



MERCY ALIVE

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All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY JULY 1

7:25 am ...First Saturday Devotion
8:00 am.....Daily Mass
4:00 pm ...Vigil Mass

SUNDAY JULY 2

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

MONDAY JULY 3

8:00 am ...Daily Mass
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass
7:00 pm ...SVDP Meeting-*St. Jerome*

TUESDAY JULY 4

8:30 am.....Rosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass
6:00 pm ...Daily Mass & Novena
6:00 pm ...Middle School Bible Study -*JPII House*
7:00 pm ...Charismatic Prayer

WEDNESDAY JULY 5

8:00 am ...Daily Mass
9:00 am ...Carmelites-*Coffee Shop*
11:30 am ...Courageous Women-*St. Jerome*
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass
5:30 pm ...Holy Name Society Radio Rosary

THURSDAY JULY 6

6:00 am ...TMIY-PAC
8:00 am ...Daily Mass
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass
6:30 pm ...High School Bible Study

FRIDAY JULY 7

7:30 am ...First Friday Devotion
8:00 am ...Daily Mass
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

Welcome to Our New Faithful Families!

Cade & Lexie Bogan

**Taylor & Brittany
Bolton**

**Aaron & Taylor
Brown**

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E. Alan Bucu

Kyle & Mary Burks

Nick & Alex Colligan

Tricia Donna

Javier Gutierrez

Anna Dugas

Wes & Sydney Hebert

Collin & Allie Jimes

Shawn Kleinpeter

Jeff & Tricia Poche

Chandler Price

John & Cathie Ryan

Erin Tarter

**Jose & Catalina
Torres**

Russ & Diane Wasson

On the Cover

The Feast of the Sacred Heart

OLOM Middle School Youth Group participants, Lucy Claire Brignac, Natalie Stumpf, Magdalene Romero, and Charlotte Billeaudeau pictured with local famous artist Luke Zumo who hosted a youth group painting class on the special feast day to honor The Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Second Collection

Parish Maintenance Fund



BEHIND THE VEIL

ST. MARIA GORETTI

BY: FRED GWIN



Saint Maria Goretti, born in Corinaldo, Italy, is fondly known as the “Little Saint of Great Mercy.” In October, 2015 just prior to Pope Francis declaring a year of mercy, the pilgrimage of mercy began with the principal relics of Maria Goretti traveling across America. Our Lady of Mercy was one of the selected stops on the pilgrimage across America. Thousands of visitors from across Louisiana and several southern states descended on the Church to be present for the viewing of the youngest saint in the history of the Catholic Church. The motorcade arrived and the clear glass reliquary, adorned with golden cornice corners and ornate feet was lifted out of the transport vehicle. The reliquary was carried into the Church, with throngs of visitors following, up the center aisle to an awaiting pedestal draped in red and positioned at the Sanctuary steps. Inside the glass reliquary was a wax statue likeness of her and within which repose her skeletal remains. Security personnel and several members of the Knights of Columbus escorted the reliquary and remained adjacent to it the entire time that she was at Our Lady of Mercy. We were fortunate to have her remains present in the Church for two days. Thousands stood in long lines to get a glimpse of the reliquary and to be able to touch the sides of the glass casket. It was an amazing experience covered prominently by local, state and national media outlets.

Maria’s father had passed away and she and her family received help from a neighbor and their son to maintain their modest farm. They were poor people. The neighbor’s son, Alessandro, who was considerably older than 11 year old Maria, kept making unwelcome advances towards her. When she refused him, Alessandro, in an attack on Maria, stabbed her to death when she resisted. Maria suffered many long hours from her injuries and died in a hospital soon after asking the Lord for mercy for Alessandro.

After many years in prison in solitary confinement refusing to repent for her murder, Alessandro had a vision one night that Maria came to him holding 14 white lilies, representing the fourteen stab wounds she received. Maria gave him the lilies as a sign of her forgiveness at which point he repented and changed his life. Alessandro was ultimately released from prison many years after.

Maria is honored at the Basilica of Our Lady of Graces and Saint Maria Goretti, located in Neptune, Italy. You can see the reliquary that contains the relics of the saint’s body in the Basilica and then see the farmhouse where she was murdered (the kitchen is now a chapel), as well as the room in which she lived.

Saint Maria Goretti was Beatified in 1947 and Canonized in 1950 so soon after her death that her own mother and other family members attended the Beatification.

Maria’s feast day, celebrated on July 6, was inserted in the General Roman Calendar when it was revised in 1969. She is the patron saint of chastity, rape victims, youth, teenage girls, poverty, purity, and forgiveness.

In 1958, Our Lady of Mercy received a first class relic of Saint Maria Goretti and that relic resides in a sepulcher in our main altar.

St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!
Maria Goretti’s Feast Day is July 6th

PARISH LIFE

MIDDLE SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

DON'T MISS OUR SUMMER BIBLE
STUDY ON ST PETER!

WHO: RISING 7TH + 8TH GRADERS

WHEN: TUESDAYS 6-8 PM

WHERE: JP11 YOUTH HOUSE

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PARISH LIFE



CATHOLIC 101

THE MARTYRS OF OUR FAITH

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

7 PM, BYOB*
PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

**bring your own beverage & snack to share*

Speaker:
Tori LaBelle



Called By Faith

Women's Bible Study

Ladies, you're invited to join us for the Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. To sign up or ask questions, email Renee Tullier at rr2yea@aol.com or call the church office at (225)926-1883.

July 18th - August 29th
10:00 am to 11:30 am
Parish Activity Center

MYSTERIES of the ROSARY



COMING SOON

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PARISH LIFE

UPCOMING EVENTS



Welcome Fr. Steve Rodriguez

We are excited to welcome Fr. Steve Rodriguez back to the Nest on July 20th! He will spend one month with our Mercy family.

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Propagation of Faith Fr. Nutan Minj, IMS

Fr. Nutan's Propagation of Faith Mission Appeal at all Mercy Masses the weekend of July 29th & 30th.

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40th Anniversary

Save the Date for Fr. Cleo Milano's 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood Celebration!

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Questions? Contact Fishing Rodeo Chair, Brad Bourgeois @ 225.603.9036

BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA JOURNEY

- Adults and school age children who have never been Baptized.**
- Christians baptized in another faith who are interested in becoming Catholic.**
- Catholics who were Baptized but have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.**
- Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like a refresher.**

Do you know anyone interested in attending RCIA this fall? Register now! Sessions begin in September.

**Please contact the office or
Deacon Kirk Duplantis at
kirk.duplantis@olomchurch.com**



PARISH LIFE

Join us for the

BEHIND THE VEIL

Church Tour

THURSDAY, JULY 13

12:30 PM

A walk through the history of Our Lady of Mercy Church, examining the physical characteristics, tapestry, stained glass, and surprises you never knew existed



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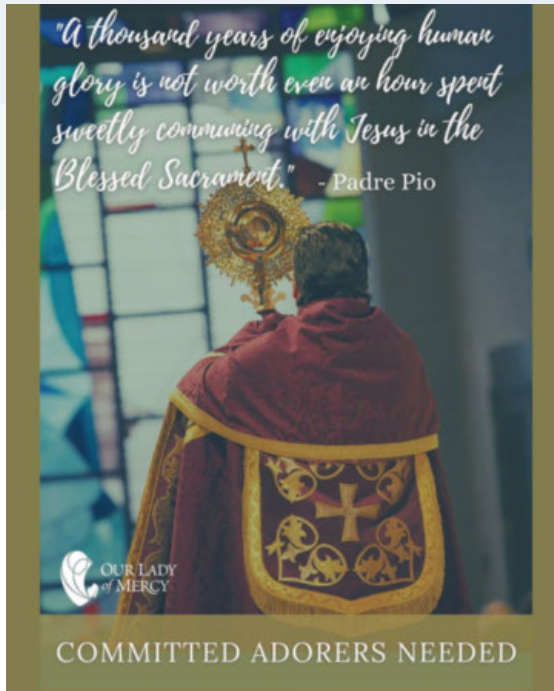
A retreat for sacramentally married couples to deepen their spiritual journey

July 20-23 St Charles Retreat Center in Moss Bluff, LA
September 1-4 at Stillwater Retreat Center in Abbeville, LA
September 21-24 Maryhill Retreat Center Pineville, LA
October 20-22 Feliciana Conference Center in Norwood, LA
January 18-21, 2024 Lumen Christi in Schriever, LA

Register at <https://www.domesticchurchfamilies.com> click Retreats
more info: batonrouge@domesticchurchfamilies.com

PARISH LIFE

Commitments Needed for Our Adoration Chapel Ministry



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:

MONDAY12 am

THURSDAY12 am

SATURDAY8 pm

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

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.

MERCY PRAYS

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| Barney Mark Altazan | Jason Martin |
| Layne Arceneaux | Steve Michel |
| Patricia Bonnette | Kevin Minor |
| Ronnie Bordelon | Luke Mumfrey |
| Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr. | Paul O'Kelly |
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| Darryl Cazes | Anthony & Bessie Pizzolato |
| Joseph & Rita Corsentino | Sonny & Mary Politz |
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| Julie Hannie | Karen & Wayne Watson |
| Kim Scallan Lajoie | Jeanette Wax |
| Joseph Landry | Diane Whaley |
| Sid Lawton | Myishia Whitfield |

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

JULY 8, SATURDAY

8:00 am Yola Huckaby / Mollie Helm
4:00 pm Gina Bonfiglio Reinhard / Gary and Kevin Keyser / RitaAnne Babin, Joseph Kevin Babin, Madelynne, Babin Babies, Charles Jumonville III / Sandra Ann Tullier / Ellie Sances / Aimee Planchard / Clyde and Violet David / Francis Xavier Le / Joe and Jenny Serio / Paula LeBaron / John and Jackie Kenaley / Brenda Fremin / Bill Auten / Nancy Valluzzo / Jensen Holliday / Carmen Posada-Pepper / Matthew Louis Pepper / Jose Matarrita / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Peggy Werner / Tim Lamonica / Poor Souls in Purgatory / John Albert Bowser / Erma Roussel / Sally O'Niell / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Charlie Valluzzo / The McCormick and McClellan Families

JULY 9, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / George Kadair / Carolyn V Laurent
9:00 am..... Lang Hoang / Bruce Constatin / Robert Geier/ Lloyd Mansion
10:30 am... Edmund Roos / Aimee Planchard / Vito Impastato / Roberta & Michael McDonald / Jill Barfield Hamilton, Tommy Barfield and Family / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Joann Impastato
12:00 pm... Jack and Sue Brooks / Dorothy Ward
6:00 pm Juanita Metz / Stephen Jacob

JULY 10, MONDAY

8:00 am William John Bull
12:00 pm... Tim Hill / Morgan Lambert

JULY 11, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... John Milton Fruge, Todd Fruge and Moreau Family / John Graves
6:00 pm George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon and Danny Simon, Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Henry LeBlanc / Francis Xavier Le / Christine Timpa / Peter Le, Mary Ngo & Ann Hoang/ Poor Souls in Purgatory / Mollie Helm / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Joseph W. Carmena III / The McCormick and McClellan Families / Brock Kirby

JULY 12, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Dickens and Rivers Families / Maurice O'Rourk & **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Barbara O'Rourk
12:00 pm... Peter T. Lamonte / Verna Madere

JULY 13, THURSDAY

8:00 am Mary Rose Planchard / Charles Michael Bongiovanni
12:00 pm... Salud Patolilic / Deacon and Mrs. Gene Brady

JULY 14, FRIDAY

8:00 am Francis Xavier Le / Peter Le, Mary Ngo & Ann Hoang
12:00 pm... Ourso, Blanchard, Spence, & Rice Families / George A. Kadair, Sr. / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr. / Dorothy A. Harding / Rose & Red Graphia / Mary Levatino / Colleen Prater / Ray Jarreau, Jr. / Elaine Coyle / Poor Souls in Purgatory / Laurie & Rosine Bertaut, Laurie Bertaut, Jr., & Christopher Bertaut / Dot Guidry / Morgan Lambert / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The McCormick and McClellan Families / Jack Hood

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Sandy Roppolo

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

Erma Roussel

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Raoul Robert**
- **Peggy Gebhart**
- **Darwyn Williams**
- **Cameron Robbins**
- **Nancy Sanchez**
- **Yvonne Palermo**
- **Dr. Danny Richardson**

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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.

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



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 July 8th & 9th					
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					
T Turner S Jones J Smith C Duvielih A Turner T Turner	B Babin P Samrow T Penouilh L Dawkins	M Vincent B Caire P Prosser L Carter Deacon Duplantis M Stumpf	C Ransome D McCrary J Harrison B Rigby Deacon Duplantis M Taylor	M Kimble D Dawson A Nodier M Nodier	C Schutte T DeJohn L Hopkins E Pavlovich
Lectors					
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Altar Servers					
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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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To view complete staff list, visit olomchurch.com.

The Envelope Please...

Just a small reminder that if you are watching Holy Mass online or WBRZ+ your Church family still very much needs your support envelope. Please check out our online giving on the church website: olomchurch.com or call the Church Office.

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