

Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the Highest.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY MARCH 23

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

SUNDAY MARCH 24

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

MONDAY MARCH 25

8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass 12:00 pmCatholics in Recovery 7:00 pmSVDP Meeting-*St. Jerome* 7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

TUESDAY MARCH 26

8:00 am Daily Mass
8:30 am Rosary Makers-Coffee Shop
9:00 am Called By Faith-PAC
10:30 am Chrism Mass-St. Joseph Cathedral
3:00 pm..... Middle School Bible Study-JPII House
6:00 pm..... Daily Mass & Novena
7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass 6:00 pm.....The Light Is On For You 7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

THURSDAY MARCH 28 HOLY THURSDAY

6:00 amTMIY-St. Joseph & Mary Our Mother Rm
6:00 pmMass of the Lord's Supper
6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study - JPII House

FRIDAY MARCH 29 GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 amMoms and Tots 12:00 pmSolemn Way of the Cross 3:00 pmGood Friday Service

On the Cover

"We Adore You, O Christ, and we praise You Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world."



Married Couples Retreat

Join Us

April 19-21, 2024 Feliciana Retreat Center Norwood, LA Cost: \$380 (assistance available if needed) Would you and your spouse enjoy a relaxing and revitalizing weekend to spend time together with no distractions?

Do you want to grow in your spiritual life together with your spouse and family?

Check out Domestic Church, a movement influenced by Saint John Paul II for Sacramentally married couples that is growing in our nation and diocese!

Questions!

Contact Kevin and Angela Beyer BatonRouge@domesticchurchfamilies.com Register online at:

WWW.DOMESTICCHURCHFAMILIES.COM

Second COLLECTION

Catholic Relief Services

Prayer LINE

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



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 am Daily Mass 12:00 pm Daily Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 am Daily Mass 10:30 am Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral 12:00 pm NO Mass at Mercy 6:00 pm Daily Mass & Novena

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:00 pm Solemn Way of the Cross 3:00 pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

8:00 am Daily Mass 12:00 pm Daily Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon 6:00 pm



Chrism Mass

10:30 am at St. Joseph Cathedral 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Mercy followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

All Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will join the Bishop as he consecrates the three Holy Oils: The Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Holy Chrism. These oils will be used for all Sacramental anointing of the faithful throughout the coming year. It is at this Mass that the priests will renew their vows of celibacy and obedience to the Bishop.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

This evening the Church enters the three High Holy Days of the Sacred Triduum gathering to pray and building toward the prolonged Vigil of Saturday night. This evening's celebration, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, is the threshold liturgy of the Triduum. It commemorates the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. At this Mass, the feet of 12 parishioners will be washed by our pastor as the sign of service that the Church is called to be to one another, just as Jesus did at the Last Supper. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the opened Tabernacle. Parishioners are encouraged to spend time in silent prayer before the Eucharist. In doing so, we are mindful of the words of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Stay here and keep watch with me." The church will remain open until 10:00 pm.

Good Friday Solemn Way of the Cross - 12:00 pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 pm

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

On this day, the parish community gathers to prayerfully recall the Death of Jesus. The Church celebrates NO MASS on Good Friday. The Solemn Way of the Cross will be prayed in our church at 12:00 noon. The Good Friday service will be held at 3:00 pm. It consists of the reading of the Passion; Vindication of the Cross; and Distribution of Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Please Note: There is no 4:00 pm Vigil Mass. Our Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 pm and gathers around the blessing of the Easter fire.

Shattering the darkness, the great Paschal candle is lit with the Easter fire, wax nails are embedded, and it becomes the symbol of the crucified Christ. The Paschal Mystery, already celebrated in various ways since the evening of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, is clearly and joyfully announced from the very beginning of the Vigil Liturgy. It is in the light of the Paschal candle that the liturgy continues to unfold. The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful of all the liturgies. Ranking highest among the celebrations of the liturgical year, it should rank highest in the spiritual life of the parish community; not a small task in places where Christmas can sometimes be considered the high point.

It is at this Mass that the Church welcomes our new members into the Catholic community through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Easter Sunday

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

The Mass of the Lord's Resurrection will be celebrated at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon, and 6:00 pm here at Our Lady of Mercy.

Please consider inviting neighbors, friends or family who may not be churched at this time to join you and our family here at Our Lady of Mercy on this joyous Easter day.

PALM SUNDAY **DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK**

This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. There is a solemn nature to this week. We might be tempted to be sad or conflicted this week. It is not easy to get close to the reality that we are sinners and our Lord and Savior went through this betrayal, suffering and death for us. So, sometimes, we avoid looking at this week closely, and praying with it, because we fear getting into our guilt.

The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]

This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: "Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally." Then, throughout the day, in many backgrounds, inbetween moments, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.

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

CONFESSION BEFORE EASTER

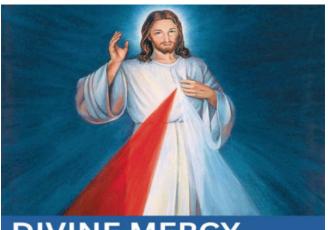
The Light Is On For You! Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The best spiritual preparation for Easter is taking the time to make a good Confession. The mercy of Jesus is never spent; do not be afraid to pour your heart out to the Lord in telling Jesus that for which you most want Him to forgive.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on MARCH 27TH

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!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA



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

EGG MY YARD



WAKE UP TO A YARD FULL OF CANDY-FILLED EGGS

LET OUR BUNNIES DO THE WORK FOR YOU! EGGS WILL BE FILLED WITH CANDY AND PLACED IN YOUR FRONT YARD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH AFTER DARK.

Order Deadline: Monday March 25th

FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS OUR TEENS PARTICIPATING IN THE SUMMER STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

AREAS OF DELIVERY: TARA, OLD GOODWOOD, AND BOCAGE*

30 EGGS \$30 50 EGGS \$50 70 EGGS \$70 100 EGGS \$100

Place your order today!

Order on olomchurch.com

*IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE OF THESE AREAS, WE ARE HAPPY TO STUFF YOUR EGGS FOR YOU TO PICK UP AT THE CHURCH OFFICE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH BY 3PM



PLEASE EMAIL IICHAELYN.MCGINNIS @OLOMCHURCH.COM IITH ANY QUESTIONS.



PARISH LIFE

MERCY MOVIE NIGHT — WITH — FATHER CLEO



THE WHOLE THEATER WILL BE RESERVED FOR MERCY

Wednesday, April 3 6:30 PM CITYPLACE MOVIE TAVERN \$24 DOLLARS A PERSON INCLUDES MEDIUM POPCORN AND DRINK

PLEASE REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE OR CALL THE OFFICE AT (225) 926-1883



PARISH LIFE



Catholics in Recovery

For more information visit www.olomchurch.com or call 225-926-1883

When: Each Monday at 12 noon

Where: St. Gabriel Room at the Parish Activity Center

Who: Men who are seeking a Catholic approach for dealing with real-life struggles.

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

OUR LADY of MERCY

PARISH EGG HUNT

Family fun with face painting, prizes, and a picture with the Easter Bunny!

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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 Prayer

IN REMEMBRANCE Mass Intentions

MARCH 30, SATURDAY

8:00 pm Paula LeBaron, Joe & Jenny Serio, John and Jackie Kenaley / Adrienne Gunther / Conception Bencomo / Howard Kidder, Jr.

MARCH 31, EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Manuel F. Gan / Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Jean Beth Luckett Lasserre / **SPECIAL INTENTION**: Jeanne Garcia

9:00 am..... George Leteff / Anna Casso / Conception Bencomo / William and Gabriella Gigante / Raymond and Brandon Cloutier

10:30 am... Gary Alford / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Nettie Marcotte / Michael S. DiVincenti III / **SPECIAL INTENTION**: Ms. Lynn McKinley

12:00 pm... Shirley & Joseph Zito / The Ballard, Chambers and McCay families / Thad Bourque / Clint LeGrange / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS**: Carol and Paul Patriarco

6:00 pm Adrienne Gunther / William Ledet / Peggy Werner / Roy and Ruby Seneca / Josephine Rando

APRIL 1, MONDAY

8:00 am L.J. and Sylvia Chauvin / Sheila Cobble 12:00 pm... Katie Sharp / Paul Rozas / James Smith

APRIL 2, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Mollie Helm / April Schaff 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 / Aimee Planchard and Peggy Rylee / Bernice & Charles Healy / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Timothy Parenton / O'Neil Parenton / Tyler Craig / William Ledet / Lawrence Berry / Shelly Maggio / Wayne Watson / Joan Roberts / Lynn Roberts / Mr. and Mrs. Felix Guidroz / Joe Stroud / Hallie Pfefferle / Wayne Manuel / Eleanore Henley / Jay Harris / John Pearce / Robert Stuart Ward / Tom Nolan / Jerry Crifasi / Rosemary Daquano / Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Guidroz and children / C. Jerome D'Aquila Sr. / Mary Jacqueline Kidder / Raymond Joseph Credeur / Frank Smola / Margaret & Estin Young / Debbie Donaway Young / SPECIAL INTENTION: LaHaye & Pfefferle **Families**

APRIL 3, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Andre Oparyk, John Opariek / Theo Mier 12:00 pm... Sue Brooks / George A. Kadair Sr. / Special intentions: DeLage and LeJeune Families

APRIL 4, THURSDAY

8:00 am Jeff Nola / Ed Richard 12:00 pm... Sandy Roppolo / Grey Hammett

APRIL 5, FRIDAY

8:00 am...... Francis Xavier Le / Theresa and Nelvin Fontenot 12:00 pm... Mollie Poirson / Shirley & Joseph Zito / Mollie Barbara Helm / J. Louis & Virginia Tonore, Sr. / Bert & Marie Carbo, Sr. / Anthony J. Zito / Bernice Healy / Hallie Pfefferle / John McKay / Nhan Ngo / Eva Delgado Urdiales / Vito Impastato / Norma Beaugh / Libby Botos / Politz & Territa Families / Bourgeois & Gautreau Families / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Jerry & Billie Fakouri / Daniel & Nelta Jarreau / Sue and Roland Bercegeay / Jack Liuzza / Shelley Maggio / April Schaff / Patricia Comeaux / **SPECIAL INTENTION**: JoAnn Impastato / Katelyn Landry / Annette Raterman / Dominic Lato

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

April Schaff

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

Genny Kirby

In Sympathy to the Families of:

Damina

Ministry of prayer for the homebound of OLOM Parish

Call 926-1883 and volunteers will schedule a time to

Rosaries

Morris McQuiddy

pray the rosary at your home.

- Chris Moise
- Susan Moise
- Glynn Badon
- Rose Beatty

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

MERCY OWLS LUNCHEON Retirees & wanna be's! Great Food Mercy Fellowship OWIS After 12 noon Mass Thursday, April 11th PAC Please bring a dessert to share Register online at olomchurch.com or call the office at 225-926-1883 Cost \$5 per person, includes Gumbo, salad and refreshments Please pay at the door by check or cash.

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

1380 AM - WPYR Listen daily at noon and 10:30 am on Sunday for Mercy's Mass live broadcast

Weekend of March 30th & 31st					
8:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Frs Milano/Charbel	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Charbel
Extraordinary Ministers					
TBD	Deacon Grant A Wilson E White A Haywood	Deacon Grant B Elliser B Bordelon A Dalmau L Babin F Borghardt	Deacon Duplantis Deacon Grant B Purgerson J Purgerson L Gemmill F Titus	Deacon Duplantis J Frederick J Frederick F Titus	K Walker B Bargas C Steele C Roberts
Lectors					
TBD	S Darensbourg A Wilson J Gardemal	C Lee E Joffrion	B Haldane C Haldane	M Kimble K Kimble	G Bertrand G Gilbert
Altar Servers					
TBD	K Allen (C)	L Babin (C) A Dalmau B Elliser	F Titus (C) C Rumfola K Sauviac	F Titus (C) L Christofferson G Dillon	K Walker (C) E Gray R Gray
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.					

COLUMBARIUM GARDEN OF PEACE

FINAL RESTING PLACE IN SACREDNESS, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT

The Garden of Peace and Memorial Columbarium provides a sacred and beautiful place for the inurnment of cremains in accordance with the Church's instructions.

As cremation continues to increase in popularity, the need to bury the ashes of cremated individuals is also increasing. The Garden of Peace is a peaceful and prayerful site on the campus of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church serving as an eternal resting place for our beloved deceased.

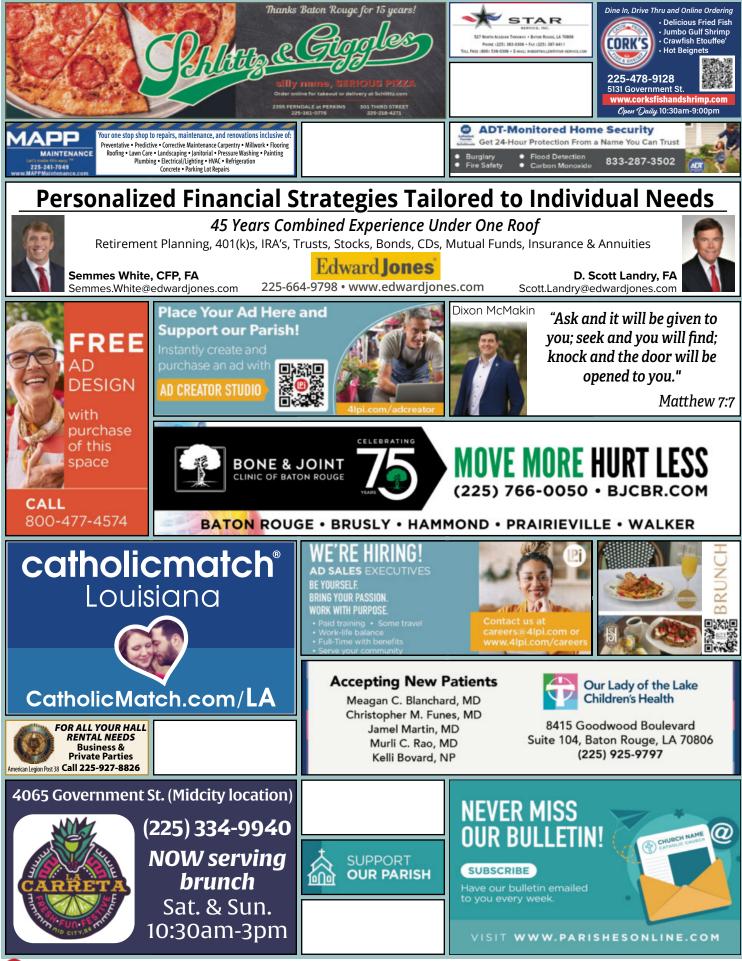


As you plan for your family's future needs, consider the option of cremation and burial at the Garden of Peace Memorial Columbarium. The Mercy Columbarium Garden of Peace is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholic and non-Catholic.

Columbarium niches are available in two sizes - each cremain niche holds a space for two persons. They are \$5800 for a small niche and \$8500 for larger niches.

There is no greater gift one can give to family than planning final arrangements that fulfill one's specific wishes and take the burden off of others. We would love to discuss the Columbarium with you on the phone or in person. Schedule your appointment today!

Call the Church Office to make your appointment: (225) 926-1883



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