



# MERCY ALIVE

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III SUNDAY  
OF LENT  
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My eyes are always on the Lord,  
for he rescues my feet from the snare.  
Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
for I am alone and poor.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

# THIS WEEK

## SATURDAY MARCH 2

7:25 am ....First Saturday Devotion  
8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
4:00 pm ....Vigil Mass

## SUNDAY MARCH 3

7:00 am.....Mass  
9:00 am.....Mass  
10:00 am.....RCIA-*St. Ann*  
10:30 am.....Mass  
12:00 pm.....Mass  
6:00 pm.....Mass

## MONDAY MARCH 4

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

## TUESDAY MARCH 5

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 & Novena  
7:00 pm ....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 6

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:00 am ....School Way of the Cross  
11:30 am ....Courageous Women-*St. Jerome*  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
6:00 pm.....The Light Is On For You  
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

## THURSDAY MARCH 7

6:00 am ....TMIY-*St. Joseph & Mary Our Mother Rm*  
8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
6:30 pm ....High School Bible Study - *JPII House*

## FRIDAY MARCH 8

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:00 am ....School Liturgy  
9:30 am ....Moms and Tots  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
5:00 pm ....KC Fish Fry- *Emmanuel Hall*  
6:00 pm ....Stations of the Cross

## On the Cover

Sarah Edgecomb, Marianna Porche, Emily Park, Maria Moss and Anna Price at the Light Up the Night Mercy Auction celebrating and supporting the kids.

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Ms. Carroll Benedetto at [wlb14@aol.com](mailto:wlb14@aol.com)



THIRD WEEK OF LENT

# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

The opening declaration of God to the Jewish people, in our First Reading from Exodus, is a profound, yet simple identification. "I am the God Who saved you from the slavery of Egypt." "You, Israel, are the nation and people saved by My love for you." The commandments are guides by which they will avoid chaos by doing or not-doing things when and if they forget who they are in God's eyes. If they could keep the memories alive they would not need to be justified by their completion of their identity by what they have to do or avoid doing. In listening to or reading the very exact laws, each of us can give ourselves a letter-grade in how we have been doing lately. Yes, Lent can be a forty-day examination of just how bad, unfaithful, inconsistent we each have been. So we can make a promise to stop or begin. I would suggest a good Lenten practice might be giving up self-criticism. Not one of us feels as if we have lived up to our baptismal initiation. You might respond then, "What should I pray about, with, or say?"

Our reading from John's Gospel might assist us with an answer. The cleansing in the temple in the three other Gospels takes place rather close to Jesus' arrest and condemnation to death. In John, it takes place in the second chapter right after the changing of the water into wine. Yes, it is tucked in after the First Sign of His identity and mission. The very and absolute mission for Jesus is, by His life, death and resurrection to re-identify God as the saving-loving God, and us as the very created-people of God. He has changed water, a symbol of chaos, into wine, the symbol of life. Jesus moves, in this second chapter, to His mission of re-creating God's loved family, nation, people. In our class here at Creighton on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, a young man in his fourth year offered the question about what exactly is meant by "Justification." Ah, the class discussion heated up quite quickly. Prospective Law students knew precisely the correct meaning. The Theology majors were a bit quieter, but definitely certain. The Philosophy majors took us from Aristotle and Plato through others most of the class never heard of. I, in true Jesuit style, invited them to read today's readings, plus all of Leviticus.

Human frailty is embraced by the human Jesus. Keeping over six-hundred laws is an impossible expectation. So an un-justified person can fulfill the rules to obtain righteousness by sacrificing various animals which would render God pleased and back in relations with the sacrificer. In today's Gospel the sellers or money-changers provide such animals, sheep and cows mainly. They are helping those who feel separated from God by their not observing various laws of God. Dramatically, Jesus, the Man of change, appears doing His mission, living His identity. Here and in many confrontations, Jesus is defining that He is Justification, He is the Lamb of Sacrifice, He is the Loving Face of God bringing God's people out of slavery to their chaos and out of darkness about their, and our, identities

So the real answer to the young scholar is not what is justification, but Who is! Our Lent is giving up false identities which tend to disidentify ourselves. We operate as misnamed, misidentified flying objects. We are invited to allow Jesus to turn us over, drive out our ways of chaos and allow Him to meet us in our simplicity, humility and faith.

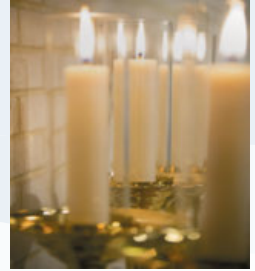
May we all enjoy being at His Eucharistic Table where He turns Himself over to us.



## PARISH LIFE

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

"Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart" says God through the prophet Hosea. As Catholics, we are given the opportunity to heed God's call by readying ourselves for the Lord's Passion during this Lenten season through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Our Lady of Mercy offers this special opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation through "The Light Is On For You."

Start with an examination of conscience, recalling your sins and prayerfully asking yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God's Commandments.

Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Mercy are on Wednesdays from **6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on:**

**MARCH 6      MARCH 20**  
**MARCH 13     MARCH 27**

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### It's Been a While Since My Last Confession

- First, don't be afraid, Jesus said, "Heaven rejoices more for one repentant sinner than for 99 righteous persons who never needed to repent." The priest will be so happy you've returned to confession after many years
- Second, try to prepare with the help of a good examination of conscience sheet, but the priest will know that you cannot remember your sins with the precision of someone who came the previous week
- Third, get the largest sins off your shoulders first
- Fourth, don't be afraid to ask the priest for help; most confessors are experts in leading someone in your circumstances through an examination of the "big stuff" in the confessional
- Finally, don't wait. Come back to be reconciled to your loving Father, set off the celebration in heaven, and share your Father's joy!

## 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](mailto:olomaltar@gmail.com).

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## PARISH LIFE



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**Wednesday, March 13th**  
**6:00 pm**

**St. Joseph Room - PAC**  
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We are excited to welcome guest presenter, **Ally Bayard**, from Refinery Counseling Center to lead us in a conversation about "Self-care for Caregivers"

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Friday, March 8th      6:00 pm  
Friday, March 15th    6:00 pm



### 8TH GRADE PRESENTATION OF THE LIVING STATIONS

Thursday, March 21st 9:00 am  
Friday, March 22nd    6:00 pm

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**March 22nd**





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Thank you to our Auction Team:

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## 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.

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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.  
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[www.womansnewlife.com](http://www.womansnewlife.com)

**Envelopes are available in your March envelope packet and will also be in the back of Church to in support the Women's New Life Clinic.**

## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Mass Intentions

#### MARCH 9, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... John McKay / Mollie Barbara Helm  
4:00 pm ..... Francis Xavier Le / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Paul Burton / Theresa and Nelvin Fontenot / Timothy M. Conley / John & Clara Conley / Liz R. Smith / Bruce and Eva Soileau / John M. Fruge' & Todd Fruge' / Vincente Huang V. Nguyen / Ann Thibodeaux / Raoul Robert / Dr. Stephen Breaud / Barbara Guidry / Anna Casso / Ethel Sexton / Hallie Pfefferle / Peggy Werner / Nora Lea Mansur Payne / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Marie Capone / Howard Kidder, Jr. / Joan Roberts / Lynn Roberts / Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Guidroz and family / Myles & Adele Morrison / The Poor Souls in Purgatory / Keely Cassano Anderson / Anthony & Victoria Danna, Ludrich & Zane Doiron / Ralph Werling / Joe Stroud / Eleanor Henley / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Shannon Cormier & Family / All Priests

#### MARCH 10, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Adrienne Pierce / Joan Roberts / Keely Cassano Anderson  
9:00 am..... Jody Olson / Karen Summers / Hallie Pfefferle / April Schaff / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** The Murthy Family  
10:30 am... The Thomas and Deumite Families / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Joe Corsentino, Corsentino and Alello Families / Vito Impastato / Michael S. DiVincenti III  
12:00 pm... Anna Casso / Charles Bourgeois / Don Turnley / Clint LeGrange / Johnson Kadair  
6:00 pm ..... Wayne Watson / Roy and Ruby Seneca / Josephine Rando / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Louis Schaff III family

#### MARCH 11, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... John McKay / Peregrino Natividad Sr.  
12:00 pm... Mabel Smith / Sandy Roppolo

#### MARCH 12, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Philo (Félo) Landry / Jean Beth Lockett Lasserre  
6:00 pm ..... Gwin Family / Shirley & Joseph Zito / Francis Xavier Le / Paul Catalanatto / Haris, Isabel, & Mike Bizette / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Tyler Clay Die / Bill & Carol Levene / Bruce Hilbrecht / Bernice & Charles Healy / Rohan LaFleur / O'Neil Parenton / Tyler Craig / Lawrence Berry / Wayne Watson / John Pearce / Keely Cassano Anderson / Ralph Werling / Hallie Pfefferle / Shelly Maggio / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Carol and Dave Pearce / LaHaye & Pfefferle Families

#### MARCH 13, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Ed Richard / Juanita Metz & Michael McDonald  
12:00 pm... Edward Carey / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** DeLage and LeJeune Families

#### MARCH 14, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Katelyn Marie Schiro / Paul Catalanatto  
12:00 pm... O.J. Lasseigne, Sr. / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Christy Messenger Family

#### MARCH 15, FRIDAY

8:00 am..... Calvin, Georginia and Curran Oubre, Wynona & Joe Lindsly, Hiram and Ellen May  
12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Donna Clymer / Frank Panepinto / Aimee Planchard / Robert Butler Murrell / Jack Brooks / Mary Ann Fasullo / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Wayne Watson / Holly Jarreau / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Cheryl

### Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

## Bob Murthy

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

## Chuck Lepisto

### In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Julia Drago**
- **Mark Dufrene**
- **Don Deshotels**
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- **Joe Urdiales**
- **Jerry Crifasi**
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## WEEKDAYS

MASS TIMES:

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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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### Weekend of March 9th & March 10th

4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
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The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at [www.olomchurch.com](http://www.olomchurch.com).

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\*These liturgies are celebrated without incense.

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