



MERCY ALIVE

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
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The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a
manger.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30

8:00 amDaily Mass
4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

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

MONDAY JANUARY 1

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass

TUESDAY JANUARY 2

8:30 amRosary Makers-Coffee Shop
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:00 pm.....Family Holy Hour
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

THURSDAY JANUARY 4

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study - JPll House

FRIDAY JANUARY 5

8:00 amDaily Mass
9:30 amMoms and Tots
12:00 pmDaily Mass

Sunday Nursery

The Sunday Nursery will be closed on December 31st.

Prayer LINE

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

On the Cover

Ame'lie Lajoie and Tate Gautreaux as Mary and Joseph for the School Christmas Mass.

Family Holy Hour- January 3, 2024



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To all who bought wreaths this year.
Thank You!

NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

Saturday, December 30th

4:00 pm - Vigil

Sunday, December 31st

7:00 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 noon

6:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

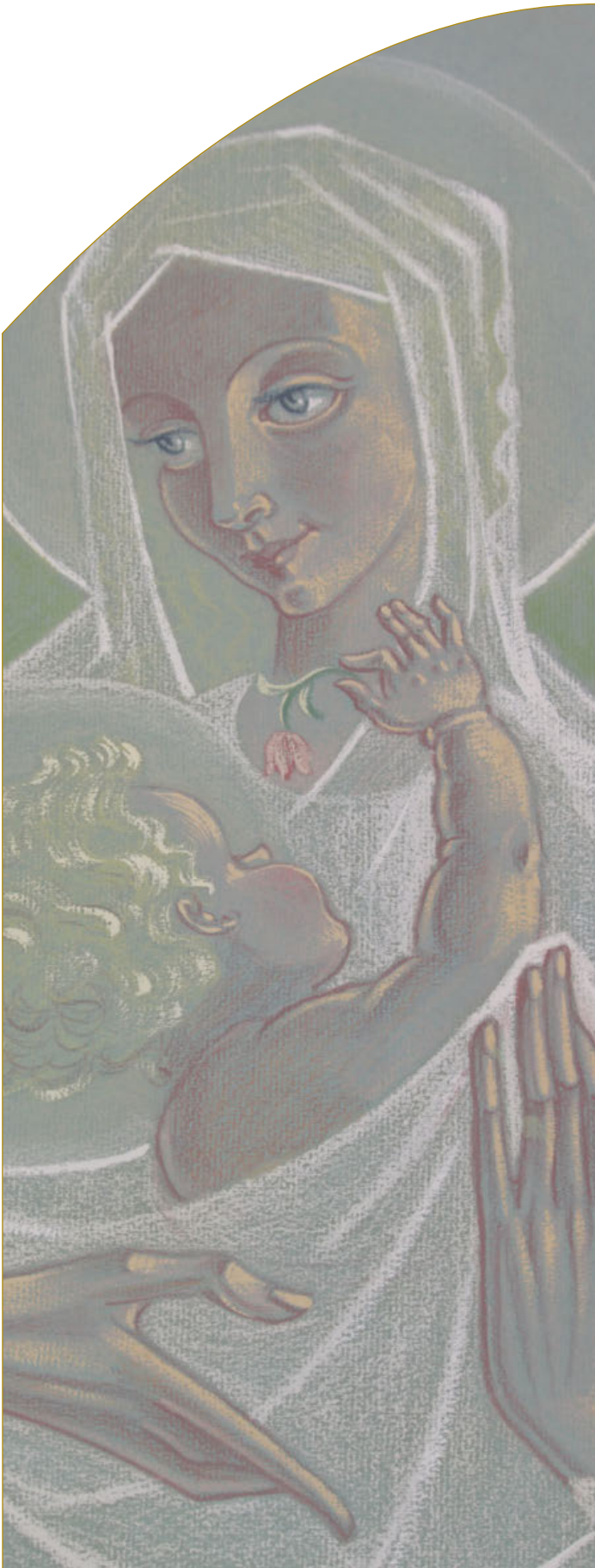
Monday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

8:00 am

12:00 Noon

**Because New Year's falls on
a Monday it is not a Holy Day
of Obligation.**





DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This second week of the Christmas Season can be a great help for our daily connections with our Lord. We begin the week with the full and wonderful Solemnity in honor of Mary, in her role as "Mother of God." We can ask her to be our guide all week as we desire to grow closer to her Son. We can read the Holy Father's words for the World Day of Prayer for Peace and chew them from time to time this week.

As we go through our daily and often very busy lives, in this time after Christmas, we can continue a sense of this brief season by continuing to ask that our Lord come to us in the ways we still need light and healing and peace. For some of us, this will be an easy prayer this week. Waiting faithfully can continue throughout the Christmas Season.

A special grace to ask for this week would be the gift of celebrating our Lord's presence with us. We can ask for it every morning, as we get going and we can enter into brief conversations with our Lord, in the background, as we encounter some of the places in our life in which we can see more hope, more of an opportunity for peace. This week, we might hold up each member of our family, close friends and neighbors, and those we might work with, seeing and celebrating how our Lord is manifest in them. For some of us, there may be real epiphany moments, when we see what we haven't been seeing, feel what we haven't been feeling or experience a call we haven't felt before. Being watchful for and open to these special post-Christmas moments of grace is very important.

The Baptism of the Lord ends this Christmas Season and reminds us of the rest of our lives. As Jesus fully enters our world, by becoming one with us in the waters of baptism, we can ask for a renewed sense of our union with him in baptism - for our salvation and for our mission in this world.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE



Save the Date

Mercy Marriage Day

February 4th, 2024

More Information To come



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

6PM MASS // 7-8:30PM IN THE PAC // DINNER PROVIDED

- JAN 7TH
- JAN 28TH
- FEB 11TH
- FEB 25TH
- MAR 10TH
- MAR 17TH
- APR 6TH* MORNING SERVICE DAY
- APR 7TH* DIVINE MERCY 'SUNDAE'
- APR 21ST
- MAY 5TH

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Dr. Ralph Martin
Fr. Leo Patalinghug
Jeff Joaquin

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THY KINGDOM COME

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PARISH LIFE



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St. John Paul II saw that living a moral Christian family life in the current culture would take a heroic effort. He wrote, "The future of the world, and the Church, pass by way of the family." At Paradisus Dei, we have come to see that he did not just mean families in general, but **your** family, **my** family.

The Holy Father called Christian families to model their life on that of the Holy Family at Nazareth. Now more than ever, we need to learn the wisdom and art of authentic Catholic family life to navigate the challenges of the culture. Join us!

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Retreat**

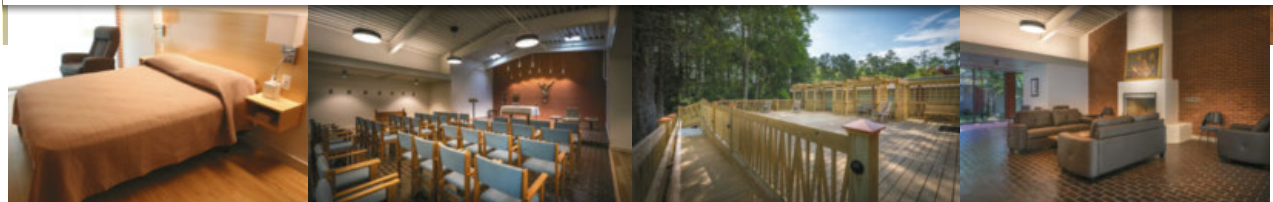
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IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

JANUARY 6, SATURDAY

8:00 am William John Bull / Hallie Pfefferle
 4:00 pm Shirley & Joseph Zito / Paula LeBaron, Joe and Jenny Serio, John and Jackie Kenaley / Dr. Clifton T. Morris, Jr. / Francis Xavier Le / Mr. Joe Bologna & Family / Tullio Saffiotti / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Dorothy Bueche Stevens / Paul Burton / Clyde and Violet David / John M Fruge' & Todd Fruge' / Alex Spano / Carlos Fernando Ovalle / Mary Nunez / Ann Thibodeaux / Myrle Rivault Ostergren Hebert / Jody Olson / Raoul William Robert / Myles and Adele Morrison / The poor souls in purgatory / Polly Moyer / Nicholas Cascio II / Anna Casso / John Roubique, Sr. / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Shannon Cormier & Family / The Monsour Family / The Wroten Family

JANUARY 7, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Mike and Mary Patriarco / Ellie Sances / Bernice Healy / Adrienne Pierce
 9:00 am..... Roy Jones / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Karen Summers / Vito Impastato
 10:30 am... Gary Alford / Ann Alldredge / The Thomas and Deumite Families / Eddie Roos / Doris Little
 12:00 pm... Colleen Cauble / Vincent and Grace Marino / Jose' Spinoso / Reynolds Bromley / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** John Krystal Donaldson & Family
 6:00 pm Vernon Millien Sr., Stella Millien, Michael Millien, Earl Millien, and Raymond Millien / Joe Corsentino, Corsentino and Alello Families / Ron Truxillo

JANUARY 8, MONDAY

8:00 am Paul Catalanatto / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Bill Steele
 12:00 pm... Two Wood Family infant sons / Joe and Maude Amorello

JANUARY 9, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Sheila and Sonny Gomez / Karen and Mike Darnal
 6:00 pm Francis Xavier Le / Angela Carville Crochet / Nicholas Cascio II / Mary Ngo / Mary Nguyen / Mary Pham / Olivia Frank Lamonica / The poor souls in Purgatory / Special intentions: Ashlyn Womack / The Gallman Family / Michael Magner & Teri Lin / Hannah Bacile / Patrick Womack / Rosie and Dan Pryor & Family / The Eskew Family / Suzy Barone / Katie Wall

JANUARY 10, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Theo & Lydia Julier / Bruce Hilbrecht
 12:00 pm... **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Jo Ellen and Carolyn Orso / Renny Clark and Tanner Stewart

JANUARY 11, THURSDAY

8:00 am Sandy Roppolo / Ed Richard
 12:00 pm... Bruce Hilbrecht / Vincent and Elaine Coyle

JANUARY 12, FRIDAY

8:00 am Fred Gwin, Jr. / Hallie Pfefferle
 12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Nellie Becnel / Mollie Barbara Helm / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Eileen Carey / Sybil Rhodes / Hallie Pfefferle / John McKay / Eva Delgado Urdiales / Carl Dalbor Jr. / Polly Moyer / Mary Ngo / Mary Nguyen / Mary Pham / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Mike and Karen Darnall

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

Dr. Lawrence Duvieilh

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Jim Hebert**
- **Darryl Cazes**
- **Mary Ann Fasullo**
- **Pat Terrell**
- **Michael Daigle**
- **Palmira Autrey**

MERCY PRAYS

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Joseph Landry	Terri White
Sid Lawton	Myishia Whitefield

THE SEASON OF GIVING



In this Holy Season of the Savior's birth, I cannot think of a more beautiful and holy place to worship our Lord Jesus Christ than here at Our Lady of Mercy. Our parish provides tremendous opportunities to celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Mass and Confession.

Our strong witness to the power of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, and our commitment to St. Vincent de Paul and our outreach to the poor and needy, truly are a bright light in a world that can seem very dark.

Our Lady of Mercy functions not only as a vibrant and active church family but also as a shrine for the City of Baton Rouge and our Diocese.

The doors of Mercy are open to everyone. That is why one of the best charities that you can support during the Christmas Season with your end of the year financial giving, is our own parish. So many people are affected in a good and positive way when you support your church family. If you love the legacy of Mercy and want to continue the light of Christ shining so brightly, I encourage your continued faithful giving in this season of offering our generous heart to God.

God Bless Mercy's faithful families and may the Light of Christ shine more brightly through us.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Cleo

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 January 6th & January 7th

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. Charbel	Fr. Charbel
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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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