



MERCY ALIVE

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OF THE LORD
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In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared
The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY AUGUST 5

7:25 amFirst Saturday Devotion
8:00 am.....Daily Mass
4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY AUGUST 6

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 AUGUST 7

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
7:00 pmBaptism Seminar-*Mary Our Mother Rm*
7:00 pmSVDP Meeting-*St. Jerome*

TUESDAY AUGUST 8

8:30 am.....Rosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*
10:00 amCalled By Faith-*St. Joseph*
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:00 pmDaily Mass & Novena
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9

8:00 amDaily Mass
11:30 amCourageous Women-*St. Jerome*
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:00 pmAlways Better Together-*St. Joseph*

THURSDAY AUGUST 10

6:00 amTMIY-*PAC*
8:00 amDaily Mass
9:00 amCarmelites
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study

FRIDAY AUGUST 11

8:00 amDaily 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



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION HOLY DAY

Celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with us on

Monday, August 14

**4:00 pm
6:00 pm**

Tuesday, August 15

**8:00 am
9:30 am (school Mass)
12:00 noon
6:00 pm**

On the Cover

OLOM School student, Gabriel Dillon, son of faithful Mercy parishioners, Karola and Johnny Dillon assists Fr. Cleo at 10:30 am as a new altar server.



WELCOME FR. STEVE

STRAIGHT FROM MY HEART

It feels very good to be back at MERCY and in Baton Rouge. I thank Fr. Cleo Milano for the warm invitation he sent me, on your behalf, to help out at Mercy, "a Shrine" I would say, where people come from all over the diocese especially for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It clearly is a good sign that people are thirsty for God and would want to be spiritually renewed and alive. I am happy if I could be of little help in your spiritual journey till I fly back to my mission works in India on August 29.

As I know Baton Rouge is known for its Faith, Family, Food and Friendship. Your hearty words always touch my heart: "Welcome back! "Do you want to go out for dinner?" What can we do for you?" Thank you for your hospitality, generosity and appreciation. Many have asked me what we Capuchins do in India. Let me share some of my thoughts straight from my heart.

A Capuchin Franciscan Order is a legitimate branch of the Order of Friars Minor founded by St. Francis of Assisi and dedicated to preaching and missionary work. We are known worldwide for our zeal to reach out to the unreached and to spread faith. A Franciscan is a brother to all. He is approachable, peacemaker, simple, humble and concerned about others. A Capuchin is a man of the Church and St. Francis insisted that his brothers be "thoroughly Catholic" so that they contribute to the sanctification of the Church.

Our Identity is one of being missionary. Following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, Capuchins give priority to two ministries: working with the poor and preaching the Word of God. Under these two descriptions fall a variety of ministries that further the dream of St. Francis: serving in prisons, homeless shelters, dispensaries, youth ministry, taking care of orphans, retreat centers, looking after poor parishes, free medical care for the poor, etc. We have a special charism for working with the poor, orphans, neglected and the forgotten; and taking those assignments which others refuse. We are financially very weak and to carry forward our mission we depend on the providence of God, and on people's generous and benevolent help. I invite you all to willingly involve yourself to support us in this mission. "Unless life is spent for others, it is not worthwhile (Mother Teresa). "Be a rainbow in someone's cloud." God bless your generosity, thoughtfulness and sacrifices. In addition, we need your generous support for 12 seminarians: for their formation, seminary fees, health care, buying of books, sustenance, etc. Fr. Cleo and your parish did support us in the past. Please continue to bless us. Thanks.

Checks may be made payable to "OLOM Church" in the memo line note " Fr. Steve's Mission" and send to the church office. God loves a cheerful giver. As I congratulate Fr. Milano on his 40th Ordination Anniversary, with you, I thank God for his vocation, his vision in taking the parish/school to newer heights, and especially for his thoughtfulness and great support towards the Capuchin mission. "May the Lord Bless and Keep you....and give you His Peace."

Fr. Steve Rodrigues,
CAPUCHIN

PARISH LIFE

**BLESSING OF
THE
BACKPACKS**

Bring your
Childs
Backpack
to Mass
and
receive a
special
Blessing!

9 AM &
10:30 AM
Mass
Sunday,
August
6th



PARISH LIFE



Walking with
Moms in Need



A MINISTRY OF SUPPORT





INFORMATIONAL MEETING

IN A POST-ROE LOUISIANA, MOTHERS AND CHILDREN STILL NEED OUR HELP! THIS MINISTRY WILL SERVE OUR PARISH THROUGH:

- AN INVENTORY OF LOCAL RESOURCES FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS IN NEED.
- PRAYERS FOR BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE AND A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE.
- REFLECTIONS ON THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH THROUGH ENCYCLICALS


WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 6-7PM
ST GABRIEL ROOM IN THE PAC

Contact Tori LaBelle for more information:
torilabelle@olomchurch.com

MERCY'S

CONFIRMATION KICK OFF



CONFIRMATION


2023-24

WHO Current 11th Graders

WHEN 13 AUG 2023 @ 6P
MERCY PAC

WHAT'S DUE?

- Online Registration Form
- Parent/Candidate Contract
- \$50 Registration Fee
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- Retreat Option Form



Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

MAGNIFICAT

A Ministry to Catholic Women Prayer Breakfast

Speaker:

Seminarian, Joshua B. Zelden

Please join us for our next Prayer breakfast, August 26, 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Oak Lodge Conference Center in Baton Rouge.

The music ministry of Mercy Beaucoup will lead us in Praise & Worship.

About our speaker: Joshua is a seminarian at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. A graduate from Thomas More College, in New Hampshire and a graduate from LSU Law School. A semester in Rome awakened his love for the beauty and splendor of the Catholic Church. While there, a priest suggested he consider priesthood but he pushed it aside out of fear and inability to be still and hear God's voice. How many times does this happen to all of us!

He was briefly married, had a beautiful daughter, and practiced law for 20 years. After a divorce and receiving an annulment Joshua entered Notre Dame Seminary in the fall of 2020.

Register online here: <http://magnificataug2023.eventbrite.com/>

For more information, contact:

Ms. Gwen Gillis

johngg224@gmail.com

(225) 505-7050

A promotional graphic for a fishing tournament. The background is an underwater scene with blue water and a fish. The logo features a stylized fish and a fishing rod. Text includes 'OUR LADY OF MERCY FISHING RODEO', 'FISHERS OF MEN INAUGURAL', 'PORT FOURCHON, LA', and 'OCTOBER 6-7 2023'. Registration information and a QR code are also present.

Registration is \$100 Per Person until October 1st. Then \$125 after.

Tournament Registration and Sponsorship Opportunities now OPEN.

olomchurch.com/fishingrodeo

Questions? Contact Fishing Rodeo Chair, Brad Bourgeois @ 225.603.9036

PARISH LIFE

ALWAYS
Better Together

A new ministry to connect and support individuals with exceptional needs and their families

Our goal is to spread compassion, awareness, and education to our fellow parishioner. This will include a support group, sacramental guidance, and help with full inclusion into parish life so we can all pray and worship together and embrace God's miracle among us.

August 9th

6:00 pm

Parish Activity Center



MORE INFORMATION

(225) 926-1883
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Youth Ministry/PSR Kick-off!

FAMILY PICNIC

Who

- School families with kids in grades 6-8 and siblings
- All families with high school students
- All families with students in non-Catholic schools grades 1-12

**RSVP
online by
August 13th**

When & Where

Sunday, August 20
1-3 pm in the Parish Activity Center

Schedules, event dates, registration, and other important details will be given out!



PARISH LIFE



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

QUICK FACTS

- Required for students grades 1-10 who do not attend Catholic school
- PSR is required for a minimum of 2 yrs before receiving a Sacrament
- There are 2 tracks: children's program (grades 1-7) and a teen program (grades 8-10)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN

QUICK FACTS

- For children 7 years and older who need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, or First Holy Communion outside of the normal timeline.
- This program meets weekly from August through the Easter Vigil

Kick-off for both programs is Sunday, August 20th 1-3pm

Children's PSR & RCIC: tori.labelle@olomchurch.com
Teen PSR: michaelyn.mcginnis@olomchurch.com



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**



IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

AUGUST 12, SATURDAY

8:00 am Dorothy Halligan / Leo Turner
 4:00 pm Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr. / Plauche, Dufour & Whitfield Families / Ellie Sances / Francis Xavier Le / Bill Auten / Nancy Valluzzo / Peggy Werner / Jill Barfield Hamilton, Tommy Barfield and Family / Poor Souls in Purgatory / Sally O'Niell / Laurie & Rosine Bertaut, Laurie Bertaut, Jr., & Christopher Bertaut / Myrle Rivault Hebert Ostergren / Mollie Helm / Richard Boudreaux / John Bauman / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Charlie Valluzzo / The McCormick and McClellan Families

AUGUST 13, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Paul Catalanatto / Kyle Cassano / Carolyn V. Laurent
 9:00 am..... Theresa and Nelvin Fontenot / Bruce and Eva Soileau / Neil J. Daigle / Carmello Genusa Sr. / Raoul William Robert
 10:30 am... Scott Litz / Frank Messina, Jr. / Deacon and Mrs. Gene Brady / Brenda Fremin / Michael McDonald / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Kirsten Clebert
 12:00 pm... Barney "Frog" Altazan / Raoul Robert / Peggy Gebhart
 6:00 pm Ray Jarreau, Jr. / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Bishop Strickland & America

AUGUST 14, MONDAY

8:00 am Carl Edward Courville
 12:00 pm... John Graves / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Glen Anderson

AUGUST 15, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Rudy Naquin / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Emma Steele
 6:00 pm Debbie Gwin / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon and Danny Simon, Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Mary Rose Planchard / Aimee Planchard / Peggy Rylee / Joseph Liebert Family / Francis Xavier Le / Rene and Delores Poirier / Francis C. Pellegrin / Verline C. Pellegrin / Ray Jones / Ken F. Pellegrin / Sylvia Shore / Jack and Sue Brooks / Todd Kleinpeter / Marilyn Bourgeois / Peter Le / Guy Hobgood / Ronell Coco / Myles and Adele Morrison / Jim and Patsy Adams / Mollie Helm / Gary and Harrietta Charles / Edward Palmer III / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The McCormick and McClellan Families

AUGUST 16, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Mark Chenevert
 12:00 pm... Elaine Coyle

AUGUST 17, THURSDAY

8:00 am Leon Joseph Altazan
 12:00 pm... Barbay & Lato Families / Myrle Rivault Hebert Ostergren

AUGUST 18, FRIDAY

8:00 am Ron Truxillo
 12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Paul Catalanatto / Jensen Holliday / Carmen Posada-Pepper / Matthew Louis Pepper / Peter Le, Mary Ngo & Ann Hoang / Ray Jarreau, Jr. / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Melissa Savoie / Martha Vo / For the Poor Souls in Purgatory / Mollie Helm / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The McCormick and McClellan Families

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

The sanctuary light in the Adoration Chapel burns this week in loving memory of **Leon Joseph Altazan**

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Lawrence Berry**
- **Trey Blumrich**
- **Henry Weilbacher**

MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux	Jason Martin
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Pete Crifasi	Ann Thibodeaux
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Nicholas Foster	Bart Tullier
Brett Gianelloni	Dana Vidrine
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Sid Lawton	Myishia Whitfield

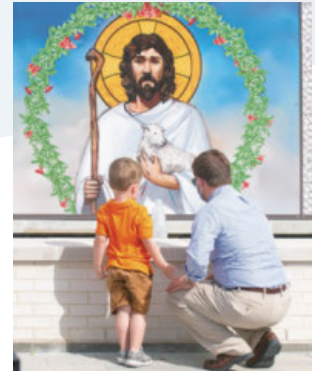
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As you plan for your family's future needs, consider the option of cremation and burial at the Garden of Peace Memorial Columbarium. The Mercy Columbarium Garden of Peace is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholic and non-Catholic.

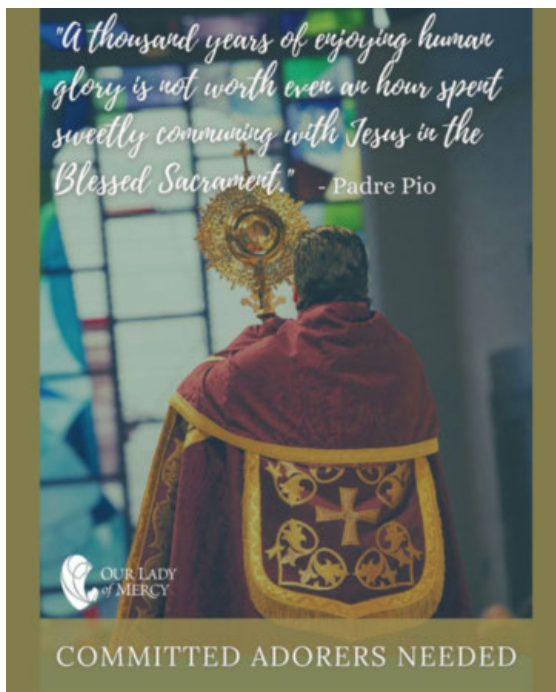


Columbarium niches are available in two sizes - each cremain niche holds a space for two persons. They are \$5800 for a small niche and \$8500 for larger niches.

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

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.

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 August 12th & 13th

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					
L McCann J Stalls C Abshire L D'Armond N Krzystowczyk T Turner	B Babin E White J Pastorek A Wilson	B Elliser P Tullier L Babin R Beyer Deacon Grant B Avery	D McCrary T DeJohn M Nodier A Nodier F Titus Deacon Grant	C Graves C Roberts D Dawson M Kimble	K Walker C Steele L Hopkins D Smith
Lectors					
A August K Steintrager	A Haywood J Gardemal S Darenbourg	C Ransome S Hingle	C Kline E Kline	H Schiro C Graves	C Schutte E Pavlovich
Altar Servers					
L D'Armond (C) A Scioneaux P Kelly	G Samrow (C)	B Avery (C) G McLaughin L Willmann	F Titus (C) A Nguyen A Polito	M Kimble (C) J Romero A Romero	K Walker (C) K Craig A Geier

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.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

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PERMANENT DEACON.....Deacon Richard Grant
ADMINISTRATION.....Mr. Frank Ardoin
PRINCIPAL.....Ms. Allyson LaBorde

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY.....8:30 am - 4:00 pm
FRIDAY.....8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

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Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

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Communications

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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.

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church and School in your last will and testament.

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