



MERCY ALIVE

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VI SUNDAY OF EASTER
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Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY MAY 13

8:00 am.....Daily Mass
4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY MAY 14

7:00 am.....Mass
7:30 amHoly Name Society Mtg-*St. Joseph*
9:00 amMass
10:30 am.....Mass
12:00 pm.....Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass

MONDAY MAY 15

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
7:00 pmSVDP Meeting-*St. Jerome*

TUESDAY MAY 16

8:30 am.....Rosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*
12:00 pmDaily Mass
3:00 pmMiddle School Bible Study
6:00 pmDaily Mass & Novena
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer

WEDNESDAY MAY 17

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

THURSDAY MAY 18

6:00 amTMIY
8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass

FRIDAY MAY 19

8:00 amDaily Mass
9:00 amSchool Liturgy
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass

Prayer LINE

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

Second COLLECTION

Catholic Commentator

Distribution of Holy Communion Outside

Please note that the last day for distribution of Holy Communion to the parking lot station is May 28th. Please join us inside the Church for Holy Communion after that date.



The distribution of Holy Communion under the Precious Blood will return at Holy Mass in the Church on May 13th. It will be distributed at the Saturday 4:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am, and 10:30 am Masses only. Receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice is completely optional and not required.

The outside radio continues to be out of order. We are waiting for a part that is currently unavailable and difficult to obtain at this time. We regret this inconvenience.

On the Cover - Happy Mother's Day!

Beth Chaudior-Guidry pictured with daughters Katie Beth (2nd grade) and Adeline Guidry (6th grade).

OUR LADY OF MERCY

Golf Cart Raffle

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Drawing May 22, 2023 at 5pm



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MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION

by Lauren DeWitt (OLOM Faithful Parishioner)

The month of May is bursting with life and joy. The liturgical color for most of the month is white as we continue the season of Easter, celebrating the new life Christ offers each of us in His Resurrection. The laughter of our beautiful children rings out across the sanctuary as we celebrate their First Holy Communion, each one clothed in white, reflecting the vibrancy of life and a symbol of purity, innocence, and hope for the future. Nature herself joins in this glorious season of rebirth, as our gardens burst with color and fragrance, standing proud against the quickly approaching heat of summer.

It is perhaps no surprise, then, that historically across many cultures and traditions, May is often devoted to honoring the vocation of motherhood. In the United States, of course, we celebrate Mother's Day annually on the second Sunday of May, this year on May 9. Holy Mother Church also devotes the entire month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



In her spiritual classic, *The Reed of God*, Caryll Houselander writes that “[n]othing but things essential for us are revealed to us about the Mother of God: the fact that she was wed to the Holy Spirit and bore Christ into the world.” These bare details are enough - enough to reveal the shining glory that is motherhood, a vocation that all women are called to undertake, either as physical or spiritual mothers.

As Pope St. John Paul II wrote in his June 29, 1995 “Letter to Women,” “The Church sees in Mary the highest expression of the ‘feminine genius’ and she finds in her a source of constant inspiration.” In the Blessed Mother we see the perfect coexistence of the two facets of the female vocation, both virgin and mother. In this, we find “the meaning of our own being,” Houselander explains, for “[o]ur crowning joy is that [the Blessed Mother lived out her vocation] as a lay person and through the ordinary daily life that we all live, through natural love made supernatural.”

Each woman reflects some measure of the “maternal reign” of Mary when she gives herself freely and completely, both to her family and the Church, and in doing so, receives and nurtures life (and Life) itself. Women, alone, can commune with God and the very mystery of life in this delicate and vulnerable way: shaping it, nourishing it, and protecting it.

A woman may be called to do so through the gift of her body, sheltering life in the still quiet of her womb. Another woman may be called to live out this mysterious and beautiful vocation as a spiritual mother, cultivating souls in the recesses of her heart. Regardless of the way God calls a woman to give her fiat through the vocation of motherhood, when this vocation is lived as the Blessed Mother lived it, it truly radiates supernatural, agape love.

This month, let us give thanks for all the mothers in our lives: our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and the countless women who have helped form us over the years. Let us celebrate them for giving the gift of their very selves and never counting the cost. Let us lift them up in prayer, that they may be filled with the grace and peace Our Lord longs to give them. Above all, let us give thanks for our Blessed Mother, through whose luminous example the dignity and glory of motherhood is fully revealed.

**Blessed Mother
Bless Our Mothers**

MERCY ACTS CRAWFISH FUNDRAISER

This Paul Cat Memorial Crawfish Fundraiser benefits the Mercy's ACTS Retreat Ministry. An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ. The Retreat begins on a Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. While utilizing prayer and service 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 His 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.

Be on the lookout for information about our upcoming retreats:

Women's - September 21st - 24th

Men's - November 30th - December 3rd

- Paul Cat's Memorial Crawfish Boil - 3rd ANNUAL MERCY ACTS CRAWFISH FUNDRAISER

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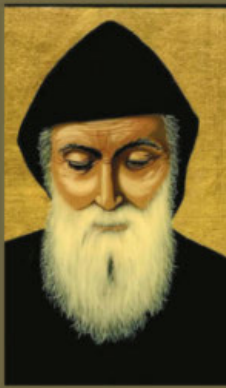


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PARISH LIFE

Healing Mass

Join Fr. Charbel at a Healing Mass in honor of St. Charbel at 6pm on May 23.



St. Charbel is a healer saint in the Catholic Church. Miracles are attributed to his intercession every year. We hope to see you there.



Please join Jessica Wilkinson a licensed clinical social worker for

A Positive Approach to Dementia Care

The purpose of this workshop is to help care partners understand the changing brain, shift habits that aren't working, and learn skills that make care partnering easier.

This workshop was developed by Positive Approach to Care, a dementia training organization founded by Teepa Snow, a world-renowned dementia educator.

Wednesday, May 24

10 am - Noon

Parish Activity Center

Free to attend, registration requested.



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THURSDAY, MAY 25TH
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Part 2 RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

Guest speaker
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Join Fr. Charbel as he continues teaching about the Resurrection of the Body in light of St. Paul's letters and Catholic tradition

PARISH LIFE - YOUTH MINISTRY

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING

When: May 24, 2023 | 6 PM

Where: Parish Activity Center

Who: current 10th graders & 1 parent/guardian



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Friday, June 16

2:30-5:30p: for 6th-12th graders

5:30-6p: Family Gallery Tour



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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, 2 am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 6 pm

MONDAY.....12 am, 1 am, 2 am, 4 am, 11 pm

TUESDAY.....1 am, 2 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm

WEDNESDAY.....1 am, 3 am

THURSDAY.....12 am, 9 am

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

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



If you are able to offer yourself in prayer to the Lord, please contact Ms. Michelle Schroeder at 225.926.1883

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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Kim Scallan Lajoie	Jeanette Wax
Joseph Landry	Diane Whaley
Sid Lawton	Myishia Whitfield

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

MAY 20, SATURDAY

8:00 am Jill Barfield
4:00 pm Virgil & Eunice D'Armond / Sugar & Cookie Kane / Plauche, Dufour & Whitfield Families / Ellie Sances / Aimee Planchard / Francis Xavier Le / Bill Auten / Nancy Valluzzo / For the Poor Souls in Purgatory / Peggy Werner / Dr. Vic Gastinel / Colleen Prater / Casey Mott / Karl Kroussel / John Albert Bowser / Paul Burton / Dr. Bill Wall / Jason Ward / Cornelia Barry Jarreau / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Charlie Valluzzo / Rissler-Trent Families / The McCormick and McClellan Families / Shannon Cormier and Family / Carmen Rodriguez / Don Massad

MAY 21, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Manuel F. Gan / Francis Xavier Le / Kyle Cassano / Frankie Atkinson / Neil J. Daigle
9:00 am..... Theresa and Nelvin Fontenot / Bruce and Eva Soileau / Bruce Hilbrecht / Colleen Cauble / Yola Huckaby
10:30 am... The Vicari and Cretini Families / Bobby McCall / Brenda Fremin / Vito Impastato / Michael McDonald, Juantia and Edward Metz / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Joann Impastato
12:00 pm... Carolyn Atkinson / Deacon and Mrs. Gene Brady / Judy McGuire / Carmello Genusa Sr. / Dannie Genusa
6:00 pm Lou Glenn, Tommy Barfield & Fr. Dan Barfield, S.J. / Ray Jarreau, Jr. / Juanita Metz / Terry Madson / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Ferachi Family

MAY 22, MONDAY

8:00 am John Atkinson / Barbara Veillon Friedman
12:00 pm... Tom Riker / Christine Timpa

MAY 23, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Susan Atkinson / Rudy Naquin
6:00 pm George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon and Danny Simon, Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Francis Xavier Le / Bennie Buzbee / Colleen Prater / Casey Mott / Karl Kroussel / Adam Pinchera / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The McCormick and McClellan Families / Don Massad

MAY 24, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Manuel F. Gan
12:00 pm... Sandy Roppolo / Frank B. Chachere, Jr.

MAY 25, THURSDAY

8:00 am Judy McGuire
12:00 pm... **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Lewis and Coyle Families

MAY 26, FRIDAY

8:00 am Jeff Nola / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Elliott Mouton
12:00 pm... Bayus and Gubancsik Families / George A. Kadair, Sr. / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr. / Dorothy A. Harding / Aimee Planchard / Francis Xavier Le / JK and Wanda Klimczak / Abdalla Mahfarza / Agnes Hoang, Ann Hoang & Therese Marie Hoang / Ashby Atkinson / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Elaine Coyle / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The McCormick and McClellan Families

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Susie Calvaruso

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

Marie Tullier

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are dedicated this week in loving memory of

Dena Nodier and Sue Brooks

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Julie Norris
- Bonnie East
- Darryl Baranco
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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.

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



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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)

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Weekend of May 20th & 21st					
4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Charbel
Extraordinary Ministers					
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Altar Servers					
L D'Armond (C) E Schiro H Schiro	G Samrow (C)	D Deshotels (C) L Laville C Washauer	R Cooney (C) C Billeaudeau O Billeaudeau	G Anderson (C) A Roussel C Bourgeois	G Bertrand (C) E Gray A Stroud

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.

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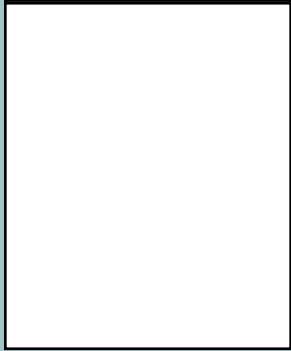
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