



MERCY ALIVE

AUGUST 4, 2024
XVIII SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY AUGUST 3

7:25 amFirst Saturday Devotion
8:00 amDaily Mass
4:00 pm.....Daily Mass

SUNDAY AUGUST 4

7:00 am.....Mass
9:00 am.....Mass
10:30 am.....Mass
12:00 pm.....Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass
7:00 pm.....High School Youth Group

MONDAY AUGUST 5

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
12:00 pm.....Catholics in Recovery
6:00 pmBaptism Seminar- *Mary*
7:00 pmSVDP Meeting- *St. Jerome*

TUESDAY AUGUST 6

8:30 amRosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass & Novena
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass

THURSDAY AUGUST 8

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study - *JPII House*

FRIDAY AUGUST 9

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

Second COLLECTION

Parish Maintenance Fund

Prayer LINE

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



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION HOLY DAY

Celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with us on

Wednesday, August 14

**4:00 pm
6:00 pm**

Thursday, August 15

**8:00 am
9:30 am (school Mass)
12:00 noon
6:00 pm**

On the Cover

Magdalene Osborne is excited to start the new school year!



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways and situations each day that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us. One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging.

Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? Do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks? Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me.

How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, negative stereotypes towards Muslims and those I see as "foreigners." How can I be relieved of my hostility against the poor or being judgmental about sinners. Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did.

Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers and members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the "more," to move a mountain, I can ask for faith the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every 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.

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PARISH LIFE

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**Who: Men who are
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NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

REFLECTION BY SEMINARIAN: JEREMY CHIASSON

Recently our Church participated in a National Eucharistic Congress, in which the Bishops of the United States called the Church together for a time of devotion and rededication to the Eucharist. A great number of the bishops of the United States, thousands of priests, religious, seminarians, deacons, and over 50,000 of the faithful attended this multi-day event in Indianapolis. The movement of the Congress revolved around the truth of the Eucharist, repentance and relationship.



Above all, the congress sought to affirm the reality of the Eucharist, that in the Most Blessed Sacrament there is truly the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is not merely a symbol or a reminder, it is in fact the true presence of Christ himself. Within the Eucharist is the entirety of the person of Christ. To struggle with or doubt this is fine, as it is certainly a difficult thing to make sense of, yet to not grapple with the truth of the Eucharist, attempt to understand it, or just decide to accept it as merely a sign or symbol is to ignore the greatest gift Christ has given to us. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the life of our Church. As Pope Benedict XVI said, "Without the Eucharist, the Church simply does not exist."

In recognizing the truth of the Eucharist, there then necessarily comes the need to react and respond to it. The first step of our response must be repentance. We repent from our sins, from the times we have received the Eucharist unworthily, and from the times we have failed to meet the obligations of our faith. This repentance is not for the purpose of self condemnation, but rather an acknowledgement of the greatness of the gift of the Eucharist and our inability to ever fully live up to what our Lord deserves. Our Lord himself does not condemn us in asking for our repentance, but rather desires it so that we may be able to receive him all the more fully. We see this desire and need for repentance, along with Christ's acceptance of us in the scriptures "Whoever... eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord (1 Cor 11:27)" and yet "But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us (Rom 5:8.)" Repentance is not a one time thing, but rather we must constantly repent from the ways we have forgotten our Lord.

After our repentance and movement back to the Eucharist, then comes our response to it and how we live our lives as those who experience the great privilege of receiving the Lord. The Lord is not a secret that we hide away for ourselves, but a gift to the world that we in the Church have the privilege and responsibility of sharing with all of our brothers and sisters on earth. To share the goodness of the Lord we must first experience it ourselves. We do this in the reception of the Eucharist at Mass, in Eucharistic Adoration, in encountering the Lord in the Scriptures, and in the life of the Church itself. From these things flows the life of the Church, and its movement and mission out to the world. This mission into the world is to share the love of Christ and to call others into the truth of the faith, and also to be the hands of mercy in the world. This mission cannot be accomplished by our skill or desire alone, but only by a Church devoted to and centered on the person of Christ in the Eucharist.

FR. STEVE RODRIGUES

My dear friends,

As my days of flying back to India are fast approaching (August 12th), I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude for the exceptional hospitality I received from Fr. Cleo and all of you. Your warm welcome, kindness, and generosity always makes me feel truly at home. From the moment I arrived, I have been treated with love, care, and concern. The kind invitations to break bread together are wonderful;



and the room at the rectory is cozy. Mercy hospitality is a true reflection of Christ's love and teaching. Truly, Our Lady of Mercy is a shrine, and I am and always will be more than happy to render my help in the Confessions, Masses, Anointing of the Sick, visiting nursing homes etc.

A Special Appeal: Our Capuchin Province in Goa, India, is embarking on a project to construct the Second Floor of the minor seminary. As the Provincial of Goa, I am responsible for this project. I humbly invite you to be a part of this vital initiative. The first floor will include, 2 classrooms, an oratory, dormitory, TV room, 4 rooms for professors, etc. The total estimate of the project back home is around \$120,000 Your generosity will help us create this space where future Franciscan Capuchin priests can grow in faith, knowledge, and service. Mercy has always stood by me, and I am confident that all of you will come together to help me with this very important project. Every gift counts, and I am grateful for your consideration. God loves a cheerful giver!

Please make your check payable to "Our Lady of Mercy Church" and note "Minor seminary project" in the memo. I thank Fr. Milano for allowing me to make this appeal.

God bless you for your generous support. With sincere appreciation and blessings!

"May the Lord bless and keep you; may He let His face shine upon you; and be gracious to you; and give you His peace." Pray for me as I do for you. Until next year, goodbye!

Fr. Steve Rodrigues, O.F.M.Cap.

PARISH LIFE

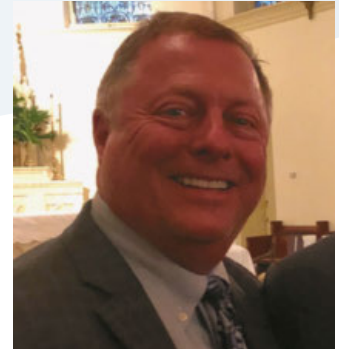
MAGNIFICAT - A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN

Saturday, August 24th

9:00 am

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center

You are invited to a Prayer Breakfast with speaker: Mike Fulmer. Please join us for our next Prayer breakfast, August 24th, 2024 from 9:00 am - 12:00pm at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center.



For more information or to register online, go to MagnificatAug2024.Eventbrite.com or contact Gwen Gillis at 225-505-7050 or email johnngg224@gmail.com.



Parish School of Religion (PSR)

For students entering grades 1-10 in non-Catholic schools

- PSR is required for 2 years before receiving a Sacrament
- There are 2 tracks: Children's program (grades 1-7) and Teen program (grades 8-10)



**Kick-Off and Info Meeting
Sunday, August 18th, 1-3pm
For the whole family!**

Children's PSR: Tori.labelle@olomchurch.com
Teen PSR: Michaelyn.mcginnis@olomchurch.com

Registration is open on our parish website!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

AUGUST 10, SATURDAY

8:00 am Mollie Barbara Helm / SPECIAL INTENTION: Dr. Boyd Helm
 4:00 pm Grey Hammett / Francis Xavier Le / Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr. / Cesar Rosales / Dr. Stephen Breaud / Jean Beth Lockett Lasserre / Anna Casso / Peggy Werner / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Keely Cassano Anderson / Vita Pocrelo / Aimee Planchard / Bob Greer / Howard Kidder, Jr. / Amy Breaud / Frances J. Schexnayder / Eva and Joe Urdiales / Louis McHardy, Gordon Fisher and Lorraine Talbot / Eva & Manuel Quintero / Madge Dawson / Mary Kathleen Polk / SPECIAL INTENTION: Gloria Rivault Wilbert / All Priests

AUGUST 11, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Nicole D. Helms / Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Amy Breaud / Robert Prendergant
 9:00 am..... Theresa and Nelvin Fontenot / Bruce and Eva Soileau / George Kim Johnson / Keeley Cassano Anderson / Michael Gavin
 10:30 am... Scott Litz and Frank Messina, Jr. / The Thomas and Deumite Families / John Graves / Vito Impastato / Anna Casso / Michael S. DiVincenti III
 12:00 pm... Barbay and Lato Families / Johnson Kadair / Randy Cashio / Joe Corsentino / Helen Chambers, Mike V. Chambers, Jr. & Selena Ruth
 6:00 pm Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Bernice Healy / Michael Gavin / John Kearney / SPECIAL INTENTION: Brian and Donna Campbell

AUGUST 12, MONDAY

8:00 am John McKay
 12:00 pm... Joseph Patrick Terrell / Sandy Roppolo

AUGUST 13, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Tammy LeJeune Thibodeaux / Mary Holland Glasco
 6:00 pm Francis Xavier Le / George and Ethel Sexton / Dr. Edward Chaisson / Amy Breaud / Lorraine Schutte / D.R. Barfield and Family

AUGUST 14, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Ray Jones
 12:00 pm... Comeaux and Eckler Family / The Ourso and Blanchard Families

AUGUST 15, THURSDAY

8:00 am SPECIAL INTENTION: Emma Steele / Ann and John Smithhisler
 12:00 pm... Debbie Gwin / Verline and Francis Pellegrine / Mabel Smith / Ethel Sexton

AUGUST 16, FRIDAY

8:00 am Jean Beth Lockett Lasserre / Francis and Verline Pellegrin
 12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Mollie Helm / George and Ethel Sexton / Steve Lato / Dianne Blanchard Grace / Mary Kathleen Polk / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Father Mike Moroney

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

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

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PARISH LIFE

BECOMING CATHOLIC

COME AND SEE



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Starts Monday, September 9th

6:30 pm

Parish Activity Center



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Deacon Kirk Duplantis, Formation Director

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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 August 10th & August 11th

4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Steve	Fr. Steve	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Steve
Extraordinary Ministers					
L D'Armond C Mattza N Krzystowczyk L Dawkins A August M Porter	T Penouilh A Haywood P Samrow G Samrow	R Huber B Caire L Caire M Huber Deacon Grant M Stumpf	A Nodier M Nodier J Harrison K Poiencot Deacon Duplantis Deacon Grant	Deacon Duplantis T DeJohn J Frederick J Frederick	K Walker R Torry C Schutte C Steele
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K Steintrager G Lalonde	A Wilson J Pastorek J Gardemal	C Laird C Haldane	C Kline E Kline	M Kimble K Kimble	F Gwin S Gwin
Altar Servers					
L D'Armond (C) C Rumfola E Minvielle	G Samrow (C)	R Huber (C) C Laird E Laird	K Poiencot (C) C Anderson E Ellis	T Patin (C) A Nguyen L Craft	K Walker (C) A Geier C Geier

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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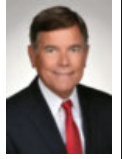
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