



MERCY ALIVE

JUNE 23, 2024
XII SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them for ever.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY JUNE 22

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

SUNDAY JUNE 23

7:00 am.....Mass
9:00 am.....Mass
10:30 am.....Mass
12:00 pm.....Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass

MONDAY JUNE 24

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
12:00 pm.....Catholics in Recovery
6:00 pmKC Business Mtg- St. Joseph
7:00 pmSVDP Meeting- St. Jerome

TUESDAY JUNE 25

8:30 amRosary Makers-Coffee Shop
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:00 pm.....St. Charbel Healing Mass
6:00 pm.....Middle School Bible Study- JPII House
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass

THURSDAY JUNE 27

6:00 amTMIY-St. Joseph
8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study - JPII House

FRIDAY JUNE 28

8:00 amDaily Mass
9:30 amMoms and Tots
12:00 pmDaily Mass

Prayer LINE

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

On the Cover

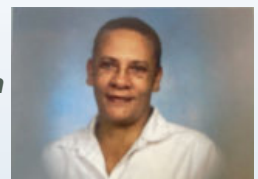
Emry Weiler and Charlotte Richards celebrating their graduation from Our Lady of Mercy. God Bless all our blue jay graduates and their bright future ahead.

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.

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Doris Darensburg

Mrs. Doris was the house keeper for the rectory for many years. She retired from Mercy after 23 years of service. She was a women with a beautiful dedication to her Catholic faith. God rest he precious soul!





TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

Most of us know that having faith is more about confidence and trust in the Lord than it is about theological understanding or assent to truths. The biggest barrier to our more complete following of our Lord in faith is fear. This is a wonderful week to ask our Lord to heal us so that we can not be afraid and just have faith in him as we place our faith in his calming presence.

We can begin each day, sitting or standing at the edge of our bed and, in 30 seconds, simply name our desire. "Lord, thank you for this day. Please heal my fears. I want to place my trust in you more completely. Be with me in the tough stuff today." When we are in the shower or while getting dressed, as we are heading to work or doing laundry, when we are walking down a hall to a meeting or even at a store shopping, we can expand on our prayer - again, briefly and in a friend to friend conversation with our Lord. "Dear Lord, I'm going to be facing several things today that feel like storms at sea. Don't let me lose sight of your presence with me today. Give me courage and an inner peace to do what you call me to do."

The phrases from Matthew's Gospel can work their way into our week so easily in this context. "Lord, let me know your love and mercy, that I might treat those I'm now judging with more of the love and mercy you show me." "Lord, it feels like you are inviting me to take a narrower path today than the one I usually take, following the way everyone around me goes. Help me choose your way with greater freedom and peace."

There is a real and sustaining joy that accompanies this sense of intimacy with our Lord, in the midst of our daily, busy lives. It seems right to take a few moments each night to express our thanks to the Lord for the gifts of the day.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries website: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html> Used with permission.

PARISH LIFE

Catholics in Recovery

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**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.**



A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION DURING HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your Son's command, when He calmed the stormy waters and delivered the disciples from fear and harm. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O Loving Lord, for your Mercy is without end. Spare us from tragedies like those of the past and keep us safe in your loving care.

O Virgin Mother, Star of the Sea, we seek your powerful help. Plead for us with Your Son that we might be spared all harm, whether natural or made by human hand, and walk safely in His footsteps until we reach our heavenly home.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us!



PARISH LIFE

WINE: Catholic Women's Conference
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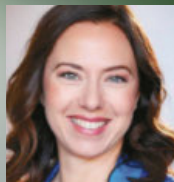
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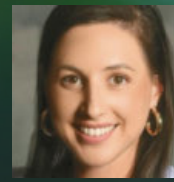
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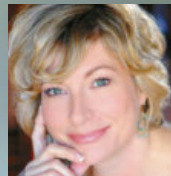
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SPECIAL GUESTS



Kitty Cleveland



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Lisa Flood

Bonus Social:

Gathering in the Vineyard

Friday, July 26 | 6:30-9pm

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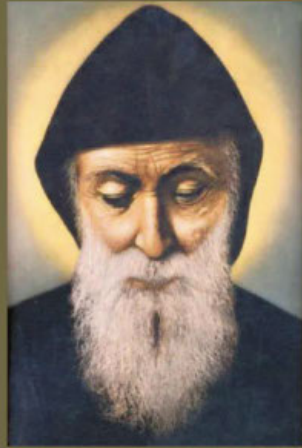


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St. Charbel Healing Mass

Tuesday, June 25th



Confession - 5:00pm

Rosary - 5:30pm

Holy Mass - 6:00 pm

followed by the
Healing Service



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BEHIND THE VEIL

LORETTO CHAPEL

BY: FRED GWIN

The Lord allows the saints and angels to walk among us. Many miracles are happening each day and go unrecognized. On a trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico, I was able to visit the famous Loretto Chapel. It was walking distance from the hotel and the town square. I was not disappointed.

As the story goes, in 1873, the Sisters of Loretto, who had been in the territory since 1850, started the construction of the Chapel. An architect from France was used to design the building patterned after the Sainte-Chapelle in Paris with its gothic style that would be so different than the small adobe structures common in the area. A statue of the Blessed Lady adorns the very top of the steeple.

Well the architect died before the structure was completed and there was no access to the choir loft located inside the Chapel. Due to the configuration of the inside of the Chapel, local carpenters could not figure out what to do. There was no room for a traditional staircase. The Sisters prayed a novena to Saint Joseph to help them. On the ninth day, a stranger appeared in town riding upon a donkey. He said that he was a carpenter and could help them. He carried only a hammer and carpenter's square. For six months he locked himself in the Chapel working. The "carpenter" then disappeared without leaving a bill or saying anything to anyone. What the Sisters found upon entering the Chapel was miraculous.

An ornate staircase had been built. But not an ordinary staircase. This one had two complete 360 degree turns made from a rare wood not available in the area. The staircase is held together with wooden pegs, no nails or glue. No center pole or support columns. All of the weight rests on the bottom stair. There are 33 steps rising to the top or the age of Christ when he was crucified. Construction experts and craftsmen have examined it on many occasions and cannot understand why it has not fallen. It is used daily since constructed. The railings were added ten years later to make it safer.

No one was ever able to locate the mysterious carpenter. Local wood shops had no record of the sale of wood or other building products to this mysterious man on the donkey. Ads were placed in the area newspaper searching for him but to no avail. The Sisters claimed that Jesus sent Saint Joseph to build the staircase. The staircase has been reported on the show "Unsolved Mysteries" and a movie was made about the Chapel called, "The Staircase." The pictures were taken upon my visit. It is an incredible sight.

The statue of Saint Joseph in our church shows him carrying a basket containing a hammer and small carpenter's square. Amazing!!

Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

BECOMING CATHOLIC

COME AND SEE



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Starts Monday, September 9th

6:30 pm

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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

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

JUNE 29, SATURDAY

8:00 am Raymond Shelley / Judy Pellerin
4:00 pm Francis Xavier Le / Bernice Healy / Anna Casso / Peggy Werner / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Howard Kidder, Jr. / Joan Roberts / Jerry & Billie Fakouri / Daniel & Nelta Jarreau / Vita Pocorello / Jose Matarrita / Judy Pellerin / Lee Ann Devaux / Charles Tullier / SPECIAL INTENTION: All Priests

JUNE 30, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Stanley Brohn / Mackie and Adele Langlois
9:00 am..... Paul Salvant / George Johnson / George and Ethel Sexton
10:30 am... Cretini & Vicari Families / Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Anna Casso / Michael S. DiVincenti III
12:00 pm... Linda Gonsoulin Babineaux / Johnson Kadair / Genny Kirby
6:00 pm Suzanne Hamilton / Bill Graves

JULY 1, MONDAY

8:00 am Kathryn Daggett / SPECIAL INTENTION: Lewis and Coyle Family intentions
12:00 pm... Kathryn Daggett / Jim Hebert

JULY 2, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Maria Bich T. Nguyen / SPECIAL INTENTION: Lewis and Coyle Family intentions
6:00 pm Kathryn Daggett / Francis Xavier Le / Aimee Planchard and Peggy Rylee / Mollie Helm / Politz & Territa Families / Bourgeois & Gautreau Families / Joan Roberts / Francis and Verline Pellegrin / Jack & Sue Brooks / Michael Scott Dick / George and Ethel Sexton / Jack Carmena / Rose Beatty / James Marcello / Carol Broussard / Victoria Sappington / Rhonda Ramos / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Carrie Fernandez / Mr. Myung

JULY 3, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Debbie Gwin / Mollie Helm
12:00 pm... Luke & Melissa Savoie / Audrey & Joe LeBlanc

JULY 4, THURSDAY

8:00 am Jeff Nola / Aileen Lowe
12:00 pm... Kent Perniciaro / Sandy Roppolo

JULY 5, FRIDAY

8:00 am Francis Xavier Le / John McKay
12:00 pm... Mollie Poirson / Shirley & Joseph Zito / J. Louis & Virginia Tonore, Sr. / Bert & Marie Carbo, Sr. / Anthony J. Zito / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / The DelaHoussaye and Belleau families / Bernice & Charles Healy / Nhan Ngo / Eva Delgado Urdiales / Vito Impastato / Mildred, Lee and John Kern / Nicholas Cascio II / Derek Wilson / Anthony & Victoria Danna, Ludrich & Zane Doiron / Keely Cassano Anderson / Bob Greer / Ramon Gomez / George and Ethel Sexton / Orville Thompson / D.R. Barfield & Atkinson Families / Thomas & FR Daniel Barfield / Anita Barfield / Patsy Spencer / Adele & Mackie Langlois / Bonnie Bonana East / Leo Blaha / Dr. Robert Comeaux / Paul Barber / Victoria Sappington / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The Monsour Family / Beverly Virgo / Alicia Healy / JoAnn Impastato / Deacon Mark Cloutier

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Sr. Claudia Wohlgemuth

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

Narcille Chatelain

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- **Danny Plaisance**
- **Leo Blaha**
- **Amy Breaud**
- **Doris Darensburg**
- **Jonathon Altazan**
- **Richard Zuschlag**
- **Mary Kathkeen Polk**
- **Scott Mann**
- **Lorraine Schutte**

PARISH LIFE



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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 June 29th & June 30th

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

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MEMBERSHIP.....Ms. Lori Mouton
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WEDDING.....Ms. Alison Nodier
FUNERAL.....Ms. Michelle Schroeder
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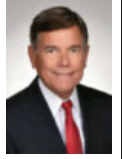
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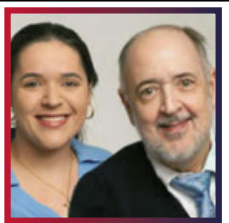
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