



# MERCY ALIVE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024  
XXII SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
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Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
Full of mercy to all who call to you.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY AUGUST 31

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

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

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

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2

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

### TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

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 SEPTEMBER 4

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
6:00 pm ....Pizza & Penance

### THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:30 am ....Mom and Tots  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
6:30 pm ....High School Bible Study - *JPII House*

### FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6

7:30 am ....First Friday Devotional  
8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:00 am ....School Adoration  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass

## On the Cover

The 2nd grade teaching team: Laura Griggs, Megan Olinde, Heidi FaKouri, Cindy LeBlanc, Caroline Sweeney, and Toni Gautreaux.

## 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.



## Prayer LINE

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



# MONTH OF MERCY

The month of September is a very exciting and important month of celebration within our parish as we celebrate the Month of Mercy! The focus of the month is on our devotion to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Mercy and to grow as a parish and community through prayer, service, and fellowship. During the month of September, we will celebrate four Marian feast days, all of which we encourage you to attend.

It is important for us to commemorate these special days due to the role Mary has in our salvation. She models for us how God can use us as instruments to bring about His Kingdom.

## **MARIAN FEAST DAYS:**

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY -**  
Sunday, September 8th

**THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY -**  
Thursday, September 12th

**OUR LADY OF SORROWS -**  
Sunday, September 15th

**OUR LADY OF MERCY -**  
Tuesday, September 24th

Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!



## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

When my daughter was very young a nighttime ritual included the reading of a book of bible stories for children. One of our favorites was the story of Naaman the Syrian. (In our liturgy the full story of Naaman is in the morning readings, 2 Kings 5:9-14) It helps us to understand more fully today's Gospel, so I will summarize it here. Naaman is not an Israelite but a foreigner, a Syrian. He is a wealthy, powerful man, not given to nonsense. You can picture him in all his regalia, pulling up to the door of the prophet Elisha, reining in his horses, his chariot stopping in a great cloud of dust. Already he has humbled himself to go to this foreign prophet's simple abode, seeking a cure for the leprosy that disfigures and threatens his power, his very survival. Elisha seemingly insults him by not appearing in person to lay hands on him, cure him. Instead, he sends a messenger to tell him to do something totally ridiculous. Unimaginable. Beneath him. "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean" are the instructions from the messenger.

Fuming, Naaman mutters that his native rivers are just as good as the Israelite river Jordan. I'm out of here. But hear this! His servants come and reason with him that since the prophet could have told him something extraordinary and Naaman would have followed those instructions but instead the prophet told him something simple, he should do it. The servants were correct. Words from the humble are wise. So Naaman plunges seven times in the Jordan and his flesh is clean - he can now safely be welcomed into his community and exercise what we hope is a humbled power.

The Gospel takes us a step further in trust and faith. While Naaman rested his faith on the humble servants and the messenger of the prophet, Jesus tells us through the writings of Paul our faith may rest on the power of God. He recalls for us the healings that God worked through the faith of foreigners although there were many in Israel in need of healing. The drama in this Gospel has Jesus reading from the Torah in front of the usual crowd in the synagogue on the sabbath. He reads from Isaiah the famous passage of healings, healings by the Messiah and not a prophet. He claims the scripture passage is fulfilled this day in the hearing of those assembled, and returns to his seat. Again, fury! The congregation rises up and drives Jesus out of town to a high precipice where they intend to push him to his death for what they thought was blasphemy, claiming to be the Son of God. Jesus slips away. His time had not yet come.

The lessons I drew from the readings and Gospel called me to hear advice from the humble, but also to listen always for that quiet whispering voice of God giving me what I might mistake for ridiculous guidance (washing in the Jordan?) but to discern God's wisdom and caring for me in unsuspected ways. I don't mean hearing voices, just being attentive to the Spirit whose word is peace. To embrace humility and place my faith and trust in God alone. To bring the healing of peace and comfort to those I meet every day. To offer each person I meet a gift of joy or consolation, to ask their name and use it.

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.



*Family Holy Hour  
presents*

# Pizza & Penance!



**Wednesday Sept 4**  
6-7 pm: Adoration,  
Praise and Worship and  
Confession in the church



**7 pm: Family Pizza Party in  
St. Joseph room in the PAC**

Contact [kirk.duplantis@olomchurch.com](mailto:kirk.duplantis@olomchurch.com)



# MARY

THE BIBLE AND THE MOTHER OF GOD

## CALLED BY FAITH

Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, September 10 at 9:15 am in the PAC**

Questions? Contact Renee Tullier at [RR2yea@aol.com](mailto:RR2yea@aol.com)



Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

# BECOMING CATHOLIC

## COME AND SEE



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

*Starts Monday, September 9th*

*6:30 pm*

*Parish Activity Center*



SCAN ME

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Register at [olomchurch.com](http://olomchurch.com)

Deacon Kirk Duplantis, Formation Director

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## PARISH LIFE

# Welcome Back Father Antony Akhilesh

Fr. Antony has returned from India to assist Fr. Cleo for the next few months. He will be celebrating Holy Mass; visiting the sick; hearing confessions; and enjoying the hospitality of the Mercy Church and School.

Fr. Antony is a member of the Indian Missionary Society (IMS) and is enjoying his sabbatical time with us here at Mercy. We are so blessed to have you back! Thank you Fr. Antony for the generosity of your Priestly Ministry at Our Lady of Mercy! God bless our Priests!



## Catholics in Recovery

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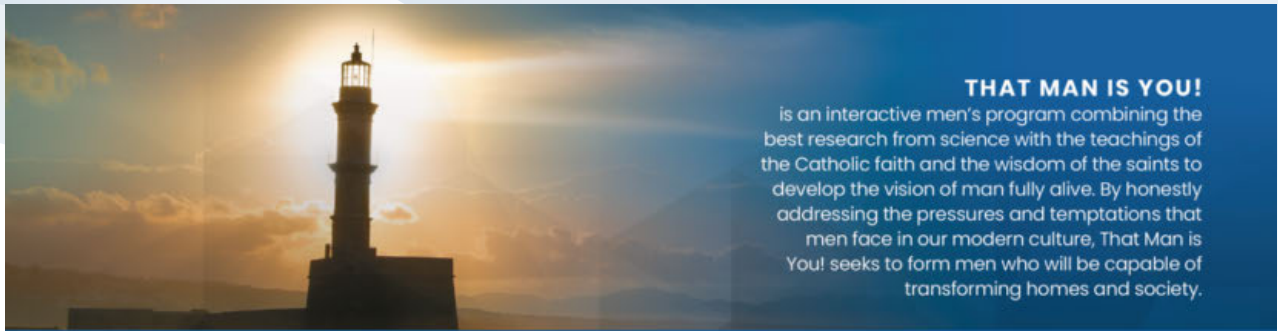
**When: Each Monday  
at 12 noon**

**Where: St. Gabriel  
Room at the Parish  
Activity Center**

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



# THAT MAN IS YOU- BEGINS ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 12



### THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



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- Rediscover your divine destiny, inheritance and the science of sainthood.
- Learn to pray like the saints - with power, purpose, meditation and contemplation.
- Enlighten your mind with objective and subjective arguments for the existence of God.
- Experience a Lenten Journey like never before through the five Sorrowful Mysteries.
- Journey beyond the TMIY stage to the places where Heaven kissed Earth in the Holy Land.
- Reclaim the clear pathway of light guiding both the Church and your own spiritual journey.
- Become a light to the world, your parish and your family - a city set on a hill that gives light to all!
- Embrace the call to become a light to the nations and bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

### PRESENTERS:



**DR. PETER KREEFT**  
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**DR. RALPH MARTIN**  
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### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Thursday Mornings  
Our Lady of Mercy  
Parish Acitivity Center  
Starts September 12th

### SCHEDULE

6:00 AM Breakfast in PAC/Rosary  
in Prayer Garden  
6:30 AM Presentation Begins  
7:00 AM Small Group  
7:30 AM Dismissal

### REGISTRATION

For more information, please  
contact Tim Schroeder at (225)  
229-4590 or  
tim.d.schroeder@gmail.com  
Scan QR code to register!





## PARISH LIFE



# Catholic 101

## Sacrifice and Gift:

*The Eucharist as the Heart of the Christian Life*

With Guest Speaker  
Dr. David Moser



7:00 pm  
September 17



Parish Activity Center  
Mary our Mother Room

For more info: [kirk.duplantis@olomchurch.com](mailto:kirk.duplantis@olomchurch.com)



## Mercy Moms and Tots FALL 2024

A colorful illustration for the Mercy Moms and Tots event. It features two blue birds with white spots, several colorful crayons (pink, green, yellow, purple, blue), and a yellow coffee cup with pink flowers. Arrows point from the birds and crayons towards a central purple sign.

**COME AND JOIN US!**  
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## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Mass Intentions

#### SEPTEMBER 7, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... John Bauman / Barbara Mahoney Helm  
4:00 pm ..... Francis Xavier Le / Mr. Joe Bologna & Family; Tullio Saffiotti / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Alex Spano / Gordon Fisher / Bernice Healy / Myles and Adele Morrison / The poor souls in purgatory / Anna Casso / Pete Newton / Peggy Werner / Rose and Red Graphia and Mary Levatino / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Hallie Pfefferle / Susie Vincent / Paul Burton / Diana Miller / Howard Kidder, Jr. / Amy Breaud / Frances J. Schexnayder / Louis McHardy, Gordon Fisher and Lorraine Talbot / Eva & Manuel Quintero / Alice Lowery / Madge Dawson / Eleanor Henley / Fay Walker / Anita Compton Evans / Daniel Flavin / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The Monsour Family / All Priests / LaHaye & Pfefferle Families / Shannon Cormier & Family / For those suffering with mental illness

#### SEPTEMBER 8, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Anna Casso / Amy Breaud / Mike Lloyd Rinehart  
9:00 am..... Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Robert E. Lampard Jr. / SPECIAL INTENTION: In Reparation for the Sins of the World  
10:30 am... Percy, Ann, Paul, Chris and Susan Moise / Gary Alford / The Thomas and Deumite Families / Bernice & Charles Healy / Reynolds Bromley / Michael S. DiVincenti III  
12:00 pm... Vincent and Grace Marino / Johnson Kadair / Billy Dale Graves / John Carmena / Cecelia Buckner  
6:00 pm ..... Ernest Millien, Della Millien, Amanda Millien, Evangeline Gallon, and Egan Demesme Jr.

#### SEPTEMBER 9, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Sandy Roppolo / William John Bull  
12:00 pm... Jim Hebert / Joseph Patrick Terrell / SPECIAL INTENTION: Eric Pavlovich

#### SEPTEMBER 10, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Queenie Hebert / SPECIAL INTENTION: Abby Toohey  
6:00 pm ..... Francis Xavier Le / Raoul Robert / Virginia Smith / Bernice Healy / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Politz & Territa Families / Bourgeois & Gautreau Families / Don Turnley / George and Ethel Sexton / Dr. Edward Chaisson / Hope Wemple / Carolyn Adams Songy / Alex Venable / SPECIAL INTENTION: Leon Rester / For those suffering with mental illness / In Reparation for the Sins of the World

#### SEPTEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... John McKay / Keeley Cassano Anderson  
12:00 pm... Comeaux and Eckler Family / Joseph Patrick Terrell

#### SEPTEMBER 12, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... SPECIAL INTENTION: The Lemann Family intentions  
12:00 pm... Rissler-Trent Families / Dr. Francis Harris

#### SEPTEMBER 13, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... June Richard / Peter George Turland  
12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Grace O'Neil / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / The Panepinto, Serio and Dimartino Families / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Dominic Huy Q. Nguyen / Toni Maggio / Vito Impastato / Michael S. Divincenti III / Bourgeois & Gautreau Families / Joseph Leonard "Tim" Lamonica / Robert (Bob) and Elaine Thomas / Dr. Donald Gauthier / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Father Cleo Milano / Leon Rester

### Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

## Rita Gaudin Venable

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

## Jack Carmena

### Sanctuary Altar Flowers

The sanctuary altar flowers in the church  
are in loving memory of

## Polly Verges Moyer

In Sympathy to the Families of:

- Lyn Hatcher
- Mary Abbott
- Joseph Rabalais
- Robert Henderson

## PARISH LIFE: TENNIS TOURNAMENT



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**MORE CONTACT INFO:**

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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)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

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### Weekend of September 7th & September 8th

4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Antony
Extraordinary Ministers					
L D'Armond C Formeller C Duvieilh D Pirello L McCann T DeJohn	T Penouilh J Pastorek A Wilson A Haywood L Dawkins	P Prosser B Caire L Caire L Saab M Stumpf Deacon Duplantis	J Harrison K Poiencot J Smith C Ransome M Taylor Deacon Duplantis Deacon Grant	Deacon Grant C Graves J Frederick J Frederick	R Torry L Hopkins K Walker C Steele E Pavlovich
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Altar Servers					
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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.

The Sunday 10:30 am Holy Mass can be found on WBRZ+; [olomchurch.com](http://olomchurch.com); and [youtube.com/olombr](http://youtube.com/olombr).

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