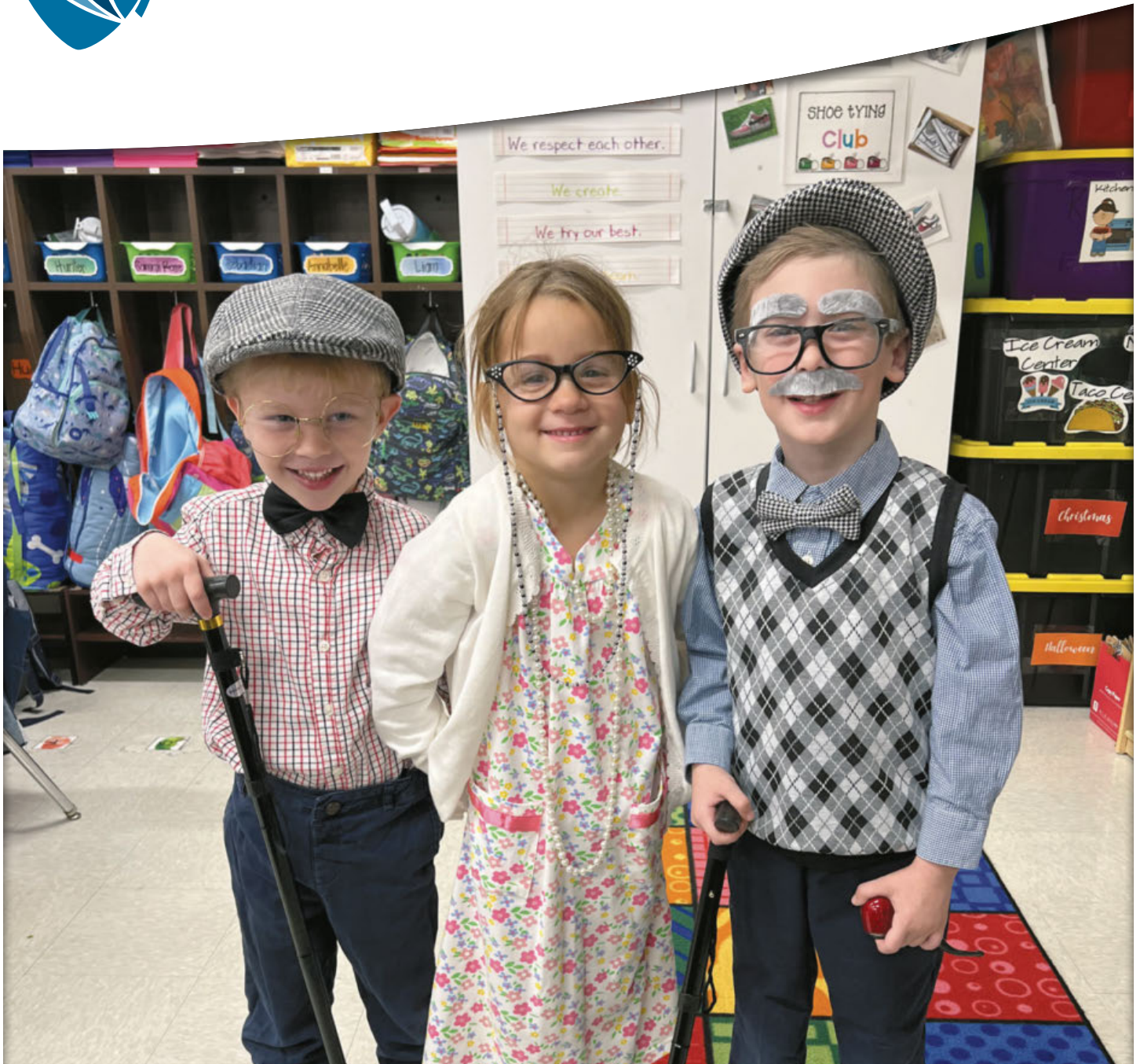




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O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

7:25 amFirst Saturday Devotion
8:00 amDaily Mass
4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 5

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
12:00 pm.....Catholics in Recovery
6:30 pm.....RCIA-*St. Ann*
7:00 pm.....SVPD Meeting-*St. Jerome*
7:00 pmBaptism Seminar-*Mary*

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6

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.....Daily Mass & Novena
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7

8:00 amDaily Mass
9:00 amMagnificat Morning Prayer-*St. Jerome*
11:30 amCourageous Women-*St. Jerome*
12:00 pmDaily Mass
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8

6:00 amTMIY-*St. Joseph & Mary Our Mother Rm*
8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study - *JPII House*

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9

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

Our Lady of Mercy Kindergarteners, Hunter Root, Ainsley LeBlanc, and Landon David celebrated the hundredth day of school by dressing up.

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.

Friday Night Fish Fry

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February 16th

February 23rd

March 1st

March 8th

March 22nd



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February 19, 20, and 21
7:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy Church

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Our Lady of Mercy is pleased to share the return of a St. Joseph Altar on Sunday, March 19th to honor the Feast of St. Joseph. This long-standing Italian tradition is one that shows gratitude to St. Joseph for relief of the people in Sicily after a terrible famine overtook the island. After paying honor to St. Joseph, the Sicilians distributed the food to the less fortunate.

After many centuries, the St. Joseph Altar still serves as a reminder that those who have enjoyed some measure of good fortune must share it with those who have less.

We invite you to join us in the preparation, education and viewing of the St. Joseph Altar at Our Lady of Mercy. If you are interested in helping with altar preparations, we invite you to email olomaltar@gmail.com.

Donations for Our Lady of Mercy's St. Joseph Altar are kindly accepted through the envelopes located on the envelope rack.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS FEBRUARY 6th



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**Who: Men who are
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**Married Couples
Retreat**

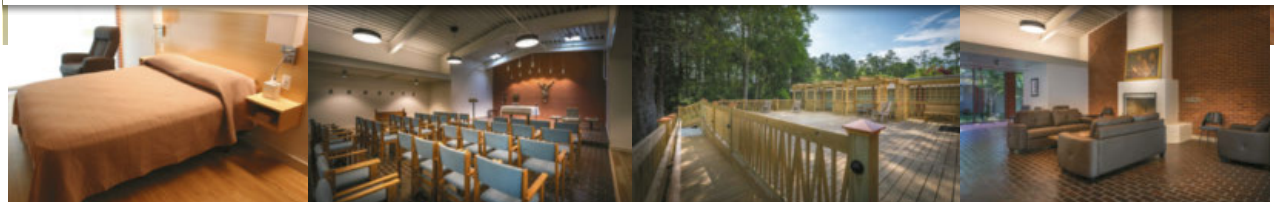
March 9-10

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ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, February 14th

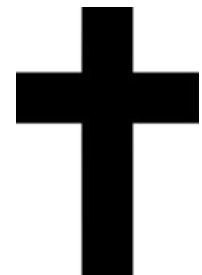
Day of Fast and Abstinence

6:30 am

8:00 am

12:00 noon

6:00 pm



Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season, is observed six and one half weeks before Easter. It is a day of fast and abstinence when ashes are blessed and imposed on the foreheads of the faithful to remind us of our obligation to do penance of sins, to seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting, good works and by bearing with patience the trials and difficulties of everyday life. The ashes are used to mark the forehead with the Sign of the Cross, with the reminder: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return."

Ashes will be distributed at the end of each Mass.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

FEBRUARY 10, SATURDAY

8:00 am Hallie Pfefferle / William John Bull
4:00 pm Dr. Clifton T. Morris, Jr. / Francis Xavier Le / Virgil & Eunice D'Armond / Sugar and Cookie Kane / Gary & Kevin Keyser / John M Fruge' & Todd Fruge' / Josef Klimczak / Bruce Hilbrecht / Ann Thibodeaux / Bernice Healy / Barbara Guidry / Anna Casso / Peggy Werner / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** All Priests

FEBRUARY 11, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Adrienne Pierce / Geak Millien, Melvin Millien, Margaret Humphrey, Bernard Francis and Sheldon Gallon / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Louis Schaff III family
9:00 am..... Byron Smith & The Smith Family / Theresa and Nelvin Fontenot / Bruce and Eva Soileau / Karen Summers / Steve Patrick Michel
10:30 am... Bobby McCall / Sandra Dempsy / John Graves / Vincent and Ada Dimattia / Michael S. DiVincenti III
12:00 pm... Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Joe Corsentino, Corsentino and Alello Families
6:00 pm Anna Casso / Ethel Sexton

FEBRUARY 12, MONDAY

8:00 am Sandy Roppolo / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Terry and Tara Messenger
12:00 pm... Bernice Copponex Barry / Dr. Stephen Breaud

FEBRUARY 13, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... K.J. Thomas / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Tina Grant
6:00 pm Gwin Family / Shirley & Joseph Zito / Francis Xavier Le / Paul Catalanatto / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Tyler Clay Die / Bill & Carol Levene / Bruce Hilbrecht / Bernice & Charles Healy / Fred Gowdy / Randal Coleman / O'Neil Parenton / Tyler Craig / Lawrence Berry / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Anthony and Loyce Carona and Family

FEBRUARY 14, WEDNESDAY

6:00 am..... Vito Impastato / Conception Bencomo
8:00 am **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Abby and Kieran Toohey / Lynn Gan
12:00 pm... Mary Del Tassin / Special intentions: DeLage and LeJeune Families
6:00 pm Matthew "Todd" Kleinpeter / Adrienne Gunther

FEBRUARY 15, THURSDAY

8:00 am Fred Kaufman / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Denise Womack
12:00 pm... Marie Schmidt / John McKay

FEBRUARY 16, FRIDAY

8:00 am..... Shirley K Gaudin / Hallie Pfefferle
12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Virgil & Eunice D'Armond / Sugar and Cookie Kane / Julio Patolic / Carroll Regan / Robert Butler Murrell / Eva Delgado Urdiales / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Mollie Helm / Randal Coleman / Derek Wilson

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

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

In Sympathy to the Families of:

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- Peyton Parker
- April Schaff
- Joan Roberts
- Paulette Peters
- Deacon Gary Mooney
- Genny Kirby

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Saturday, February 17th
9:00 am
Oak Lodge Reception Center

You are invited to a Prayer Breakfast with speaker: Kim Lukinovich. Please join us for our next Prayer breakfast, February 17th, 2024 from 9:00 am - 12:00pm at Oak Lodge Reception Center.



For more information or to register online, go to MagnificatDec2023.Eventbrite.com or contact Gwen Gillis at 225-505-7050 or email johngg224@gmail.com.



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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)

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Weekend of February 10th & February 11th

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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.



DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

“My heart is moved with pity,” Jesus says in one of the gospels this week, and we see his compassion in the healing stories in this week's gospels. This seems like the perfect time for us to ask Jesus for the healing we need in our lives.

We can take one gospel and pray with it as if we were in the story. Jesus and his disciples cross the sea and as soon as they land, people rush to bring those who need healing to him. We can imagine ourselves seeing Jesus, the crowds gathering, the jostle of people bringing their sick on mats. People yelling for Jesus' attention.

Then we can imagine a moment where Jesus steps away from the throng and takes us aside. With loving eyes he looks at us and asks us, “Where do you need healing? Where can I be with you?”

It is there in that powerful moment that we can speak to Jesus as we would a friend. We can search our hearts and ask Jesus for the healing he already knows we need:

- “Help me, Jesus, with my impatience with my family. Let me not nag at those I love so much. Heal my lack of compassion for them.”
- “Touch my heart, Jesus. Give me the selfless love I need in my marriage not to 'keep score.' Only with your help can I continue to be loving, even when it feels like some days I am the only one carrying my marriage.”
- “Jesus, I become afraid of failing and I feel like one of those people lying on a mat, waiting for you to touch my life. Yet when I sense your healing presence coming close, I roll away from you so you don't see me. Give me the courage I need to ask for your healing and to get up and answer your call for me to serve.”

When we pray with a gospel, we can carry an image of that prayer with us all day long. As we get out of bed in the morning, cook meals or go about our day, we can be aware of Jesus standing with us, ready to heal us, if only we would ask.

What is it that needs healing in me this week? Where will I allow Jesus to touch my life?

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