



MERCY ALIVE

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THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD
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Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East
and see your children gathered from the rising to the
setting of the sun.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY JANUARY 6

8:00 amDaily Mass
4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY JANUARY 7

7:00 am.....Mass
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 8

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
12:00 pm.....Catholics in Recovery
6:00 pm.....RCIA-*St. Ann*
6:00 pm.....Baptism Seminar
6:30 pm.....KC Officers Mtg-SVDP Rm
7:00 pm.....SVDP Meeting-*St. Jerome*

TUESDAY JANUARY 9

8:30 amRosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*
9:00 am.....Called By Faith-PAC
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:00 pm.....All Are Welcome-*St. Joseph*
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

THURSDAY JANUARY 11

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

FRIDAY JANUARY 12

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

On the Cover

The angelic liturgical dancers pictured are OLOM School girls

Top row: Peyton Trahan, Ariana Falcon, Emry Weiler, Elia Altazan, Carson Lowe.

Bottom row: Leighton Altazan, Tessa Cannon, Peyton Couvillon

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.

Prayer LINE

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

Second COLLECTION

Parish Maintenance Fund



DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The One who said "Let there be light" appeared among us as the Light of the world. Isaiah could have been speaking about our world. Darkness covers the earth. Thick clouds cover the people. I know so many people who are gloomy. Some even appear to thrive on gloom and doom. They look at our world and see nothing but darkness. The world seems to have gone insane. We remember our childhood and wonder why everything can't be like then when the world knew the difference between light and darkness. I constantly remind myself of the words of the author of Ecclesiastes who said, "Do not say: How is it that former times were better than these? For it is not out of wisdom that you ask about this" (Ecc. 7:10).

Although some periods of time are worse than others, darkness descended upon the world with the sin of our first parents. So, what are we to do? First, we receive baptism. In the Letter to the Hebrews, receiving baptism is to be enlightened. This is one of the more popular terms for baptism in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers. The Light came at Christmas, and we have received it. As Isaiah says, the world may dwell in darkness "but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory." Second, by our simple lives as believers, others can walk by our light, by our shining radiance. Finally, when the fire of the Holy Spirit enlightens us, then we see the world differently, too. "Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow." We don't curse the darkness; we light a candle, or better yet, we live in the light of Christ who is much greater than a candle.

The magi "saw his star at its rising ... And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." Brothers and sisters, you and I are that star. If we live in the light of Christ, there will be those who follow that light and discover the child. Of course, not all are interested in the light. Darkness can be quite comforting. Some will even be hostile to the light; Herod lives. Who could have imagined that the baby in the manger was the Light of the world? Let us let our light shine; it will lead people to the Light in that manger.

I leave you with the children's song that we used to sing during Vacation Bible School.

This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine - I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

Let your light shine like the stars in the universe, dear friends. The Light of the world dwells in you. Let it shine. It will lead people to Jesus.

PARISH LIFE



We invite you to a monthly support group to **connect** parents & caregivers of persons with special needs in our church community.

Wednesday, January 10th
6:00 pm
St. Joseph Room - PAC



More information
Text ALLWELCOME to 84576
225-229-9532
olomchurch.com



The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE

SAVE THE DATE FOR
OUR ANNUAL AUCTION

Mercy

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

FEB **2ND** 2024

7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL

Sponsorship & Table information:
olomchurch.com/auction

MERCY MARRIAGE DAY



Mercy Marriage Day

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

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| 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.



PARISH LIFE

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
or call 225-926-1883



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

PARISH LIFE



THE ART OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE: BUILDING A HOLY HOME

Join us for this free half-day workshop as we enter into the mystery of Nazareth. Encounter practical ways to transform your house into a holy home, sacred ground, a place to profoundly encounter God, a place of joyful service and loving sacrifice, a refuge and respite in the chaos of the world.

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!

Couples of All Ages:

REGISTER FOR FREE TODAY!

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



**MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT
8:00 AM**

**Our Lady of Mercy
445 Marquette Avenue,
Baton Rouge, LA, 70806**

**Saturday
Date January 27
7:30 AM - 12:45 pm
Parish Activity Center**

Childcare Available

**MISSIONARIES
TO THE FAMILY**

AN INITIATIVE TO REVITALIZE THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

paradisusdei.org

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**



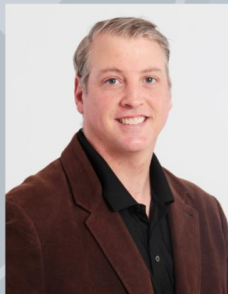
**DC. MICHAEL
PARKER**



**CHEF JOHN
FOLSE**



MARK HOUCK



REGISTER ONLINE AT



**FIND OUT MORE AT
CATHOLICMENBR.COM**

PARISH LIFE

 OUR LADY of MERCY Married Couples Retreat

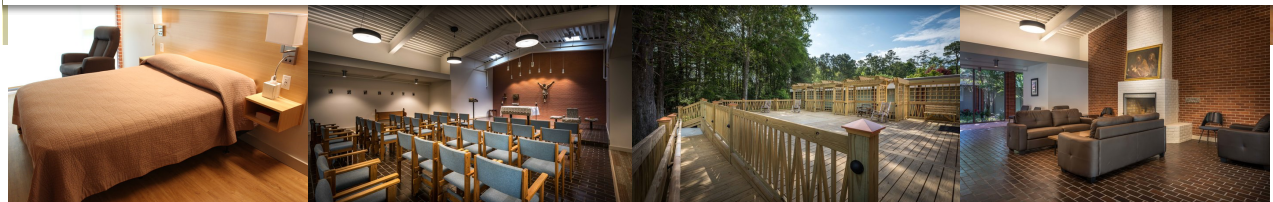
March 9-10

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

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

JANUARY 13, SATURDAY

8:00 am Francis Xavier Le / Harold Bahlinger, Sr.
4:00 pm Roy Jones / Virgil & Eunice D'Armond / Sugar and Cookie Kane / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Mike, Tom & David Guessfeld / Bruce Hilbrecht / Ann Thibodeaux / Raoul Robert / Mollie Helm / Barbara Guidry / Nicholas Cascio / Anna Casso / John Roubique, Sr. / The poor souls in Purgatory / Laura Parnell

JANUARY 14, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Adrienne Pierce / Joe Corsentino, Corsentino and Alello Families / Karen Summers
9:00 am..... Bruce and Eva Soileau / Daniel Richardson / Bryn and Harrison Thompson / Jody Olson / Shelly Maggio
10:30 am... Cretini & Vicari Families / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Reynolds Bromley / Paul Anthony Plaisance / Vito Impastato / Michael S. DiVincenti III
12:00 pm... Paul Rozas / Adam Pinchera / John P. Kirby
6:00 pm Anna Casso / Ron Truxillo

JANUARY 15, MONDAY

8:00 am Bernice Healy / Zane Zeno
12:00 pm... Shirley & Joseph Zito / Maria Truat T. Nguyen

JANUARY 16, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... William Middleton / John Graves
6:00 pm Francis Xavier Le / Andre Oparyk / John Oparyk / Aimee Planchard and Peggy Rylee / Fr. Mark Beard / Olivia Frank Lamonica

JANUARY 17, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Ricky Mier / Janice Gunther
12:00 pm... Alex Spano / Special intentions: DeLage and LeJeune Families

JANUARY 18, THURSDAY

8:00 am Sandy Roppolo / Juanita Metz & Michael McDonald
12:00 pm... Shirley & Joseph Zito / L.J. and Sylvia Chauvin

JANUARY 19, FRIDAY

8:00 am Nicole Danielle Helms / Elmo and Mary Phillips
12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Louis Benedetto / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Gordon Fisher / Robert Butler Murrell / Nhan Ngo / Carl Dalbor Jr. / Nicholas Cascio

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

Irwin P. Wilbert

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Dr. Harold Quinn**
- **Leonard Nachman**
- **Wayne Watson**
- **Pat Terrell**
- **Larry Lichtenberg**
- **Jacob Francois Altazan**
- **George Mayeux**

MERCY PRAYS

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

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.

Happy New Years!

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)

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 13th & January 14th

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					
L D'Armond C Mattza C Duvieilh D Pirello K Adams T DeJohn	B Babin P Samrow S Armand A Haywood	D Maggio S Maggio R Huber M Huber Deacon Duplantis J Harrison	F Titus D McCrary A Dalmau M Vincent R Cooney Deacon Duplantis Deacon Grant	Deacon Grant C Roberts K Kimble M Kimble	G Bertrand E Pavlovich L Hopkins C Schutte
Lectors					
A August C Ransome	E White J Gardemal A Wilson	B Avery C Laird	S Love B Elliser	H Schiro A Meche	S Cunningham C Steele
Altar Servers					
L D'Armond (C) J Hernandez J Hernandez	G Samrow (C)	J Harrison (C) L Laville R Schroeder	F Titus (C) C Anderson E Ellis	M Kimble (C) M Chatelain A Romero	G Bertrand (C) C Lowe L Mann

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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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

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(225) 928-6216

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

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Glorify the Lord by your life

MEMBERSHIP.....Ms. Lori Mouton
BAPTISM.....Deacon Richard Grant
FIRST COMMUNION/PSR.....Ms. Tori LaBelle
RCIA.....Deacon Kirk Duplantis
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.

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

