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THE ASCENSION  
OF THE LORD  
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Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY MAY 11

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

### SUNDAY MAY 12

7:00 am.....Mass  
7:30 am.....Holy Name Society Mtg-*St. Joseph*  
9:00 am.....Mass  
10:30 am.....Mass  
12:00 pm.....Mass  
6:00 pm.....Mass

### MONDAY MAY 13

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

### TUESDAY MAY 14

8:30 am ....Rosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
3:00 pm ....Middle School Bible Study-*JPII*  
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass & Novena  
6:00 pm.....Confirmation Info Mtg-*St. Ann*  
7:00 pm ....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

### WEDNESDAY MAY 15

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
11:30 am ....Courageous Women-*St. Jerome*  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
7:00 pm.....Choir Practice

### THURSDAY MAY 16

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
6:30 pm ....High School Bible Study - *JPII House*

### FRIDAY MAY 17

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:00 am ....School Liturgy  
9:30 am ....Moms and Tots  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass

## Second COLLECTION

Catholic Communications Campaign

## On the Cover- Happy Mother's Day!

*Middle School Teachers Brittany Sloan, Mallory White and Caty Luecke enjoyed a lovely breakfast with their sons Andrew, Liam and Truman at the Mother Son Breakfast sponsored by Men of Mercy.*

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## Prayer LINE

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



# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

The gospel today took some “unpacking” for me - recognizing the relationships not only between the Holy Trinity of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit but also with us. Jesus is letting His disciples know that while He will be leaving them, they are not alone. As I read today’s gospel, I tried to imagine what it was like for these disciples - walking with Jesus for years, experiencing his suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection; talking with Him these last few weeks and trying to grasp what it all means. Now, He is preparing them for His departure and leaving them alone. Yet, He assures there is more - the Spirit of Truth will be with them.

For me, I need to constantly be reminded that I am not alone. I do have a loving family and great friends who fill my heart. However, it only takes a few minutes of reading the newspaper or viewing the news on the television to be overwhelmed by the hate and violence permeating our world! I hear people wonder how God can let this happen - He’s turned his back on us. God gave us free will and choice. Violence has been around since Genesis - greed, jealous and vanity are still alive and thriving. I’ll never forget the line in a movie spoken by “the Devil” with sneering laughter as he exclaims, Vanity is my favorite sin. It sometimes feels that we are the ones that have turned away from God like Sodom and Gomorrah did.

I’ve been reading the novels in the Kingsbridge series that began with the dream of building a wonderous Cathedral in the early middle-ages. There were always good and honorable people with true aspirations for Heaven wanting to do the right thing. Likewise, there were the greedy pompous ones climbing over one another and the less fortunate like stepping stones to reach their goals of wealth and status. Hypocrisy thrived right along side piety and devotion. The Protestant Kings (and Queens) killed the Catholics while the Catholic Kings (and Queens) killed the Protestants - all in the name of God (with maybe a few other ulterior motives). The fact remains that disregard for others has a long history along with turning away from God.

It is so important to me for both my mental and spiritual well-being to remember the message of this gospel - we are NOT alone. This time on this earth is just a speck. There is so much more! Just as the Holy Spirit was there to support the disciples, it is there for each of us as we navigate this crazy world with our freedom of choice. As I lean into the Holy Spirit and allow myself to feel it and continue to pray and praise God, it provides comfort in my fears of the surrounding instability. Further, it enables me to maintain a focus on what is most important. For sure it is not the collection of things, wealth, or accolades. Rather staying open to the Holy Spirit, praying, and being aware of the miracles and wonders that God gives us everyday will focus me where I need to me and rescue me from being overwhelmed on a daily level.

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# Mother's Day PRAYER

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your Yes to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.



Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own. May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.

Amen!

**God Bless our Mothers and Grandmothers living and deceased!**

Called to Action

## PARISH LIFE

# MOTHER'S DAY MAY CROWNING



Sunday, May 12th  
9:00 am  
Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

**Fr. Cleo Milano invites all children who would like to participate in the crowning of Mary to bring a fresh flower to the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 12th to place at the Blessed Mother statue during the entrance procession!**

**God Bless Our Mothers!**



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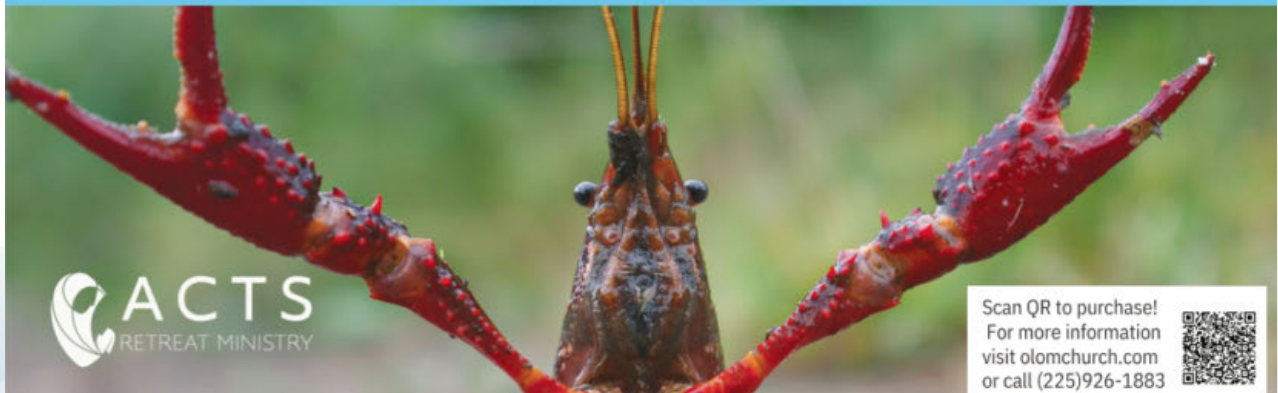
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**Who: Men who are  
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## CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING

When: May 14, 2024 | 6 PM

Where: Parish Activity Center

Who: current 10th graders & 1 parent/guardian



**\* This meeting is mandatory \***

**\*Please  
bring a copy  
of the  
candidate's  
Baptismal  
Certificate\***





## ST. JOHN BERCHMANS AWARD



The St. John Berchmans Award is given annually to the young persons of our parish for altar service at Holy Mass. John Berchmans is the patron saint of altar servers, and each year we honor our high school seniors who have given so generously of their time and talent to assist our clergy here at Our Lady of Mercy. This year we have 3 young men who we thank for their commitment to our parish and for their many years of service.

**Briggs Bargas** is the son of Trey and Valerie Bargas. He has been an altar server since his 4th grade year at Our Lady of Mercy, and he served as a Lector for our Masses as well. He is a senior at Catholic High School, where he has been a member of the Student Ministry Team since his freshman year. He has also served as an Extraordinary Minister since his junior year, at both Catholic High and Mercy. Briggs is also a member of the Catholic High State Championship Swim Team. He will be attending the United States Air Force Academy in the fall, to pursue a career as a pilot.

**Giacomo "Mo" Sosthene Steele Billeaud** is the son of Andre Billeaud and Jen Steele and the grandson of Bill and Cynthia Steele. Mo attended Our Lady of Mercy school beginning in 4th grade, during which time he began his altar serving career and was also a member of the Boy Scouts. During his time at Catholic High School, Mo participated in the Bruin Broadcast Network, the French Club, and Games Club. He also volunteered at the CHS Fishing Rodeo, worked at the St. Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen and served food to the elderly at Southside Gardens. After graduation Mo is planning to attend LSU and major in Marketing.

**Christian Bourgeois** is the son of Jason and Nicole Bourgeois. Christian attended Our Lady of Mercy School since Kindergarten and has been an altar server since 5th grade. He is currently a senior at Catholic High where he was a 3-year letterman on the track team and a member of the Ultimate Team ... all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA for all 4 years of high school. He will be attending LSU in the fall to study Civil Engineering.

# IN REMEMBRANCE

## Mass Intentions

### MAY 18, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Francis Xavier Le  
 4:00 pm ..... Paul Catalanatto / Virgil & Eunice D'Armond / Sugar and Cookie Kane / Paul Burton / S.J. Gonsoulin / Mike, Tom & David Guessfeld / Myles and Adele Morrison / The poor souls in purgatory / Anna Casso / Peggy Werner / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Joan Roberts / Mr. Michael and Mrs. Marie Capone / Anthony & Victoria Danna, Ludrich & Zane Doiron / Jerry & Billie Fakouri / Daniel & Nelta Jarreau / Betty Scurria / April Schaff / Diana Miller / Vita Pocorello / Jose Matarrita / Judy Pellerin / Charles Hardison / Sheila Murphy / Maria Reddeck / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Shannon Cormier & Family / All Priests

### MAY 19, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Mackie Langlois / **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Ferachi Family  
 9:00 am..... Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Charlie Tullier / Paul Salvant  
 10:30 am... Percy, Ann, Paul, Chris and Susan Moise / John Graves / Vito Impastato / Anna Casso / Michael S. DiVincenti III / Joseph Patrick Terrell  
 12:00 pm... Katie Sharp / Joseph Garland Dornier / Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Chatelain / The Panepinto, Serio and Dimartino Families / Johnson Kadair  
 6:00 pm ..... Joan Roberts / Judy Pellerin / Randy Cashio

### MAY 20, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Juanita Metz & Michael McDonald / Robert "Bob" Greer  
 12:00 pm... Jason Stone / Larry Lichtenberg

### MAY 21, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Manuel F. Gan / Bruce Hilbrecht  
 6:00 pm ..... Rissler-Trent Families / Francis Xavier Le / Fr. Mark Beard / Mollie Helm / Jackie and Seth Sumrall / Nicholas Cascio II / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Joan Roberts / Holly Jarreau

### MAY 22, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Tom Riker / April Schaff  
 12:00 pm... Bernice Healy / Joseph Patrick Terrell

### MAY 23, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... **SPECIAL INTENTION:** The Terry Messenger Family  
 12:00 pm... Ludrich & Zane Doiron / Judy Pellerin

### MAY 24, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Manuel F. Gan / John McKay  
 12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr. / Dorothy A. Harding / Jerry Crifasi / Gordon Fisher & Louis McHardy / Clay Fruge / Wade Labat / **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:** Father Cleo Milano / Ethridge, Chauvin, & Demont Families

## Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

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

**Randy Cashio**

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Victor Chairmonte**
- **Bill Cambre**
- **Kerry Cedotal**
- **Bob Debetaz**
- **Deacon Fallon Lorenz**
- **Kelly Alexander**

## MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux	Jason Martin
Rod Alkadi	Brian Matthew
Leo Blaha	Kevin Minor
Ronnie Bordelon	Luke Mumfrey
Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr.	Paul O'Kelly
Francisco Castellanos	Anthony & Betsy Pizzolato
Lauren Chemin	Sonny & Mary Politz
Gordon Craig	Leon Rester
Randy Craig	Margarita Santos
Pete Crifasi	Ann Soike
Jack Crittenden	Jim Seidule
Ted Donaldson	Jim Thompson
Nicholas Foster	Bart Tullier
Brett Gianelloni	Dana Vidrine
Julie Hannie	Audrey Wallace
Kim Scallan Lajoie	Karen Watson
Joseph Landry	Terri White
Sid Lawton	Myshia Whitefield

## PARISH LIFE

# SUNDAY NURSERY

- As a courtesy to our Mercy families, Sunday Nursery is offered at 9am and 10:30am Mass
- The nursery can accommodate children from infants - 1st grade
- Parents must sign children in and out.
- Parents must supply diapers/ wipes/ bottles that may be needed. These items should include the child's name.
- 2 adults volunteer are need every Sunday to assist the coordinator .

**Summer Nursery  
Closure Dates**

**June 2, 2024**

**July 2024**

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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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### Weekend of May 18th & May 19th

4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Anthony	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Charbel	Fr. Charbel
Extraordinary Ministers					
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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.

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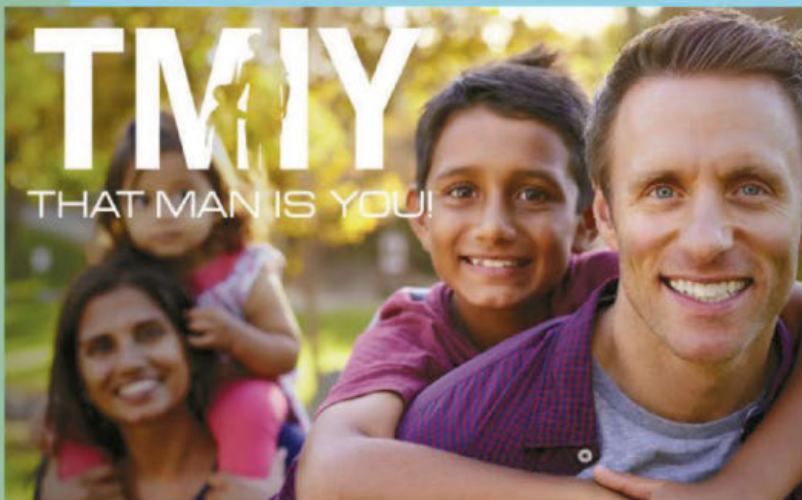
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**7:00 am Small Group**

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