tony Turner

30 years

Marta & Paul Lanier Angel & Andy Nyman Debi & Paul Russell Loan & Chris Vo Mary & Dr. Charles Belleau

35 years

Debra & Bill Lockwood Paula & Mark Moreau Renee & Patrick Tullier

40 years

Joan & Scott Love Patty & Gary Bertrand Kathy & Louis Tonore Jean Anne & Michael Songy

45 years Patricia & Joel Walker

50 years Antonia & Guillermo Acosta Linda & Tim Daigle Rita & John Barry Babin Carolyn & David Coleman Kathy & Doug Stafford Donna & Daryl Gaudin

51 years Patricia & Elnathan Hatheway Debbie and Steve Maggio

55 years

Dee & Ron Richard Tina & Bert Faulk Dyra & C J Hughes Renee & David Donaldson Kathleen & Charles Gendusa

57 years Kay & Thurman Morgan

59 years Connie & Ted Hicks Ann & Sal Martrain

60 years Beatrice & Malcolm Theriot Marie & Ted Donaldson Frances & Michael Dugas Carroll & William (Bill) Benedetto

61 years Betty & Pete Rigby Margaret & Jerry Roberts

64 years Jennie & Barrett Murphy John & Alice Lowery

65 years Dixie & Joseph Ray Guitreau Margaret & Edward Barron

67 years Anne & Sam Bergeron Mary & Ronald Bourgeois

68 years Patricia & Hallie Delage

70 years Rita A. & Joseph R. Corsentino

ENTEN MISSION

The Calming of the Storm

with Deacon Michael Parker

This Lent, turn your hearts toward Christ and experience repentance through the eyes of Mercy Himself.

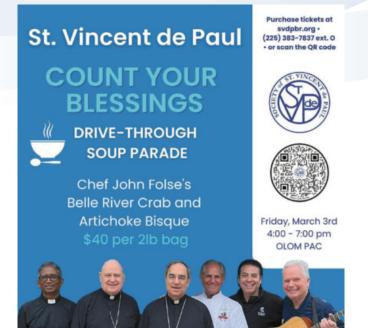
DAY	TIME	LOCATION
FEB 27, 28, Mar 1	7PM	Our Lady of Mercy Church

OUR LADY of MERCY

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

SVDP COUNT YOUR **BLESSINGS SOUP PARADE**



DOMESTIC CHURCH MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT



Upcoming Retreats relaxing and revitalizing weekend to spend time together with no

March 9-12, 2023 Maryhill Retreat Center Pineville, LA

March 16-19, 2023 Lumen Christi Retreat Center Schriever, LA

Would you and your spouse enjoy a distractions?

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

Check out Domestic Church, a movement influenced by Saint John Paul II for Sacramentally married couples that is growing in our nation and diocese!

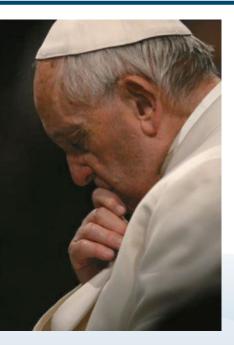
Questions!

Jill and Casey Fruge, Diocesan Coordinators domesticchurchbr@gmail.com or 337-780-9148 WWW.DOMESTICCHURCHFAMILIES.COM

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.



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PARISH LIFE

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Our Lady of Mercy is pleased to share the return of a St. Joseph Altar on Sunday, March 19th to honor the Feast of St. Joseph. This long-standing Italian tradition is one that shows gratitude to St. Joseph for relief of the people in Sicily after a terrible famine overtook the island. After paying honor to St. Joseph, the Sicilians distributed the food to the less fortunate.

After many centuries, the St. Joseph Altar still serves as a reminder that those who have enjoyed some measure of good fortune must share it with those who have less.

We invite you to join us in the preparation, education and viewing of the St. Joseph Altar at Our Lady of Mercy. If you are interested in helping with altar preparations, we invite you to email <u>olomaltar@gmail.com</u>.



Donations for Our Lady of Mercy's St. Joseph Altar are kindly accepted through the envelopes located on the envelope rack.

THE HISTORY OF THE ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The tradition of making St. Joseph Altars dates back to the twelfth century. It is believed that the tradition began in Sicily during a great famine that was caused by an extreme drought. The Sicilians began seeking the intercession of their patron saint, St. Joseph, to end the drought and bring much needed rains to Sicily. In return for St. Joseph's intercession, the Sicilians vowed to honor St. Joseph by making altars dedicated to promise, petition, and thanksgiving. They promised to honor St. Joseph each year on his feast day, March 19th, and seek his intercession in times of need through placing their petitions on the altars. Through the altars, the Sicilians paid homage to St. Joseph by giving him thanks for the many blessings they had received through his intercession.

Please join us on March 19th for our first OLOM parish St. Joseph altar. If you are interested in helping with the altar, please reach out by email to <u>olomaltar@gmail.com</u>.

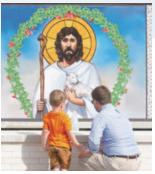


PARISH LIFE

FINAL RESTING PLACE IN SACREDNESS, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT

As you plan for your family's future needs, consider the option of cremation and burial at the Garden of Peace Memorial Columbarium. 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. We would love to discuss the Columbarium with you on the phone or in person. Schedule your appointment today!

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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Pray the Stations of the Cross with us on Fridays during Lent

Friday, February 24th Friday, March 3rd Friday, March 10th Friday, March 17th Friday, March 24th

6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm

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KC FISH FRY

Join us for in the PAC for some fun and fellowship at the annual KC Fish Fry! Dinner plates come complete with fish, coleslaw, fries, and bread. Dine-in, take out or drive thru; drinks and dessert sold separately.



Friday, Mar 24th Friday, Mar 31st

5:00 - 7:00 pm

8TH GRADE PRESENTATION OF THE LIVING STATIONS

Friday, March 31st 6:00 pm

BATON ROUGE, LA 7

Called to Prayer

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions MARCH 4, SATURDAY

8:00 am Mary Henry McCloskey 4:00 pm John Milton Fruge, Todd Fruge and Moreau Family / Alex Spano / Plauche, Dufour & Whitfield Families / Ellie Sances / Mary Rose Planchard / Aimee Planchard / Peggy Rylee / Thomas Hannie, Sr. / Clyde and Violet David / Francis Xavier Le / Bill Elam / Brenda Fremin / Josie and Robert Ruffino / Bill Auten / Nancy Valluzzo / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / Myles & Adele Morrison / For the Pour Souls in Purgatory / Judy McGuire / Jose Matarrita / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Eileen Guidry / Peggy Werner / Tim Lamonica / Jill Barfield Hamilton, Tommy Barfield and Family / Marie Arais / **SPECIAL INTENTION**: Charlie Valluzzo / Shannon Cormier and Family / The McCormick Family

MARCH 5, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Robert K. Gunther / Frankie Atkinson / Kenny Buzbee 9:00 am..... Roy Jones / Bruce and Eva Soileau / Thad Bourque / Pattie Strong / Matthew Scott Littlefield 10:30 am... Maureen Sweeney / Vito Impastato / Donald Dawson / Erle Angeline Stadnicki / Eddie Roos / SPECIAL INTENTION: Joann Impastato 12:00 pm... Ron Truxillo / Carmen Palmer / SPECIAL INTENTION: Brian & Ashley Donaldson Family 6:00 pm Margaret Graves / Yola Huckaby

MARCH 6, MONDAY

8:00 am Jean Gwin 12:00 pm... Helen Rivet / SPECIAL INTENTION: Jo Ourso

MARCH 7, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Michael Fakouri 6:00 pm.... Gwin Family / Tyler Craig, Betty and Gene Craig / Shirley and Joseph Zito / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon and Danny Simon, Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Bruce Hilbrecht / Joseph and Lydia Landry / Mary Rose Planchard / Aimee Planchard / Peggy Rylee / Francis C. Pellegrin / Verline C. Pellegrin / Ray Jones / Ken F. Pellegrin / John and Madge Cardone / Eusebe and Martha Gillis / Francis Xavier Le / Debbie Gwin / Nancy Valluzzo / Josie and Robert Ruffino / Bill Auten / Bill & Carol Levene / Tyler Clay Die / Agnes Hoang, Ann Hoang & Therese Marie Hoang / Yola Huckaby / Bennie Buzbee / All Souls in Purgatory / **SPECIAL INTENTION**: Charlie Valluzzo / Stephen Carmena / The McCormick Family / All Priest

MARCH 8, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Bobby Roshto 12:00 pm... Michael McDonald / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Lewis and Coyle Families

MARCH 9, THURSDAY

8:00 am Theresa and Nelvin Fontenot 12:00 pm... Sandy Roppolo / Thuc Ngo

MARCH 10, FRIDAY

8:00 am Francis Xavier Le / Jeremy Klimavicz 12:00 pm... Sonny and Bitsy Adams / Sister Rita Lanie / Jack and Sue Brooks / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Susan Atkinson / Christine Timpa / Pat Kneipp / Mary Theresa Langfeldt / Karin Herrin / Gregory Christian Barfield / Marie Wageman / For the Poor Souls in Purgatory / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**: The McCormick Family

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Paul Catalanatto

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

Special Intention: Jonathon Schaffer

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Gregory L. Kadair, Sr
- Lowry Griffon
- George Balhoff
- Ruth Nathanson
- Lee Hargroder
- Fr. Kenny Laird
- Mary Louise Font
- Victor Gastinel

Called to	Wors	hip
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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)

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 4th and 5th								
4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm			
Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel			
Extraordinary Ministers								
J Stalls D Lockwood C Duvieilh A August L Dawkins C Ransome C Abshire	B Babin A Haywood E White P Samrow T Penouilh	D Maggio C Haldane M Savoy L Gemmill B Avery Deacon Grant A Dalmau	J Angers M Hermann T Grant M Nodier A Nodier Deacon Duplantis Deacon Grant	Deacon Duplantis C Graves C Roberts T Patin T DeJohn	C Steele G Tibbetts L Hopkins K Walker D Smith			
Lectors								
N Krzystowczyk K Steintrager	A Wilson J Pastorek S Darensbourg	Children's Liturgy	C Billeaudeau B Billeaudeau	S Love M Womack	C Schutte E Pavlovich			
Altar Servers								
M Arias (C) K Allen J Hernandez	G Samrow (C)	B Avery (C) E Altazan L Altazan	M Hermann (C) K Craig A Osborne L Scholl	T Patin (C) L Christofferson H Ellzey	K Walker (C) C Reems A Smith			
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 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.



