



# MERCY ALIVE

JANUARY 14, 2024  
II SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
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All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

# THIS WEEK

## SATURDAY JANUARY 13

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

## SUNDAY JANUARY 14

7:00 am.....Mass  
7:00 am.....Holy Name Society Mtg-*St. Joseph*  
9:00 am.....Mass  
10:30 am.....Mass  
12:00 pm.....Mass  
6:00 pm.....Mass  
7:00 pm.....High School Youth Group

## MONDAY JANUARY 15

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

## TUESDAY JANUARY 16

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*  
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass  
7:00 pm ....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

## WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
11:30 am ....Courageous Women-*St. Jerome*  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
6:00 pm.....All Are Welcome-*St. Joseph*  
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

## THURSDAY JANUARY 18

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

## FRIDAY JANUARY 19

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:00 am ....School Liturgy  
9:30 am ....Moms and Tots  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass

## Prayer LINE

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

## On the Cover

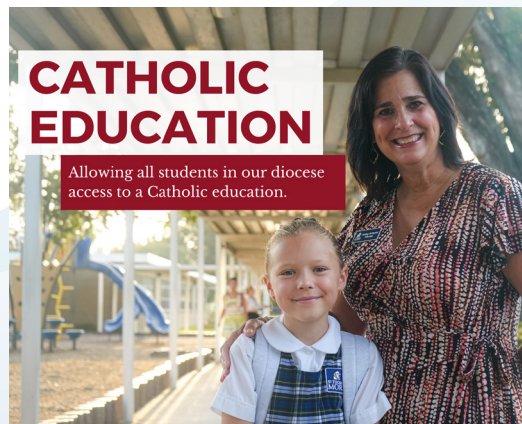
*Baby Liam Joseph Toohey son of Abby and Kieran Toohey; grandson of Deacon Richard and Tina Grant. Laid in the manger after being baptized.*

## 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.

## Bishop Annual Appeal

Ensuring a Catholic education for all who desire it is a foundational principle for the diocesan Catholic Schools Office. For years, the Bishop's Annual Appeal has supported Catholic education with recipients ranging from K-12 and representing the full demographic diversity of our diocese's population. To learn more about the Bishop's Annual Appeal and support Catholic education, visit [diobr.org/baa](http://diobr.org/baa).



**CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION**

Allowing all students in our diocese  
access to a Catholic education.



2023-2024  
**BISHOP'S  
ANNUAL APPEAL**  
DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE

To learn more or to donate, visit  
**DIOR.ORG/BAA**  
or scan this QR code with your phone.





# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. This year we have seven or eight weeks of Ordinary Time before Lent begins. These weeks between the Christmas season and Lent are an important time to continue to work on our habits of focusing our desires early in the day and talking with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become “contemplatives in action” and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of our real lives.

How do we do that with the hectic pace of our lives? We hear people say “I don't have time to pray.” It isn't about finding more time but more focus in our day with God. With this type of focusing and active consciousness, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the “to do” list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious of how what we do this day is responding to his call to me to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific in this or that set of events.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

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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.

## THANK YOU!

Christmas at Mercy was once a again an awesome season of beauty, joy, and community. Fr. Cleo and Fr. Charbel would like to thank everyone for a beautiful celebration of the Christmas Season at Our Lady of Mercy. It was wonderful to receive the many family Christmas cards; all of the home-made baked goodies and treats; the prayers and donations in our name to charity. God bless you all for your goodness!



We gratefully acknowledge the committee Tori Labelle, Katherine Bonfiglio, Caroline Kline, Kristen Hibbard, and Leslie Mann who coordinated the beautiful Children's Christmas Pageant this year! All God's Blessings to everyone in the new year!

# Catholics in Recovery

Starting January 8th

**When: Each Monday  
at 12 noon**

**Where: St. Gabriel  
Room at the Parish  
Activity Center**

**Who: Men who are  
seeking a Catholic  
approach for dealing  
with real-life struggles.**

For more information visit  
[www.olomchurch.com](http://www.olomchurch.com)  
or call 225-926-1883



## MERCY MARRIAGE DAY



# *Mercy Marriage Day*

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

- |    |            |
|----|------------|
| 25 | 45         |
| 30 | 50         |
| 35 | 55         |
| 40 | 60 or more |

**years in 2024, 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

## PARISH LIFE



All Men are invited  
to Breakfast and  
Transformation

Thursday Mornings  
Our Lady of Mercy  
Beginning  
January 11th  
6:00 AM to 7:30 AM



Hear from speakers like:  
Fr. Dave Pivonka  
Dr. Ralph Martin  
Fr. Leo Patalinghug  
Jeff Joaquin

Registration: <https://admin.paradisusdei.org>

## THY KINGDOM COME

CLAIM YOUR ROYAL DIGNITY AND INHERITANCE

### FREE 1/2 DAY COUPLES WORKSHOP

THE ART OF  
CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE:  
BUILDING A HOLY HOME

Join us for this **free** half-day Workshop  
OUR LADY OF MERCY  
SATURDAY JAN. 27 7:30 am-12:45 pm  
MASS will be celebrated at 8:00

Encounter practical ways to  
transform your house into a holy home.      Childcare  
Available!

<https://paradisusdei.ticketleap.com/br/>

MISSIONARIES  
TO THE FAMILY

AN INITIATIVE TO REVITALIZE THE DOMESTIC CHURCH



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## PARISH LIFE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.

NATIONAL  
**BLOOD  
DONOR**  
MONTH



**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

January is National Blood Donor Month, a time to celebrate generous volunteer donors and raise awareness for the need for blood donations.

### Our Lady of Mercy Church

Sunday, January 28

9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

In the Bloodmobile

400 Marquette Ave

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Schedule Your Appointment Online:

1. Open your camera.
2. Hover over QR Code to the right.
3. Click the link that pops up.



OR [CLICK HERE](#), to schedule your appointment,

IDs are required to donate!

Introducing our '24 in '24 Blood Donation Extravaganza! Your chance to make a life-saving impact and win big! Donate and seize one of 24 chances to score \$500. Join us in the race to save lives and be a winner in more ways than one. Give blood, save lives, and win cash! #24in24 #DonateToWin #LifeSaverLotto

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# MEN OF THE IMMACULATA MENS CONFERENCE

JOIN US FOR  
**MEN OF THE  
IMMACULATA**  
MEN'S CONFERENCE  
02.17.2024 | ST. GEORGE

## 2024 THEME: 'BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD'

**FR. LARRY  
RICHARDS**



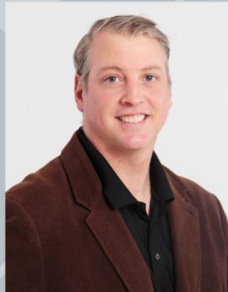
**DC. MICHAEL  
PARKER**



**CHEF JOHN  
FOLSE**



**MARK HOUCK**



**REGISTER ONLINE AT**



**FIND OUT MORE AT  
CATHOLICMENBR.COM**



# PARISH LIFE

SAVE THE DATE FOR  
**OUR ANNUAL AUCTION**

*Mercy*

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT


FEB 2<sup>ND</sup> 2024

— 7:00 PM —

OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL

Sponsorship & Table information:  
[olomchurch.com/auction](http://olomchurch.com/auction)



# GUMBO FUNDRISE

SPECIAL NEED **REACH** PROGRAM IN THE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE  
 WHERE: THE OUR LADY OF MERCY PARISH ACTIVITY  
 WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24  
 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
 DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

1 PINT GUMBO: \$10

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POTATO SALAD: \$2




# IN REMEMBRANCE

## Mass Intentions

### JANUARY 20, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Joseph Patrick Terrell / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Pfefferle & LaHaye Families  
 4:00 pm ..... Rissler-Trent Families / Francis Xavier Le / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Daniel M o'Neil / Paul Burton / Clyde and Violet David / Gary Alford / Patrick O'Connell / Mike and Mary Patriarco / Ann Thibodeaux / Dr. Stephen Breaud / Myles and Adele Morrison / The poor souls in purgatory / Polly Moyer / Anna Casso / John Roubique, Sr. / Laura Parnell / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Shannon Cormier & Family

### JANUARY 21, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Adrienne Pierce / Michael Daigle / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Sydney Wilson  
 9:00 am..... Byron Smith & Chauvin Family / Jody Olson / Joe Corsentino, Corsentino and Alello Families  
 10:30 am... Brenda Fremin/ The Fremin Family/ Charles & Rosa Drago/ Reynolds Bromley/ Anna Casso/ Michael S. DiVincenti III  
 12:00 pm... John Graves / O'Neil Parenton, Jr. / Betty Kleinpeter  
 6:00 pm ..... Karen Summers / Ron Truxillo / Lauren Parnell

### JANUARY 22, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Fay and Mitch Marcello / Esla Zeno  
 12:00 pm... Althea Penn / Nancy Lato

### JANUARY 23, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... John Graves / Myrle Rivault Ostergren Hebert  
 6:00 pm ..... Francis Xavier Le / Nicholas Cascio

### JANUARY 24, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Tymofi Oparyk / Ben Wood  
 12:00 pm... James Floyd Hebert / Nicholas Cascio

### JANUARY 25, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... John McKay / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** John Zeno  
 12:00 pm... Patricia Bonnette / Shelly Maggio

### JANUARY 26, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Thelma Boeckelman / Hallie Pfefferle  
 12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Eva Delgado Urdiales / Carl Dalbor Jr./ Wayne Watson / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Karen Watson

## Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

**Joseph & Shirley Zito**

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

**Alex Spano**

## In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Dr. Harold Quinn**
- **Leonard Nachman**
- **Wayne Watson**
- **Larry Lichtenberg**
- **Jacob Francois Altazan**
- **George Mayeux**
- **Paulette Peters**
- **Patrick McGuire**
- **April Schaff**
- **Betty Scurria**
- **Marie Capone**

## MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux	Sid Lawton
Rod Alkadi	Jason Martin
Leo Blaha	Brian Matthew
Ronnie Bordelon	Kevin Minor
Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr.	Luke Mumfrey
Francisco Castellanos	Paul O'Kelly
Gordon Craig	Anthony & Betsy Pizzolato
Randy Craig	Sonny & Mary Politz
Pete Crifasi	Leon Rester
Jack Crittenden	Margarita Santos
Ted Donaldson	Ann Soike
Nicholas Foster	Jim Thompson
Janet Fruge	Bart Tullier
Brett Gianelloni	Dana Vidrine
Julie Hannie	Natalie Edwards Wallace
Maggie Jones	Karen Watson
Kim Scallan Lajoie	Terri White
Joseph Landry	Myishia Whitefield

PARISH LIFE

 OUR LADY of MERCY Married Couples Retreat

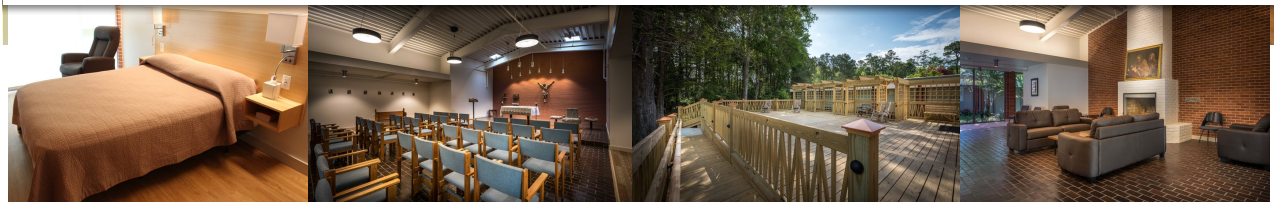
*March 9-10*

**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](http://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)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

1380 AM - WPYR

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

### Weekend of January 20th & January 21th

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
Extraordinary Ministers					
J Schiro M Downing J Stalls C Formeller L McCann D Dawson	B Babin L Dawson A Haywood T Penouilh	L Saab H Blouin L Caire B Carie Deacon Grant P Tullier	F Titus R Cooney C Ransome T Grant M Taylor Deacon Duplantis Deacon Grant	Deacon Duplantis F Borghardt J Frederick J Frederick	T DeJohn K Walker B Bargas G Bertrand
Lectors					
G Lalonde K Steintrager	A Wilson S Darensbourg E White	Children's Liturgy	B Billeaudeau C Billeaudeau	L Guttner L Holliday	C Steele B Bargas
Altar Servers					
J Millet (C) E Schiro H Schiro	G Samrow (C)	L Saab (C) A Saab L Saab,III	F Titus (C) C Billeaudeau O Billeaudeau	F Borghardt (C) A DiVincenti M DiVincenti	K Walker (C) M Billeaud G Romero

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

## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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PASTOR.....Father Cleo Milano  
VICAR.....Father Charbel Jamhoury  
PERMANENT DEACON.....Deacon Kirk Duplantis  
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

444 Marquette Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(225) 928-6216

## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

400 Marquette Avenue  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
Phone: (225) 924-1054  
Fax: (225) 923-2201  
olomschool.org

## Communications

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## Glorify the Lord by your life

MEMBERSHIP.....Ms. Lori Mouton  
BAPTISM.....Deacon Richard Grant  
FIRST COMMUNION/PSR.....Ms. Tori LaBelle  
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CONFIRMATION.....Ms. Michaelyn McGinnis  
WEDDING.....Ms. Alison Nodier  
FUNERAL.....Ms. Michelle Schroeder  
FACILITIES.....Ms. Michelle Schroeder  
FINANCE & GIFTS.....Ms. Lauren Ritchey

*To view complete staff list, visit [olomchurch.com](http://olomchurch.com).*

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

