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Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

8:00 amDaily Mass
4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

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 FEBRUARY 12

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

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13

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 14

6:00 amAsh Wednesday Mass
8:00 amAsh Wednesday Mass
12:00 pmAsh Wednesday Mass
6:00 pmAsh Wednesday Mass
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15

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 16

8:00 amDaily Mass
9:30 amMoms and Tots
12:00 pmDaily Mass
5:00 pmKC Fish Fry- Emmanuel Hall
6:00 pmWay of the Cross

Prayer LINE

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

On the Cover

Ms. LaBorde, Ms. Stepteau, and an inspiring group of our students attended the beautiful Mass, celebrating Diocesan Catholic School Week.

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

Dine In, Carry out or Drive Through
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00pm

Price: \$10.00 Cash per plate

\$11.00 Credit Card per plate

February 16th

February 23rd

March 1st

March 8th

March 22nd



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Little black book, a collection of daily Lenten reflections are now available in the church office for \$1 each.

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THE MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY

TRUST AND MERCY

The Message

The *Message* of Divine Mercy is that God is merciful. He is love itself poured out for us, and He wants no one to escape that merciful love.

The message is that God wants us to turn to Him with trust and repentance while it is still a time of mercy, before he comes as the just Judge. This turning with trust to Him who is Mercy itself is the only source of peace for mankind. Turning to and imploring God's mercy is the answer to the troubled world. There is no escaping that *answer*.

The Response of Trust and Conversion

What God most wants of us is to turn to Him with *trust*. And the first act of trust is: *receive* His mercy. To trust God is to rely on Him who is mercy itself. The Lord wants us to live with trust in Him in all circumstances. We trust Him because He is God, and He loves us and cares for us.

His mercy is always available to us, no matter what we have done or what state we are in, even if our sins are as black as night, and we are filled with fears and anxieties.

The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to my mercy (Diary 723).

But there is more we can do. As Catholics, as Christians, we can go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and be reconciled to God and to man. The Lord wants us to live reconciled with Him and one another.

Divine Mercy Novena • Nine Tuesdays starting
February 6th through April 2nd •
following 6:00 pm Mass

It's Scriptural

The message of mercy is content and the challenge of Sacred Scripture. In the Hebrew Bible we see a God of mercy who calls His people to be merciful. In the New Testament Jesus exhorts us: *Be merciful even as your Father is merciful* (Lk 6.36 RSV).

He sets the highest goal for us and expects us to obtain His merciful love: *Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy* (Mt 5.7 RSV).

When He comes again, He will judge us on our mercy toward one another: *Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me* (Mt 25.40).

Devotion to the Divine Mercy

Our Lord not only taught Sr. Faustina the fundamentals of trust, and of mercy to others, but He also revealed special ways to live out the response to His mercy. These we call the *devotion to The Divine Mercy*. The word "devotion" means fulfilling our vows. It is a commitment of our lives to the Lord who is Mercy itself.

By giving our lives to The Divine Mercy - Jesus Christ Himself - we become instruments of His mercy to others, and so we can live out the command of the Lord: *Be merciful even as your Father is merciful* (Lk 6.36 RSV).

Through Sr. Faustina, Our Lord gave us special means of drawing on His mercy; an Image of The Divine Mercy, a Chaplet of The Divine Mercy, a Feast of Mercy, a novena, and prayer at the 3:00 hour - the hour of His death. These special means are in addition to the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation.

LENTEN MISSION



 **OUR LADY of MERCY**

Guest Speaker: Mike Patin

Mike Patin—the “Engagin’ Cajun”—uses energy, humor and stories to remind people of God's presence among us while inviting others (and himself) to take the "next step" in our journey with God.



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

PARISH LIFE

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.

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.



PARISH LIFE

Catholics in Recovery

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**Who: Men who are
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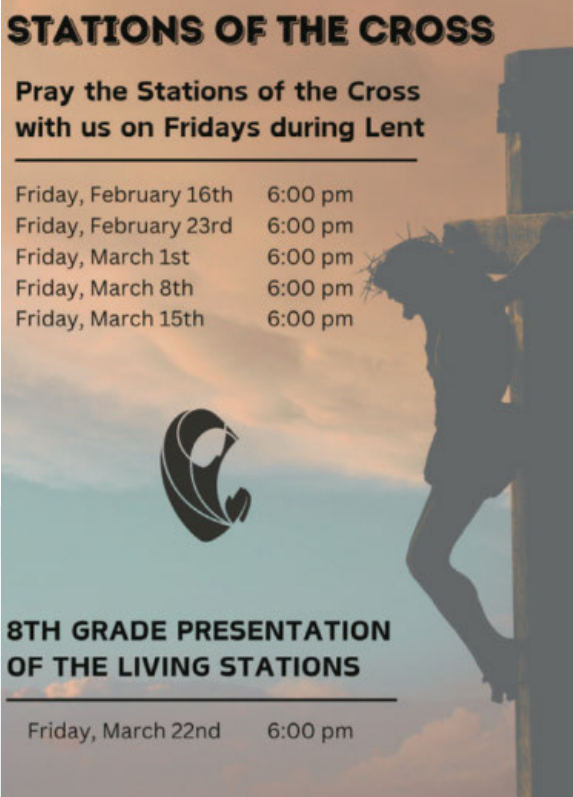


STATION OF THE CROSS

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**Pray the Stations of the Cross
with us on Fridays during Lent**

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| Friday, February 16th | 6:00 pm |
| Friday, February 23rd | 6:00 pm |
| Friday, March 1st | 6:00 pm |
| Friday, March 8th | 6:00 pm |
| Friday, March 15th | 6:00 pm |



**8TH GRADE PRESENTATION
OF THE LIVING STATIONS**

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| Friday, March 22nd | 6:00 pm |
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PARISH LIFE



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for Humanity
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of MERCY

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Build address:
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Saturday, March 2nd
8 am to 3 pm

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PARISH LIFE



**Married Couples
Retreat**

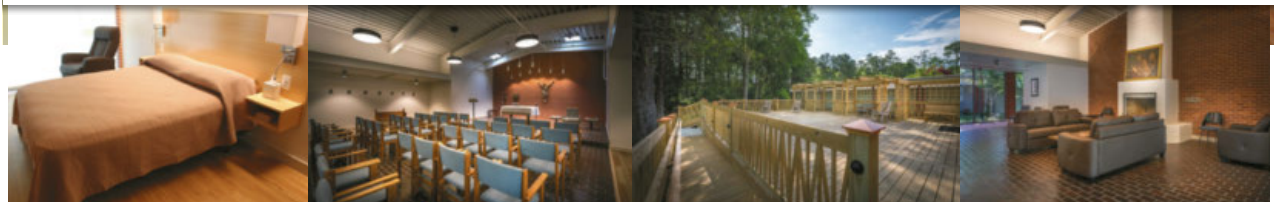
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Attention Couples:

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

Date Night With Your Spouse



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

Supper & Substance

Enjoy dinner and inspiring talk
by Michael & Erin Franco



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IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

FEBRUARY 17, SATURDAY

8:00 am Francis Xavier Le / Mollie Barbara Helm
 4:00 pm Jill Barfield Hamilton / Rissler-Trent Families / Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr. / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Elaine and Robert "Bob" Thomas / Paul Burton / Clyde and Violet David / Gary Alford / Aimee Planchard / Ann Thibodeaux / Bill Edwards / Myles and Adele Morrison / The poor souls in purgatory / Anna Casso / Nicholas Cascio / Randal Coleman / O'Neil Parenton / Betty and Sammy Scurria / Peggy Werner / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** All Priests / Shannon Cormier & Family

FEBRUARY 18, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Sandy Roppolo / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Ellie Sances
 9:00 am..... Paul Catalanatto / Marta Gomez Balon / Steve Patrick Michel / Norma Beaugh / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** The Pfefferle Family
 10:30 am... Cretini & Vicari Families / Mrs. Videlia McKinley / Karen Summers / Vito Impastato / Michael S. DiVincenti III
 12:00 pm... Mary Louisa Daniel / Deacon and Mrs. Gene Brady / Anna Casso / Dr. Harold Quinn
 6:00 pm Joe Corsentino, Corsentino and Alello Families / O'Neil Parenton / Leonard Nachman

FEBRUARY 19, MONDAY

8:00 am John McKay / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** The Pfefferle Family
 12:00 pm... Mabel Smith / Darryl Cazes

FEBRUARY 20, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Joseph Patrick Terrell / Mary Ann Fasullo
 6:00 pm Gwin Family / Shirley and Joseph Zito / Francis Xavier Le / Paul Catalanatto / Ronald Monte / Ashton & Anne Dugas / Noland & Rita / Noland & Rita Latino / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Tyler Clay Die / Bill & Carol Levene / Bruce Hilbrecht / Fr. Mark Beard / Bernice & Charles Healy / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Randal Coleman / Tyler Craig / Lawrence Berry

FEBRUARY 21, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** The Pfefferle and LaHaye Families
 12:00 pm... **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** DeLage and LeJeune Families

FEBRUARY 22, THURSDAY

8:00 am Martha Michael / Ryan Presswood
 12:00 pm... Wayne Watson / Pat Terrell

FEBRUARY 23, FRIDAY

8:00 am..... Micah Labelle / The Darensbourg and Ladmiraault Families
 12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Nhan Ngo / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Jack LaBelle, The Louis Schaff III family

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

The sanctuary light in the Adoration Chapel burns this week in honor of **Louis Schaff III Family**

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Ralph Werling**
- **April Schaff**
- **Deacon Gary Mooney**
- **Genny Kirby**
- **Sam Pizzolato**
- **Mary Mineo**
- **Bob Murthy**

MERCY PRAYS

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

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MAGNIFICAT - A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

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 [MagnificatFeb2024.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/magnificat-feb-2024) or contact Gwen Gillis at 225-505-7050 or email johnng224@gmail.com.

Magnificat
A Ministry to Catholic Women

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 February 17th & February 18th

| 4:00 pm* | 7:00 am* | 9:00 am | 10:30 am | 12:00 pm | 6:00 pm |
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| Fr. Milano | Fr. Charbel | Fr. Milano | Fr. Milano | Fr. Milano | Fr. Charbel |
| Extraordinary Ministers | | | | | |
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| Lectors | | | | | |
| G Lalonde P Rigby | A Haywood E White A Wilson | Children's Liturgy | B Billeaudeau C Billeaudeau | A Bargas M Kimble | C Schutte G Gilbert |
| Altar Servers | | | | | |
| J Millet (C) C Casselberry J Hernandez | G Samrow (C) | F Titus (C) L Altazan P Kelly | J Angers (C) C Billeaudeau O Billeaudeau | F Borghardt (C) A Nguyen G Norenberg | K Walker (C) B Bailey A Stroud |

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

We can feel the tension in this week's readings. Jesus is trying to warn his disciples - and us - about the rebellious style of the Pharisees, about hypocrisy. And, he is trying to heal the blindness of his disciples - and our blindness - about what his mission is all about. He has come to free us from sin and the captivity we have to all kinds of self-centered patterns.

So when we stay reflective this week, we can become more conscious of how we rebel from the path of Jesus, from joining him in becoming less selfish. When we begin our days this week, we can ask, "Lord, help me see the ways I'm too self-centered this week. Help me notice the needs of those you place in my life. Stretch my heart to love more today." It is simple, but it begins to change our focus.

As we go through the week, we can pay closer attention to our resistance, the places we catch ourselves holding back. We can open our eyes to see the patterns in our lives that we might not have paid attention to before. It doesn't have to be serious evil we are choosing. It might just be ways in which we are avoiding losing our lives for him. Once we focus, start paying attention to the daily choices we make, our day becomes a day of prayer. We can be in communion with the Lord throughout the day because it becomes a day of dialogue, in the midst of all the busyness.

"Lord, as I put on this sweater, I'm aware how I just spoke to Helen. I'm sorry. That was all about my fear, wasn't it? I cut her off because I was just afraid of what she was asking of me. I became more aware of the cost to me than anything else. Please help me to continue to see how I respond to people. Please calm my fears." We can get in the habit of doing this kind of prayer every day, right where we are, in very brief moments. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives is the goal of this kind of prayer.

All of this is reinforced by our prayer of gratitude each night. If we can feel the need for this kind of communion with our Lord each day, and thank God for it each night, there is no question that we will be developing a new pattern in our life. We tend to continue to do what we enjoy. And gratitude feeds even more openness and generosity.

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.


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