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O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendor,
strength and honor in his holy place.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY JANUARY 20

8:00 amDaily Mass
4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY JANUARY 21

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

MONDAY JANUARY 22

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
12:00 pm.....Catholics in Recovery
6:00 pm.....KC Business Mtg.-St. Joseph
6:30 pm.....RCIA-St. Ann
7:00 pm.....SVDP Meeting-St. Jerome

TUESDAY JANUARY 23

8:30 amRosary Makers-Coffee Shop
9:00 am.....Called By Faith-PAC
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
3:00 pm.....Middle School Bible Study-JPII House
6:00 pm.....Healing Mass
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24

8:00 amDaily Mass
11:30 amCourageous Women-St. Jerome
12:00 pmDaily Mass
4:00 pm.....Reach Gumbo-St. Joseph
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

THURSDAY JANUARY 25

8:00 amDaily Mass
9:30 pm.....Fr. Charbel Talk- Mary
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study - JPII House

FRIDAY JANUARY 26

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

Prayer LINE

For Prayer Line requests, contact:
Ms. Carroll Benedetto at [225-241-0400](tel:225-241-0400)

On the Cover

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Matthew 2.2) The three kings carry and present gifts to the baby Jesus at the Epiphany Mass.

The three kings pictured are OLOM School boys, Cooper Anderson, Riggs Rumfola, and Reed Bargas.

Campus Safety

Please do not leave your purse or any valuables visible on the seats or floor of your car. Place all of your valuables in the trunk of your vehicle in order to avoid anyone who might be tempted to do something the Lord would not want them to do. It is recommended that you do not give cash to anyone soliciting money. This only encourages repeat behavior and is somewhat fearful to those in the Adoration Chapel and the elderly. If you want to support the needy, then give to the St. Vincent de Paul Society where your generosity will surely help the poor and hungry.

Divine Mercy Novena

Please mark your calendar to join our parish as we begin our Divine Mercy Novena on Tuesday, February 6th at 6:00 pm.



Eucharistic Miracles of the World

Please join us in the Parish Activity Center on January 22nd through January 26th for a beautiful poster display of Eucharistic Miracles from all around the world.



Mercy Marriage Day

We are celebrating milestones in marriage. If you are celebrating:

25

45

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35

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60 or more

Join us on February 4th for Mass at Noon,
and a celebration in the PAC.

Please register by scanning the code below
or call the church office.



Called to Action

DATE NIGHT WITH YOUR SPOUSE

Supper & Substance

Saturday, February 17th
7:00pm - 8:30 pm
Parish Activity Center

Join us for a special evening designed for married couples to be enriched and strengthened in their vocation of marriage. This is a wonderful opportunity for spouses to meet with other couples in our parish, enjoy a delicious dinner, and listen to an inspiring presentation by Mercy's own Michael and Erin Franco.

Register for the event at www.olomchurch.com



For more information, contact:

Deacon Kirk Duplantis
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(225) 926-1883

E U C H A R I S T

JOIN FR. CHARBEL AS HE CONTINUES TO
DISCUSS THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH
9:00AM COFFEE & SNACKS
9:30-10:30AM PRESENTATION
PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

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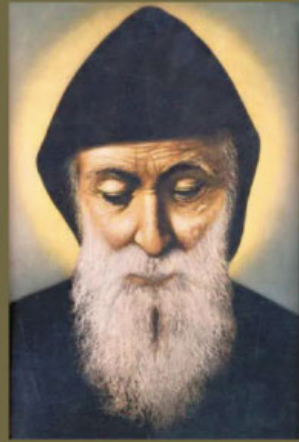


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MERCY MARRIAGE DAY

St. Charbel Healing Mass

Tuesday, January 23rd



Confession - 5:00pm
Rosary - 5:30pm
Holy Mass - 6:00 pm
followed by the
Healing Service



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DATES

February 19, 20 & 21



TIME

7:00 p.m.



LOCATION

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Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, (March 8 -10) contact: Randall and Robin Bellard @ 225-271-4092 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

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For a Better Marriage

Retrouvaille is a three-phase program for marriages that helps couples face their marriage challenges in a productive and healthy way. It begins with a weekend retreat, followed by post weekend follow up sessions, and ongoing monthly marriage support.

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Our Lady of Mercy Church

Sunday, January 28

9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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FEB 2ND 2024

— 7:00 PM —

OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL

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GUMBO DINNER TO BENEFIT THE REACH PROGRAM



Wednesday, January 24

4:30pm – 7:30pm

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Prepaid orders can be placed at
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IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

JANUARY 27, SATURDAY

8:00 am Bruce Hilbrecht / Mary Ann Fasullo
4:00 pm Francis Xavier Le / Gary & Kevin Keyser / The Gubancsik and Bayus Families / Vito Impastato / Barbara Guidry / Anna Casso / John Roubique, Sr. / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** JoAnn Impastato

JANUARY 28, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Adrienne Pierce
9:00 am..... Jody Olson / Joe Corsentino, Corsentino and Alello Families / Karen Summers / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** The LaHaye and Pfefferle Families
10:30 am... Scott Litz and Frank Messina, Jr. / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Reynolds Bromley / Michael S. DiVincenti III
12:00 pm... The Thomas and Deumite Families / Anna Casso / Adam Pinchera
6:00 pm Ron Truxillo

JANUARY 29, MONDAY

8:00 am Mary Schiro / Theresa and Nelvin Fontenot
12:00 pm... **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Blake Matthew

JANUARY 30, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Bernice & Charles Healy & **SPECIAL INTENTION** for Anne Healy
6:00 pm Francis Xavier Le / Stafford and Lonie Kimball / Bruce Hilbrecht

JANUARY 31, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Shirley K. Gaudin / Josie and Clyde Messenger
12:00 pm... Carole Hester / The DelaHoussaye and Belleau families

FEBRUARY 1, THURSDAY

8:00 am Hallie Pfefferle / Nicholas Cascio, II
12:00 pm... Mollie Helm / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** All of the Clergy of The Church / Vivian Glasco / Dr. Boyd Helm

FEBRUARY 2, FRIDAY

8:00 am Francis Xavier Le / Hallie Pfefferle
12:00 pm... Mollie Poirson / Shirley & Joseph Zito / J. Louis & Virginia Tonore, Sr. / Bert & Marie Carbo, Sr. / Herbert & Thelma Plauche, Ben F. Day, Juneau, Plauche, Day & Dufour Families / Anthony J. Zito / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Eugene Rozas / Charles Cobble / Bernice Healy / Reynolds Bromley / Hallie Pfefferle / Nhan Ngo / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Vito Impastato / Mollie Helm / Polly Moyer / Randal Coleman / Wade Barbay / Craig Bruno / Ethel Sexton / Norma Beaugh / Betty and Sammy Scurria / Derek Wilson / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** JoAnn Impastato / Troy and Regan Rispono / Kathy Gulino

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Joe Corsentino
The Corsentino & Alello Families

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

Myrle Rivault Hebert Ostergren

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Paulette Peters
- Patrick McGuire
- April Schaff
- Betty Scurria
- Marie Capone

MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux	Jason Martin
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Jack Crittenden	Ann Soike
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Janet Fruge	Dana Vidrine
Brett Gianelloni	Audrey Wallace
Julie Hannie	Karen Watson
Kim Scallan Lajoie	Terri White
Joseph Landry	Myishia Whitefield
Sid Lawton	Ralph J. Werling

PARISH LIFE



**Married Couples
Retreat**

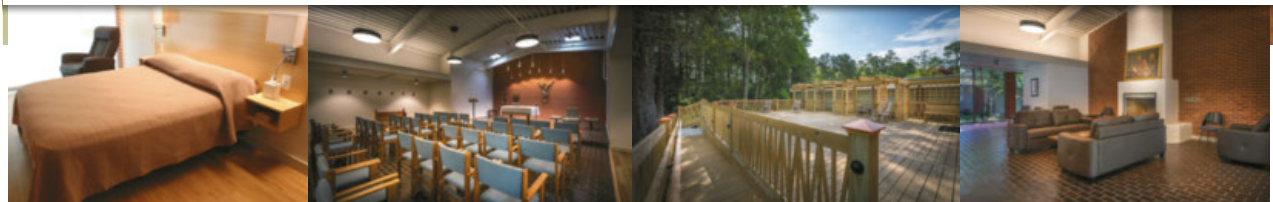
March 9-10

Attention Couples:

Would you like to spend quality time enriching your marriage?

Join us on our Parish married couples retreat at the beautiful St Joseph Abbey in Covington!

Growing Together in Faith & Love



Register at FaithandMarriage.org

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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10:30 am on Sunday for

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Weekend of January 27th & January 28th

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. Milano	Fr. Charbel
Extraordinary Ministers					
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Altar Servers					
T Turner (C) R Guillot A Scioneaux	G Samrow (C)	F Titus (C) A Haldane C Haldane	F Titus (C) G Dillon L Willmann	M Nodier(C) H Ellzey A Roussel	K Walker (C) S Rebaldo C Reems

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.



DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the early morning moments before we get out of bed, while in the shower or traveling to work, cooking or walking the dog - we can stop and open our hearts. "Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life."

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me."

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, "Thank you." We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

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"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Matthew 7:7



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