



# MERCY ALIVE

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OF LENT  
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Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY MARCH 9

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
4:00 pm ....Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY MARCH 10

7:00 am.....Mass  
7:30 am.....Holy Name Society Mtg  
9:00 am.....Mass  
10:00 am.....RCIA-*St. Ann*  
10:30 am.....Mass  
12:00 pm.....Mass  
6:00 pm.....Mass  
7:00 pm.....High School Youth Group

### MONDAY MARCH 11

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm.....Catholics in Recovery  
6:30 pm.....KC Officers Mtg-*SVDP Rm*  
7:00 pm ....SVDP Meeting-*St. Jerome*

### TUESDAY MARCH 12

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 13

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  
6:00 pm.....All Are Welcome  
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

### THURSDAY MARCH 14

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 15

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:00 am ....School Liturgy  
9:30 am ....Moms and Tots  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
5:00 pm ....Count Your Blessings- *St. Joseph*  
6:00 pm ....Stations of the Cross

## On the Cover

Kaky Linton pictured with her sponsor, Katie Lee and Bishop Michael Duca at Mercy Rite of Confirmation Ceremony ; 64 young men and women of our parish received the Seal of the Holy Spirit.

## Father Cleo Highly Recommends



A movie on the life of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. Debuting in theaters March 8th.

## Second COLLECTION

Easter Flowers

## Prayer LINE

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



FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

The gospels this week make it very clear, toward the end of the week, that Jesus faced opposition that couldn't accept who he is. We see that Jesus comes to lay down his life that we might live. So, this week of Lent is an important time for us to ask ourselves if there are any parts of our hearts, any of our patterns, that oppose Jesus and his desire to give us life. This kind of honesty can transform our lives. It can allow the grace of God to bring reconciliation and healing we might not have imagined.

Even if it hasn't been easy to get really engaged with Lent so far, we can still make a beginning, even now. The keys are openness and desire. If we can feel any attraction, any sign that the Lord is possibly drawing us, then the Lord can work with us - no matter what resistance or fear we might also be experiencing. All we have to do is act out of these desires and simply ask the Lord for the grace to help us be more honest and more open to what he is offering us. For example, we can ask for the grace to examine our consciences more thoroughly. We could try a different approach to facing any resistance we might have to the Lord's working in us. We might not commit the big sins, but we may not have examined what we fail to do. Who am I failing to love, to forgive, to be generous to? From whom am I withholding affection, care, reconciliation? Where can I live more honestly, with more integrity? How might I proactively change my own personal patterns of escape with patterns of care for others?

It is a time of grace when we can experience moments of "recognition," or self-understanding. But it is not a grace to beat up on ourselves or become self-absorbed in our own guilt. It is grace to feel grateful to the Lord for showing us obstacles to the life he is offering us. It is grace to feel our spirits lighten as we feel drawn to greater freedom and peace. It is incredible grace when we are drawn to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week, let us give thanks to the Lord who deeply desires our greater freedom and joy. As we go to bed each night, let us thank the Lord for what we saw that day and renew our desires for the next day of grace.

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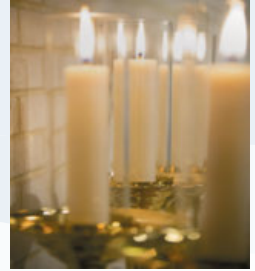
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## PARISH LIFE

# 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 13**

**MARCH 20**

**MARCH 27**

## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



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# — SECOND ANNUAL — ST. JOSEPH DAY ALTAR

**Saturday, March 16th & Sunday, March 17th**  
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**Wednesday, March 13th**

**6:00 pm**

**St. Joseph Room - PAC**

*A support group for parents & caregivers  
of persons with special needs*



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

### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, March 29th 12:00 pm

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

# SAVE *the* DATE

# Wine

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**Friday, March 15th**  
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## BISHOP: SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Dear Brother and Sisters,

If you've kept up with the news, while the synodal process is scheduled to conclude in October 2024, the Holy Father, through the Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops, has once again asked local dioceses to plan realizable consultative activities during this Interim Stage Synthesis. Specifically, our local church is asked to hold listening sessions regarding two specific guiding questions.

Thus, on Monday, 18 March 2024 at 6:00PM in the Ballroom of the Catholic Life Center, a listening session will be held and facilitated. All the faithful are invited to participate.

Should a member of the faithful not be able to attend in person, they can also visit the diocesan website (<https://diobr.org/synod-form>) so that they can leave specific feedback online. A synthesis of this feedback from the session and online comments will be submitted to the USCCB in April.

Bishop Michael Duca



## PARISH LIFE

OUR LADY OF MERCY

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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.

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.  
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(225) 663-6470  
[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 16, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Francis Xavier Le / **SPECIAL INTENTION:**  
Ned and Becky Smith

4:00 pm ..... Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr. / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Paul Burton / Clyde and Violet David / Eugene Andre Sr. / Gary Alford / Mike, Tom & David Guessfeld / Ann Alldredge / Ann Thibodeaux / Mollie Helm / Myles and Adele Morrison / Anna Casso / The poor souls in purgatory / O'Neil Parenton / Shelly Maggio / Peggy Werner / LeBlanc, Landry, Rizzutto, and Cangelosi Families / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Howard Kidder, Jr. / Joan Roberts / Lynn Roberts / Dolly and Bill Wesley / Anthony & Victoria Danna, Ludrich & Zane Doiron / Ralph Werling / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Shannon Cormier & Family / The children of Shelly Maggio / All Priests

#### MARCH 17, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Ellie Sances

9:00 am..... Karen Summers / Ralph Werling / Genny Kirby / Sam Pizzolato

10:30 am... John and Josie Milazzo / Joseph, Marguerite and Selby Madison / Vito Impastato / Michael S. DiVincenti III / Joseph Patrick Terrell  
12:00 pm... L.M Coleman Family / Deacon and Mrs. Gene Brady / Anna Casso / Clint LeGrange / Johnson Kadair / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Louis Schaff III family  
6:00 pm ..... Bernice Healy / Corey Steptore, Doloras Jean Roblin, Kim Guidry, Franklin Gallon and CJ Schiro

#### MARCH 18, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Hallie Pfefferle / Maria Natividad  
12:00 pm... The DelaHoussaye and Belleau families / April Schaff

#### MARCH 19, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Shirley & Joseph Zito / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Ferachi Family intentions  
6:00 pm ..... Gwin Family / Shirley & Joseph Zito / Francis Xavier Le / Paul Catalanatto / Norman & Sara Reiss / 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 / Susie Calvaruso / George Leteff / O'Neil Parenton / Tyler Craig / Lawrence Berry / Wayne Watson / Dolly and Bill Wesley / Marie Capone / John Pearce / Keely Cassano Anderson / Ralph Werling / Hallie Pfefferle / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Deacon Richard Grant / LaHaye & Pfefferle Familiess

#### MARCH 20, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Kyle Cassano / Fr. Agustin Natividad  
12:00 pm... Joseph Patrick Terrell / **SPECIAL INTENTION:**  
Jennifer Wilson

#### MARCH 21, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Taylor Messenger Family  
12:00 pm... Gladys Collins Boyles / John McKay

#### MARCH 22, FRIDAY

8:00 am..... Wayne Karolezak / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Nicholas Oparyk  
12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Marvin Tanner / Nhan Ngo / O'Neil Parenton / Mary Ann Fasullo / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Joseph Leonard "Tim" Lamonica / Holly Jarreau

### Sanctuary Light Memorials

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burns this week in loving memory of

## Rose and Red Graphia & Mary Levatino

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

## Joyce Dietrick

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Julia Drago
- Mark Dufrene
- Don Deshotels
- Lea'Anne DeVaux
- Joe Urdiales
- Deacon Bill Blair
- Tom Nolan
- Laura Cronin Thibodeaux
- Judy Pellerin
- Vita Pocorello

## THANK YOU FROM MICHAEL PATIN

*Dear friends in Christ,*

*I wanted to thank you all for the welcome you provided me during my time in your parish. It is always a privilege for me to be invited to share our Catholic faith. I appreciate the gift of your time, your presence, and our chats.*

*I want to thank Fr. Cleo for his kindness and hospitality in having me speak at the mission. I also want to thank all who volunteered for their help in planning and handling details for the mission.*

*I hope that the messages I offered can give us all (myself especially) a reminder of God's close presence in the realness of everyday life.*

- *(Palm Sunday-Burro) It's hard to remember that God still speaks directly to us as he did to Bible persons and saints. He chooses us, like he did a simple mule on Palm Sunday, to bring him to others.*

- *(Holy Thursday-Bread and Basins) God always journeys with his people. He fed the Old Testament Hebrews in the Exodus desert. Jesus fed hungry crowds in the gospels. He feeds us in our struggles in the Eucharist. The bread of Holy Thursday is coupled with the basin; that is, we too are called to imitate Jesus, who washed feet... that is, we are called to serve others.*

- *(Good Friday/Easter Sunday--Bricks and Bouquets) Suffering can make us believe we are alone. We are called to remember Jesus joins us in these times--and asks us to join our sufferings to his. He also calls us to allow him to heal "dead areas" in our lives: bad habits, broken relationships and 'disordered affections.'*

*I will continue to remember you all in prayer and ask that you pray for me.*

*Peace*

*Mike Patin*





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

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### Weekend of March 16th & March 17th

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. Charbel	Fr. Charbel
Extraordinary Ministers					
L McCann B Clay C Abshire J Stalls M Porter L D'Armond	A Haywood S Armand P Samrow T Penouilh	H Blouin B Bordelon M Huber R Huber Deacon Duplantis L Babin	P Prosser L Gemmill M Vincent B Purgerson J Purgerson F Titus Deacon Grant	Deacon Grant F Titus J Frederick J Frederick	L Hopkins K Walker C Schutte C Roberts
Lectors					
G Gilbert A August	A Wilson J Pastorek E White	Children's Liturgy	C Kline E Kline	L Holliday H Schiro	E Pavlovich S Cunningham
Altar Servers					
J Millet (C) M Clay A Scioneaux	G Samrow (C)	L Babin (C) A Lajoie C Washauer	F Titus (C) K Craig M Schoen	F Titus (C) A Geier C Geier	K Walker (C) R Bargas C Lowe

The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at [www.olomchurch.com](http://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](http://olomchurch.com); and [youtube.com/olombr](http://youtube.com/olombr).

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