



MERCY ALIVE

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Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY MARCH 16

8:00 am Daily Mass
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
5:00 pm Blessing of the St. Joseph Altar

SUNDAY MARCH 17

7:00 am Mass
9:00 am Mass
10:00 am St. Joseph Altar - *Emmanuel Hall*
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 18

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

TUESDAY MARCH 19

8:30 am Rosary Makers - *Coffee Shop*
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 20

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 21

6:00 am TMIY - *St. Joseph & Mary Our Mother Rm*
8:00 am Daily Mass
9:00 am Living Stations
12:00 pm Daily Mass
6:30 pm High School Bible Study - *JPII House*

FRIDAY MARCH 22

8:00 am Daily Mass
9:00 am Living Stations
9:30 am Moms and Tots
12:00 pm Daily Mass
5:00 pm KC's Fish Fry - *Emmanuel Hall*
6:00 pm Living Stations

On the Cover

Emily Schiro, Brady Elliser, and Graham Angers depicting the Holy Family with Father Cleo at the Saint Joseph 2023 Altar.

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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March 22nd



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FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts in more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us. There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me. It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift. If we are celebrating the Scrutinies with the RCIA candidates and catechumens, this is a wonderful time to pray for them as well, for their protection from the evil one in the last days of their journey.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realizing this was all for me.

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.

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 20

MARCH 27



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TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

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on Saturday, March 16th

SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

- spaghetti dinner served following 9:00 am and 10:30 am Mass
- viewing open until 2:30 pm



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LORE OF THE FAVA BEAN

The legend of the fava bean as a good luck token began in Sicily, when that country was in the midst of a great famine, caused by failure of all crops other than the beans. Until that year, the fava beans were used as fodder for cattle. When hunger became life-threatening, the farmers began preparing them for the table and considered themselves lucky for having them. They gave thanks for being delivered from the famine, and the bean became traditional on Saint Joseph's altars in many Italian communities.



Legend has it that you will never go broke if you carry one of these beans in your pocket, and that, if you keep a bean in the pantry, your kitchen will always have food.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

Friday, March 15th	6:00 pm
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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
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PARISH LIFE



Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28th
Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29th
Solemn Way of the Cross
12:00 pm
The Lord's Passion
3:00 pm

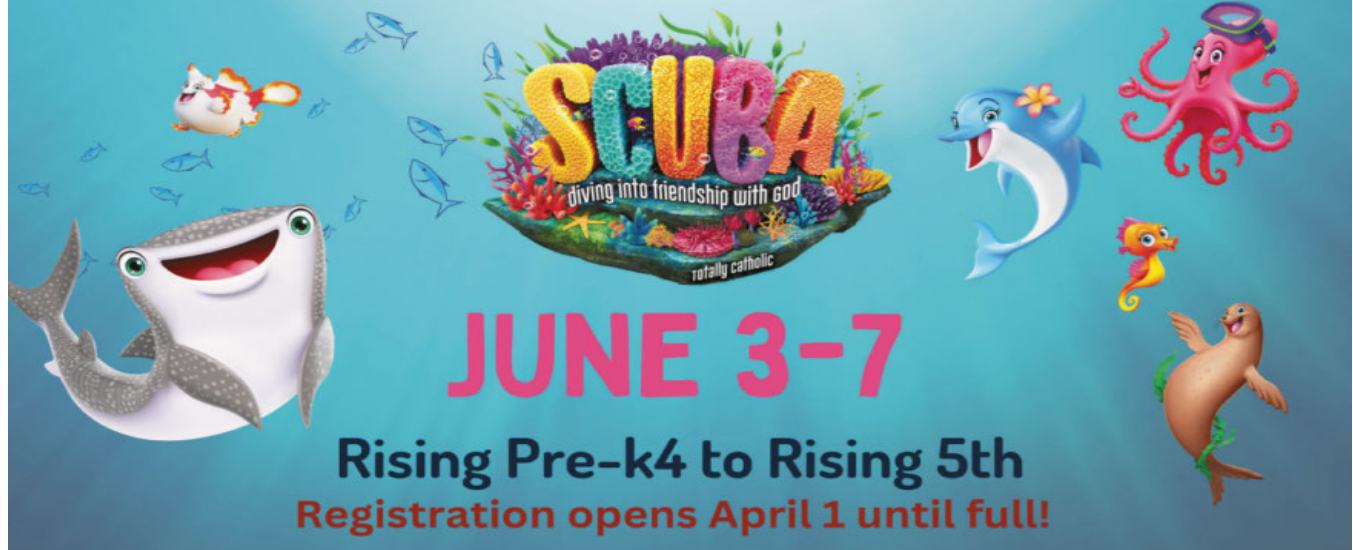
Easter Vigil, March 30th
8:00pm

Easter Sunday
7:00am; 9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm;
6:00pm

PARISH LIFE

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**Where: St. Gabriel
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**Who: Men who are
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THIS YEAR FOR LENT, OUR PARISH IS ADOPTING - THE 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 packet and will also be in the back of Church to in support the Women's New Life Clinic.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

MARCH 23, SATURDAY

8:00 am Mary Mineo / Ajay "Bob" Murthy
4:00 pm Rissler-Trent Families / Dr. Clifton T. Morris, Jr. / Francis Xavier Le / Vincent and Elaine Coyle / Newman & Marie Laborde / Barbara Guidry / Anna Casso / Timothy Parenton / Peggy Werner / LeBlanc, Landry, Rizzutto, and Cangelosi Families / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Howard Kidder, Jr. / Joan Roberts / Lynn Roberts / Myles & Adele Morrison / The Poor Souls in Purgatory / Keely Cassano Anderson / Anthony & Victoria Danna, Ludrich & Zane Doiron / Ralph Werling / April Schaff / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Lewis and Coyle Family intentions / All Priests

MARCH 24, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Vonnie Byers / Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances
9:00 am..... Anna Casso / Hallie Pfefferle / Marie Capone
10:30 am... Scott Litz and Frank Messina, Jr. / Percy, Ann and Paul Moise / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Michael S. DiVincenti III / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** The Murthy Family
12:00 pm... Karen Summers / Charles Bourgeois / Clint LeGrange / Johnson Kadair
6:00 pm Evangeline Gallon, Egan Demesme Jr., Jennifer Smith, Bernice Demesme and Egan Demesme Sr. / April Schaff

MARCH 25, MONDAY

8:00 am Manuel F. Gan / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** Lynn Gan
12:00 pm... Larry Lichtenberg / Keely Cassano Anderson / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Regan and Coyle Family intentions

MARCH 26, TUESDAY

8:00 am David Clary / Bruce and Eva Soileau
10:30 am... Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral
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 / Nelson and Brenda Hebert / Maria Huong T. Vu / Bernice & Charles Healy / John Bauman / Olivia Frank Lamonica / O'Neil Parenton / Tyler Craig / June and Bill Lepine / Lawrence Berry / Clint LeGrange / Wayne Watson / John Pearce / Ralph Werling / Anthony & Victoria Danna, Ludrich & Zane Doiron / Holly Jarreau / Hallie Pfefferle / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** LaHaye & Pfefferle Families

MARCH 27, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Hallie Pfefferle / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** The Pfefferle & LaHaye Families
12:00 pm... Vito Impastato / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** JoAnn Impastato

MARCH 28, THURSDAY HOLY THURSDAY

6:00 pm Debbie Gwin / John M Fruge' & Todd Fruge' / Mike and Mary Patriarco / John McKay / William Ledet / Margaret Bologna

MARCH 29, FRIDAY

8:00 am..... No Mass
12:00 pm... No Mass

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Susie Calvaruso

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

Frank Panepinto

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Vita Pocorello**
- **Jerry Crifasi**
- **Morris McQuiddy**

MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux	Jason Martin
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Kim Scallan Lajoie	Karen Watson
Joseph Landry	Terri White
Sid Lawton	Myishia Whitefield



OUR LADY of MERCY

PARISH EGG HUNT

**Family fun with face painting, prizes, and a
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When: Saturday, April 6th 10-11 am

Who: Toddlers - 3rd Grade

Where: Mercy Football Field

*rain option Mercy Arts Center



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 March 23rd & March 24th

4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
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Altar Servers					
J Millet (C) H Monsour J Monsour	G Samrow (C)	F Titus (C) A Clayton O Clayton	F Titus (C) C Billeaudeau O Billeaudeau	B Beale (C) A DiVincenti M DiVincenti	C Schutte (C) L Altazan C Reems

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.

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