



MERCY ALIVE

FEBRUARY 25, 2024
II SUNDAY
OF LENT
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Photo by Darlene Augillard

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24

8:00 amDaily Mass
4:00 pmVigil Mass

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25

7:00 am.....Mass
9:00 am.....Mass
10:00 am.....Post Confirmation Mtg.-*Mary*
10:30 am.....Mass
12:00 pm.....Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass
7:00 pm.....High School Youth Group

MONDAY FEBRUARY 26

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 pmSVDP Meeting-*St. Jerome*

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27

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 28

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

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29

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 MARCH 1

7:00 amFirst Friday Devotion
8:00 amDaily Mass
9:30 amMoms and Tots
12:00 pmDaily Mass
5:00 pmKC Fish Fry- *Emmanuel Hall*
6:00 pmStations of the Cross

On the Cover

Faithful Mercy parishioners, Sam and Anne Bergeron celebrating their 68th wedding anniversary at the special Anniversary Couples Mass and Reception.



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Friday, March 15th
4:00 - 6:30 pm
OLOM PAC

The poster features a photograph of five men standing together. From left to right: a priest in a black cassock, another priest in a black cassock, a man in a white polo shirt, a man in a dark polo shirt, and a man in a blue polo shirt holding an acoustic guitar.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM
FEBRUARY 6TH - APRIL 2ND

The poster features a central image of the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, with a red heart and a white dove above it, set against a blue background.

Prayer LINE

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



SECOND WEEK OF LENT

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

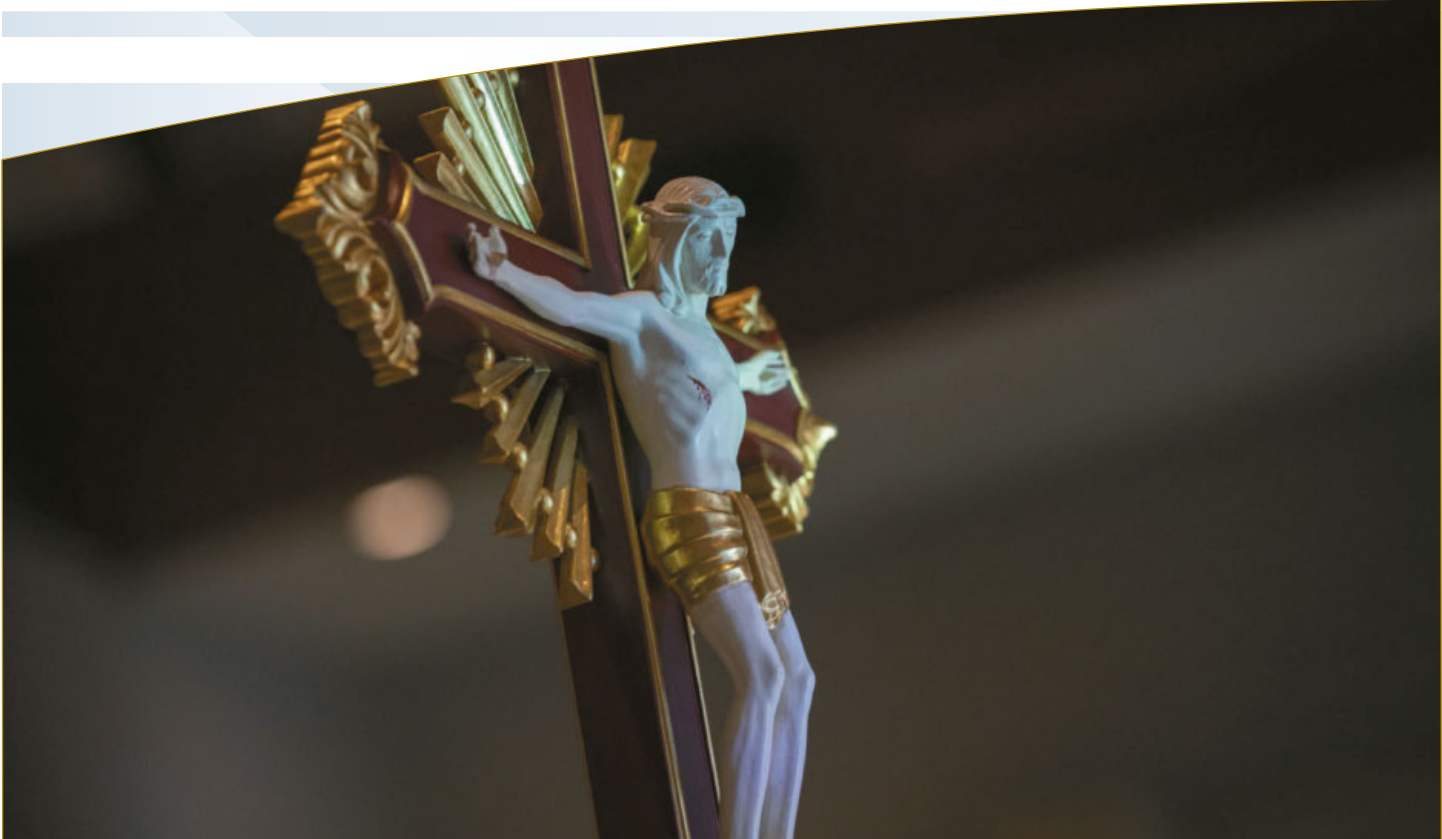
During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

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.



FORTY DAYS OF LENT

The number 40 is a very penitential number in the Bible.

Did you know that the number 40 appears 146 times in Sacred Scripture?
Here are just a few examples of its appearance:

- 40 days of rain during the flood of Noah
- 40 years Moses spent wandering in the desert
 - *40 years he was a Shepherd
 - *40 years he led Israel
- 40 days the spies searched out the Promised Land
- 40 years of wilderness, wandering in the desert, when Israel was disobedient
- 40 days the prophet Elijah spent in the cave waiting on word from God
- 40 days the prophet Ezekiel laid on his side symbolizing the sins of Israel
- 40 days Jonah preached repentance before God would destroy Nineveh
- 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness in prayer and fasting tempted by Satan after his Baptism
- 40 days Jesus appeared to his disciples between Easter and the Ascension

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THESE 40 DAYS OF LENT?

PARISH LIFE

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Our Lady of Mercy is pleased to share the return of a St. Joseph Altar on Sunday, March 17th 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.



THE HISTORY OF THE ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The tradition of making St. Joseph Altars dates back to the twelfth century. It is believed that the tradition began in Sicily during a great famine that was caused by an extreme drought. The Sicilians began seeking the intercession of their patron saint, St. Joseph, to end the drought and bring much needed rains to Sicily. In return for St. Joseph's intercession, the Sicilians vowed to honor St. Joseph by making altars dedicated to promise, petition, and thanksgiving. They promised to honor St. Joseph each year on his feast day, March 19th, and seek his intercession in times of need through placing their petitions on the altars. Through the altars, the Sicilians paid homage to St. Joseph by

giving him thanks for the many blessings they had received through his intercession.

Please join us on March 17th for Our Lady of Mercy parish St. Joseph altar. If you are interested in helping with the altar, please reach out by email to olomaltar@gmail.com.



MERCY MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ through a retreat experience that begins on a Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. The ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.



This experience is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends. Fr. Cleo invites you to prayerfully consider joining a group of men from our parish to make this spiritual retreat at The Solomon Retreat Center in Loranger, LA. The cost of the retreat is \$325 for Mercy parishioners and \$400 for non-parishioners double occupancy rooms are provided.

Men's Retreat - departs Mercy on Thursday, May 2nd and returns for noon Mass at Mercy on Sunday, May 5th.

Registration for this retreat opens February 26th- olomchurch.com

For more information, contact:

Deacon Kirk Duplantis

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The image shows a construction site with wooden framing. In the top left corner, there is a logo for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge, featuring a stylized house with three figures inside. In the top right corner, there is a logo for Our Lady of Mercy, featuring a blue and white circular emblem with a figure. Below the logos, there is a yellow banner with the text "33rd Catholic Coalition Build". Below that, there is a blue banner with the text "Build address: 1343 North 31st. Street". Below that, there is another blue banner with the text "Saturday, March 2nd 8 am to 3 pm". At the bottom, there is a larger blue banner with the text "Come build homes and hope with us!" and "Volunteers: Contact Ned Smith at edwgeosmith53@gmail.com or call the OLOM Office at 225. 926.1883".

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

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



PARISH LIFE



**Married Couples
Retreat**

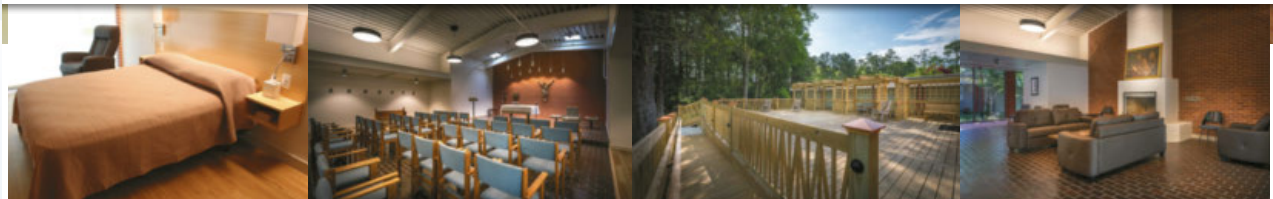
March 9-10

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

PARISH LIFE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

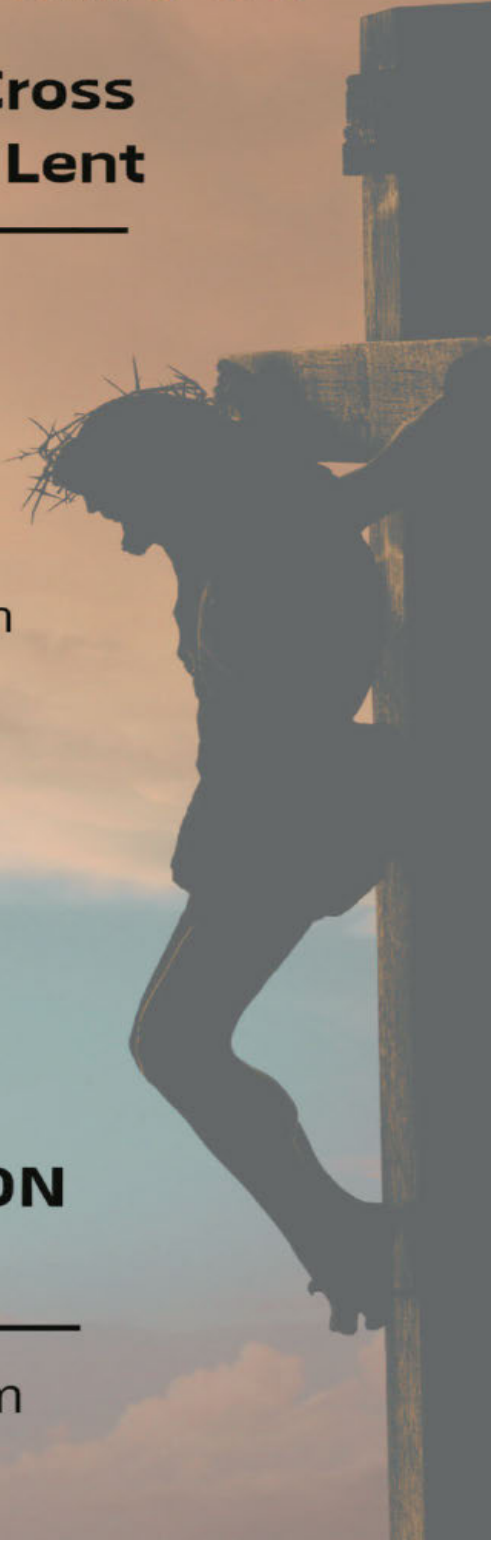
**Pray the Stations of the Cross
with us on Fridays during Lent**

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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 |
| Thursday, March 21st | 12:00 pm |



8TH GRADE PRESENTATION OF THE LIVING STATIONS

Friday, March 22nd 6:00 pm



THIS YEAR FOR LENT, OUR PARISH IS ADOPTING - THE WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CLINIC



WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CLINIC

Woman's New Life Clinic's mission is to promote the sanctity of life, the dignity of women, and the sacredness of sexuality through medical and mental health services. The Clinic is empowering women to choose life.

Since their start in 2001, they've saved over 2,553 lives from abortion. WNLC offers free professional counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and case management to women in unplanned pregnancies. They also offer professional post-abortion counseling, pregnancy loss counseling, ALL FREE OF CHARGE.

In addition to these services for women in unplanned pregnancies, Woman's New Life Clinic has launched new programs, allowing them to compete with Planned Parenthood, such as family planning instruction. Woman's New Life Clinic operates strictly through private donations from people like you. Donating to Woman's New Life Clinic is something tangible that each and every one of us can do in the fight for life.

We are challenging each family in our parish to donate \$20 or more to this life-saving campaign. Though you may not be able to be on the front-lines of this battle, your participation enables their staff to be there, because without YOU, Woman's New Life Clinic cannot exist. The staff at Woman's New Life Clinic pray fervently for their donors and clients. Please pray for them as well.

The clinic is located within our parish boundaries at:

760 Colonial Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
(225) 663-6470
www.womansnewlife.com

Envelopes are available in your March envelope packets and will be in the back Church to place your offering in support of Women's New Life Clinic.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

MARCH 2, SATURDAY

8:00 am Barbara Mahoney Helm
4:00 pm Francis Xavier Le / Mr. Joe Bologna & Family; Tullio Saffiotti / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Clyde and Violet David / Maude Amorello / Alex Spano / Bruce Hilbrecht / Ann Thibodeaux / Myrle Rivault Hebert Ostergren / Bernice Healy / Raoul William Robert / Myles and Adele Morrison / Pete Newton / The poor souls in purgatory / Anna Casso / O'Neil Parenton / Peggy Werner / LeBlanc, Landry, Rizzutto, and Cangelosi Families / Nora Lea Mansur Payne / Rose and Red Graphia and Mary Levatino / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Marie Capone / Patrick McGuire / April Schaff / Howard Kidder, Jr. / Wayne Watson / Joan Roberts / Lynn Roberts / Alene Vinning / Shelly Maggio / Keely Anderson / Marie Capone / Anthony & Victoria Danna, Ludrich & Zane Doiron / Ralph Werling / Eleanor Henley / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Trent Leach / All Priests

MARCH 3, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Mollie Helm / Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Adrienne Pierce / William Ledet / Helen Manalo
9:00 am..... Roy Jones / Daniel Richardson / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Bernice Healy / Hallie Pfefferle
10:30 am... Frank J. Vicari / Gary Alford / Bernice & Charles Healy & **SPECIAL INTENTION** for Jean Bowling / Vincent and Grace Marino / Nicholas Cascio II / Michael S. DiVincenti III
12:00 pm... Dorothy Bueche Stevens / Reynolds Bromley / Anna Casso / Barbara Ann Hedric / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Christine & Mark McMorris & Family / The Louis Schaff III family
6:00 pm Joe Corsentino, Corsentino and Alello Families / Karen Summers / Adrienne Gunther / Conception Bencomo / Holly Jarreau

MARCH 4, MONDAY

8:00 am Tymofi Oparyk / Ben Wood
12:00 pm... Judy Becker / Jim Hebert

MARCH 5, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Sandy Roppolo / Robert K. Gunther
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 / Lucille Church / Bernice & Charles Healy / Fred Gowdy / O'Neil Parenton / Tyler Craig / Lawrence Berry / Politz & Territa Families / Bourgeois & Gautreau Families / Shelly Maggio / Wayne Watson / Jerry D'Aquila Sr. / Rodney Viallon / Jack Woynowski / Laura Cuicchi / Helen Rizet / John Pearce / Ralph Werling / Hallie Pfefferle / Eleanor Henley / April Schaff / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Carlos Mata / LaHaye & Pfefferle Families

MARCH 6, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Jean Gwin / Hallie Pfefferle
12:00 pm... Grey Hammett / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Jo Ellen Ourso

MARCH 7, THURSDAY

8:00 am Joseph and Lydia Landry, Nicole Helms / Thad Bourque
12:00 pm... **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Peter LaBelle / Derek Wilson

MARCH 8, FRIDAY

8:00 am..... William John Bull / Juanita Metz & Michael McDonald
12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Mollie Barbara Helm / Mary Rose Planchard / Eva Delgado Urdiales / O'Neil Parenton / Norma Beaugh / Joseph Patrick Terrell / Libby Botos / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Rex Normand / Betty Dyess / Holly Jarreau / Ajay "Bob" Murthy / Eleanor Henley / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Lewis and Coyle Family intentions / The Monsour Family / Cheryl & Gilbert / All Clergy / Seminarians

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Betty Scurria

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

Marshall Owens

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **April Schaff**
- **Jim Thibodeaux**
- **Sam Pizzolato**
- **Mary Mineo**
- **Bob Murthy**
- **Jerry Crifasi**



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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)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

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10:30 am on Sunday for
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Weekend of March 2nd & March 3rd

| 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 |
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| Lectors | | | | | |
| K Steintrager C Laird | J Gardemal S Darensbourg A Haywood | Children's Liturgy | C Lee D McCrary | E Joffrion H Schiro | S Hingle S Cunningham |
| Altar Servers | | | | | |
| J Millet (C) R Guillot E Minvielle | G Samrow (C) | F Titus (C) A Saab L Saab | F Titus (C) C Lee C Rumfola | M Kimble (C) J Joffrion A Roussel | C Schutte (C) J Floyd M Floyd |

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.

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FRIDAY 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

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