



# MERCY ALIVE

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XXVII SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
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Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made  
all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within  
the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

# THIS WEEK

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 7

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
4:00 pm ....Vigil Mass

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 8

7:00 am.....Mass  
9:00 am.....Mass  
10:30 am.....Mass  
12:00 pm.....Mass  
6:00 pm.....Middle School Youth Ngt-*Emmanuel*  
6:00 pm.....Mass

## MONDAY OCTOBER 9

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
6:30 pm.....RCIA-*St. Ann*  
7:00 pm ....*St. Vincent de Paul-St. Jerome*  
7:00 pm ....*Boy Scott Mtg-JPII House*

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 10

8:30 am ....*Rosary Makers-Coffee Shop*  
9:00 am.....*Called By Faith-PAC*  
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass  
3:00 pm.....*Middle School Bible Study- JPII House*  
7:00 pm ....*Charismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel*

## WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
11:30 am ....*Courageous Women-St. Jerome*  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
6:00 pm.....*Always Better Together-St. Joseph*

## THURSDAY OCTOBER 12

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

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 13

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:00 am ....*Living Rosary*  
9:30 am ....*Moms and Tots*  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass

## On the Cover

Jude Romero pictured with his grandparents Jerry and Nancy Romero at 6th grade Bible Mass and Grandparents Day. Each 6th grader received a personal Bible to read, learn, and study God's word. Some Grandparents travel from as far away as Michigan, New Jersey, and Oklahoma.



## High School Youth Group

A poster for the High School Youth Group. It features a light purple background with a white paper-like shape in the center containing a list of dates. The text on the poster includes: "HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP", "6PM MASS // 7-8:30PM IN THE PAC // DINNER PROVIDED", a list of dates from August 27th to December 3rd, and contact information for Michaelyn McGinnis.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
6PM MASS // 7-8:30PM IN THE PAC // DINNER PROVIDED

AUG 27TH  
SEPT 10TH  
SEPT 24TH  
OCT 1ST  
OCT 29TH  
NOV 5TH  
NOV 26TH  
DEC 3RD

CONTACT MICHAELYN.MCGINNIS@OLOMCHURCH.COM W/ QUESTIONS!

## Prayer LINE

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

# REFLECTION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

One of primary purposes of Catholic education is to assist parents in their duty to form their children in their personal faith in Christ, in their compassion and love for others, and in their hope for coming reign of God. Catholic educators know that they been successful not so much when the see their graduates attend prestigious colleges or receive six-figure starting salaries. I consider a graduate moving toward success when he or she is developing resilience, a moral compass, and a sense of purpose.



Observers of contemporary culture have noted that more young people today show a lack of purpose in their lives. Today a smaller percentage of young men participate in the workforce. Surveys show that more young people feel a sense of isolation. It may be a sign of a lack of motivation when college students take an inordinate amount of time to complete their degrees. Some young adults continue to engage in self-destructive behavior that began in college such as excessive drinking, the use of illicit drugs, overeating, and other unhealthy habits. The prolongation of adolescence is a sign of one's failure to develop a sense of purpose. Young adults are stuck in an immature mindset when they choose pleasure without responsibility, sex without commitment, reward without responsibility, and status with-out sacrifice.

Schools and families need to start early in developing the personal qualities that help young people develop a sense of purpose in their lives. Children and adolescents respond to mentors who can show them the importance of self-discipline and high expectations. As we develop into the persons God has planned us to become, we need to set goals and priorities that are in line with our abilities and our ambitions. Frustration and fear of failure can lead us to back away from the effort needed to reach our goals. Encouragement nurtures the willingness to make sacrifices that we need to grow.



## CONTINUED REFLECTION

Each of us has a responsibility to develop meaning and purpose in his or her life. Feelings of meaninglessness are the result of frustration and lack of commitment. We have duty to ourselves and our community to develop a sense of purpose which gives meaning to the sacrifices and suffering we endure.

Let us pray for the wisdom and courage to lead others as they seek to live purpose-driven lives. Let us pray for the encouragement of the Spirit that gives meaning to what we do.

**BY: FATHER ANTHONY MCGINN, S.J.**

**Former President of Jesuit High School and Presently  
Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish**



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# Baby Onesie Drive



**OCTOBER 1-14**

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# PARISH LIFE

**FORE-TH  
MERCY  
MASTERS**  
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TO THE  
**FALL**

**OCTOBER 30TH 2023**

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**AGENDA**

10:30 - 11:45 AM Golf Registration & Lunch  
12:00 PM Shotgun Start  
5:00 PM Dinner, Awards, and Happy Hour

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For more information on how you can get involved contact Chairman, Chip Lee [clee@delvalflow.com](mailto:clee@delvalflow.com)

## Our Lady of Mercy Annual Flu Shot Clinic

Saturday  
October 14th  
3:30 pm- 5:30 pm



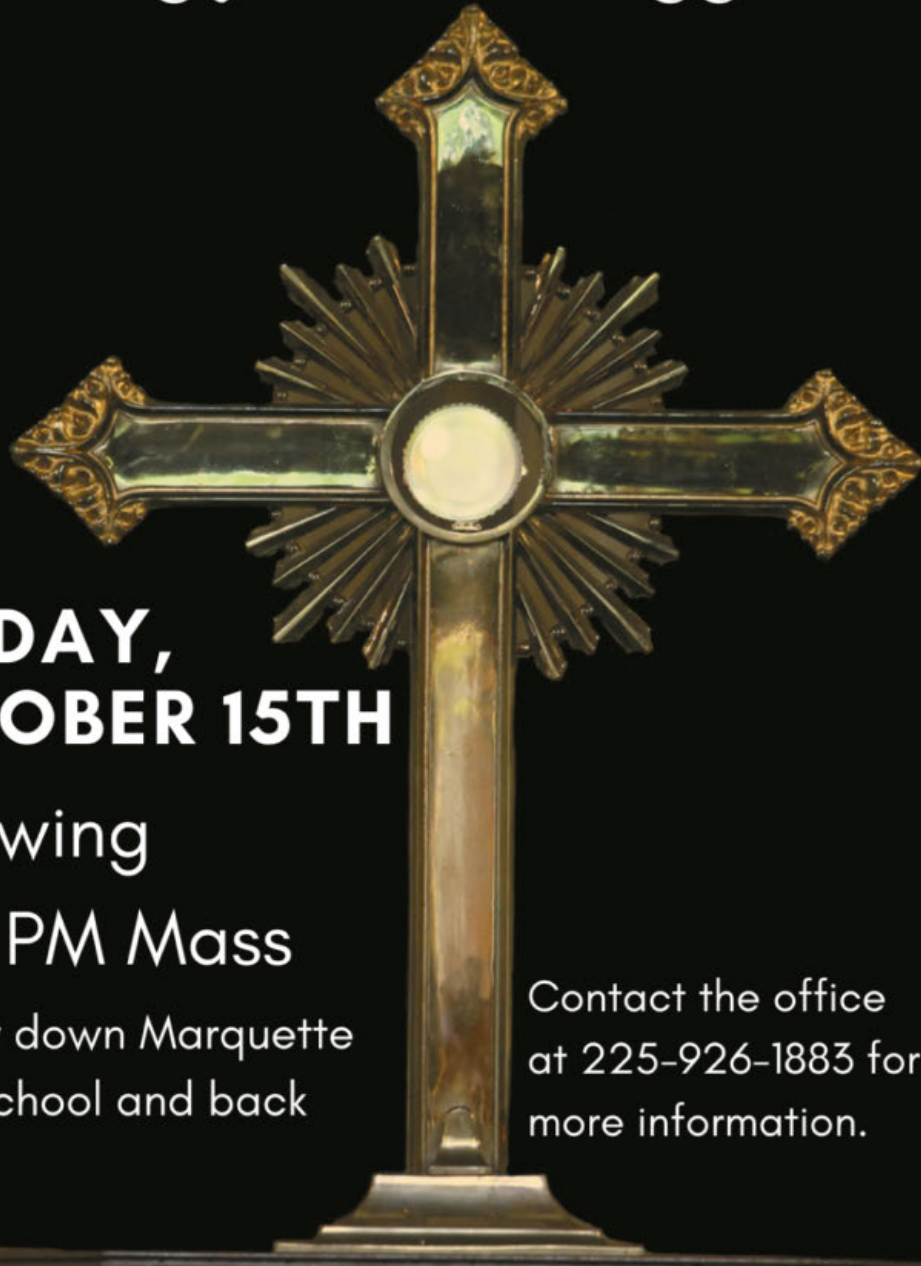
Sunday  
October 15th  
7:30 am- 1:30 pm

- Ages 3 + in the Parish Activity Center
- Free with or without Insurance (Bring Insurance Card)



**PARISH LIFE**

*Our Lady of Mercy's  
Eucharistic Procession*



**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 15TH**

Following

6:00 PM Mass

Prayerfully down Marquette  
to the school and back

Contact the office  
at 225-926-1883 for  
more information.

Called to Action

## PARISH LIFE

### MERCY OWLS BIKE TRIP

Monday, November 6th  
10:00 am  
Meet at Brooks Bike Shop

Join the Mercy OWLS for a bike trip through the Tammany Trace.



Bike rental will be available at Brooks Bike Shop or bring your own! If renting a bike, please arrive early.

Enjoy lunch with us after the ride at the Abita Brew Pub (lunch paid individually).

Registration is open on the church website: [olomchurch.com/mercyowls/](http://olomchurch.com/mercyowls/)

*For more information, contact:*

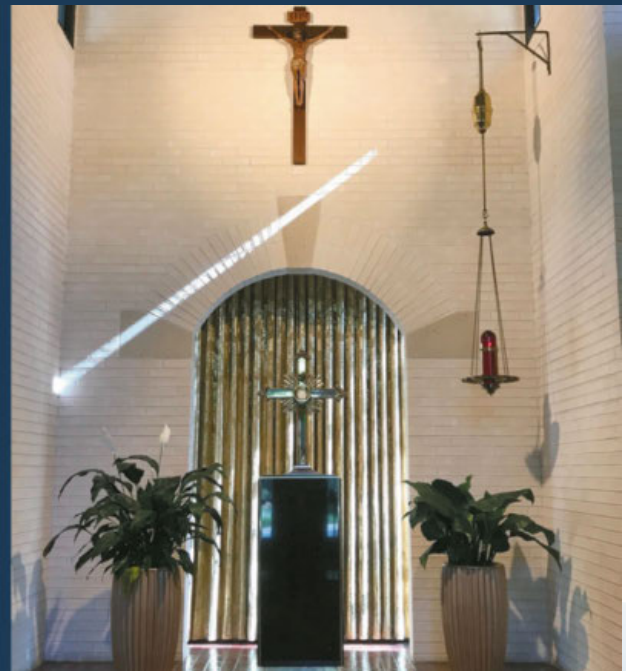
Ms. Jeanne Smith  
[jeannecazessmith@gmail.com](mailto:jeannecazessmith@gmail.com)

## Adoration Chapel

Can you spend an hour with Him?

Urgent Need:  
Thursday, 4 AM  
Saturday, 6 AM

Please Contact Michelle Schroeder  
225-926-1883 or sign up at  
<https://adorationpro.org/olomchurch>



## PARISH LIFE

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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.

October 11th

6:00 pm

Parish Activity Center



MORE INFORMATION

(225) 926-1883  
olomchurch.com



## FINAL RESTING PLACE IN SACREDNESS, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT



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.

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# IN REMEMBRANCE

## Mass Intentions

### OCTOBER 14, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Bennett Long / Josephine Hughes  
 4:00 pm ..... Suzette Nicaud / Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr. / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Gary Alford / Sanford Lemoine, Sr. / Ellie Sances / Clyde and Violet David / Francis Xavier Le / Dorothy Bueche Stevens / Bill Auten / Nancy Valluzzo / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Peggy Werner / Poor Souls in Purgatory / Joseph Giao N. Nguyen / Raoul Robert / Mike Drury / James Songy / Johnson Kadair / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Charlie Valluzzo / Lemann Family / All Priests

### OCTOBER 15, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Carolyn V. Laurent / Fr. Mark Beard  
 9:00 am..... Josephine Lamonte / Mary Rose Planchard, Aimee Planchard / Phat Nguyen / Mollie Helm  
 10:30 am... Brenda Fremire / Jill Barfield Hamilton, Tommy Barfield and Family / Vito Impastato / Tanna Berlin / Vincent and Grace Marino / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Joann Impastato  
 12:00 pm... Sr. Teresa of Avila, M.C. / Russ Wasson  
 6:00 pm ..... Ray Jarreau, Jr. / Patricia Ann Thibodeaux

### OCTOBER 16, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Jamice Fruge / Alexander Baudin, Jr.  
 12:00 pm... Edward Bourgeois, Jr. / Mary Lanclos

### OCTOBER 17, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Jeremy Klimavicz / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Cynthia Steele  
 6:00 pm ..... George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon and Danny Simon, Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Francis Xavier Le / Ricky Mier / Melissa Savoie / Dr. Stephen Breaud / Audrey and Albert Bileci / Fr. Mark Beard / James Songy / Johnson Kadair

### OCTOBER 18, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Janice & Joyce Morrissey / Mollie Barbara Helm  
 12:00 pm... Bruce Hilbrecht / DeLage, LeJeune, Comeaux, Eckler and Mineo Families

### OCTOBER 19, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... William John Bull  
 12:00 pm... Wade Barbay

### OCTOBER 20, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Joseph H. Darensbourg  
 12:00 pm... Melvin Higginbotham / Francis Xavier Le / Colleen Prater / Ray Jarreau, Jr. / Elaine Coyle / James Songy / Johnson Kadair / Carl Dalbor Jr. / Colleen Ann Cauble / Bennett Long / Richard Walsh / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Princess T. McKinley

## Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

**Neil J Daigle**

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

**Raoul Robert**

## In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Allen Cavalier**
- **Cathryn Arceneaux**
- **Dean Norman**
- **Rita Flagg**
- **Dr. Vincent Leggio**
- **Eva Urdiales**
- **Reynolds Bromley**
- **John McKay**

## MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux	Sid Lawton
Rod Alkadi	Jason Martin
Leo Blaha	Steve Michel
Patricia Bonnette	Kevin Minor
Ronnie Bordelon	Luke Mumfrey
Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr.	Paul O'Kelly
Francisco Castellanos	Marshall Owens
Darryl Cazes	Jack Persac
Joseph & Rita Corsentino	Anthony & Betsy Pizzolato
Gordon Craig	Sonny & Mary Politz
Randy Craig	Margarita Santos
Pete Crifasi	Ann Soike
Jack Crittenden	Jim Thompson
Nicholas Foster	Bart Tullier
Janet Fruge	Dana Vidrine
Julie Hannie	Natalie Edwards Wallace
Kim Scallan Lajoie	Karen & Warren Watson
Joseph Landry	Myishia Whitefield

# MERCY FUND ANNUAL APPEAL

Directly aiding this year's:

- Technology & Media Lab
- Campus Security
- New School Website
- Teacher Professional Development



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2023-24

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## IT'S FOR THE KIDS



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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)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

1380 AM - WPYR

Listen daily at noon and  
10:30 am on Sunday for  
Mercy's Mass live broadcast

### Weekend of October 14th & October 15th

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					
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Altar Servers					
M Arias (C) E Schiro H Schiro	G Samrow (C)	J Harrison(C) O Nelson L Willmann	F Titus (C) C Billeaudeau O Billeaudeau	M Kimble (C) M Collier H Ellzey	D Smith (C) B Bailey A Scioneaux

The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at [www.olomchurch.com](http://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](http://olomchurch.com); and [youtube.com/olombr](http://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.

## Parish Activity Center

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## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

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## Communications

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## Glorify the Lord by your life

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*To view complete staff list, visit [olomchurch.com](http://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](http://olomchurch.com) or call the Church Office.

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