



To you I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame. - ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1

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 DECEMBER 2

8:00 am Daily Mass 12:00 pm Daily Mass 12:00 pm Catholic in Recovery -St. Gabriel 6:30 pm OCIA- St. Ann 7:00 pm SVDP Meeting- St. Jerome

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3

8:30 amRosary Makers-Coffee Shop
10:30 am....Called By Faith- PAC
12:00 pmDaily Mass
3:00 pmDaily Mass
6:00 pm....Daily Mass & Novena
7:00 pmSpirituality & Prayer Advent Mission
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4

8:00 am Daily Mass 11:00 am Courageous Women- *St. Jerome* 12:00 pm Daily Mass 6:30 pm..... Catholic in Recovery- *St. Gabriel*

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5

6:00 amTMIY 8:00 amDaily Mass 9:00 amSchool Adoration 9:30 amMoms and Tots 12:00 pmDaily Mass 6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study- *JPII House*

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

7:30 amFirst Friday Devotional 8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass



Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church and School in your last will and testament. Keep Mercy Strong!

Second COLLECTION

Parish Maintenance Fund

Prayer LINE

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

Little Blue BOOKS

Little Blue Books used for Advent reflection are now available for purchase in the church office for \$1 each.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is usually celebrated on December 8th. This year, December 8th is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. When this happens, the feast is moved to the following Monday, which is December 9th. It remains a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be no vigil

Mass on Sunday.

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 9th

8:00 AM 9:30 AM - School Liturgy 12 Noon 6:00 PM

"O Mary Conceived without original sin, pray for those who have recourse to thee"



With Guest Speaker Fr. Stephen Kramer, S.J.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 7PM

For more info contact: kirk.duplantis@olomchurch.com

Prepare ye! SPIRITUALITY + PRAYER IN ADVENT

About Fr. Kramer:

Fr. Stephen Kramer is a Jesuit Priest. Originally from
St. Louis, he currently serves as the Assistant to the President at Jesuit while teaching Junior and Senior
Theology. at Jesuit High School in New Orleans.
Fr. Kramer has dedicated the last 18
years of his life to teaching an array of topics ranging from
science to history, ESL, mathematics and theology in a variety of places around the world such as Belize, Denver and Krakow, Poland.

Fr. Kramer is deeply devoted to Ignatian Spirituality and holds master's degrees in Ignatian Studies and Divinity from Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. Fr. Kramer looks forward to sharing the beauty of Ignatian and Jesuit Spirituality with our parish, which is rooted in everything being for the greater glory of God.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 7PM

With Guest Speaker Fr. Miles Walsh



For more info contact: kirk.duplantis@olomchurch.com

Prepare ye! THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS DEVOTION

About the Holy Face

On January 6, 1849, the Relic of St. Veronica's Veil, was exposed for public veneration in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. For a three hour period, a vision of the Face of Jesus appeared distinctly in front of the Veil. Artists' drawings of the vision were copied and in turn touched to Veronica's Veil itself, the Relic of the True Cross and the Spear that pierced Jesus' side.

The veneration of this image of His Holy Face is now practiced around the world. Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus focuses on a strong resolve to uphold the first three commandments; Belief in God, The Name of the Lord, and the sanctity of the Sabbath.

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



"Prepare the way for the Lord," cried John the Baptist from the desert to the people of his time. As Catholics, we are given the opportunity to heed St. John's call by readying ourselves for the Lord's coming during this Advent Season through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

When was the last time you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Have you been putting off going to Confession?

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Confession:

Lord, help me genuinely accept that You have taken all my past - all sin I have committed or accusation against me.

Since You do not condemn me, help me renew my thinking & not condemn myself. Rather, I want to live in the Joy, Peace, & Freedom You have purchased for me by Your death and resurrection in Jesus' name.

Amen

Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Mercy:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Remember Our Lady of Mercy THIS GIVING TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2024

As the Holiday season approaches, our gratitude for our Mercy Family remains stronger than ever. I want to take this opportunity to remind our community about Giving Tuesday, December 3, 2024. I prayerfully ask that you consider Our Lady of Mercy's Annual Appeal on this special Day of Giving. -Father Cleo

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PARISH LIFE

FEAST OF ST. LUCY

In honor of the Feast of St. Lucy, Patron Saint of diseases of the eye, Our Lady of Mercy Parish will celebrate a special Mass on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 at 12:00pm.

All eye care professionals and anyone experiencing illness or diseases of



the eye are encouraged to attend to receive a special blessing. Traditional Italian St. Lucy bread will also be distributed.

Santa Lucia, Prega per Noi! St. Lucy, Pray for Us!

Catholic in Recovery

Monday at 12 noon - Men Only

Starting December 4th:

Wednesday at 6:30 pm - Men and Women

St. Gabriel Room at the Parish Activity Center.

For those seeking a Catholic approach for dealing with real-life struggles. For more information visit www.olomchurch.com or call 225-926-1883



Heritage Manor LA War Veterans Home

THE GIVING TREE

Your generous gifts through the Giving Tree will brighten the lives of many during this Holy Season. Your donations of cash and items listed below support the following organizations:

St. Vincent de Paul OLOM Parish Families

Make credit card donations on the church website at: <u>www.olomchurch.com</u> or you can drop off your donation at the church office. Contact the church office, (225) 926-1883 for more details. Opportunities to donate to the Giving Tree are offered through texting the word GIVING to (225)319-1746.

LAUNDRY DETERGENT TOILET PAPER BATH SOAP DEODORANT SHAMPOO DENTURE ADHESIVE & TABLETS SHAVING CREAM TOWELS WASHCLOTHS SHEETS & PILLOWCASES BLANKETS PILLOWS KNIT HATS SCARVES SOCKS WALMART GIFT CARDS TARGET GIFT CARDS AMAZON GIFT CARDS

The church office will accept donations until December 16th.

Called to Prayer

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions DECEMBER 7, SATURDAY

8:00 am Elvie Esteba, Carmen Esteba, Pedro Esteba, Caridad Perez, Abundancio Perez, Jeanie Vindri, Norma Perez, Bernardo Bejoc, Uwe Topfer and Alfred Gaynor

4:00 pm Debbie Gwin / Francis Xavier Le / Mr. Joe Bologna & Family; Tullio Saffiotti / Gary & Kevin Keyser / Clyde and Violet David / Alex Spano / Charles Robert Barry, Jr. / Anette and Eddie Provencher / Anna Casso / Peggy Werner / Rose and Red Graphia and Mary Levatino / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Hallie Pfefferle / Howard Kidder, Jr. / Eleanor Henley / Paul Burton / Shannon Cormier and Family / Diana Miller / Billy Ray Tam / Barbara Guidry / J.A. "Bud" Oliver / Ozeal Nicki Samson / Olga Lee Gebert Milano / Larry Dugas / Patsy Harrell / Paul Melancon / Mary Anna Edwards / Nell Cedotal Fernandez / Mary McCowan / Mr. and Mrs. Myles Morrison / Dr. and Mrs. Dan Lehon / Mr. and Mrs. James Adams / Mr. and Mrs. Alex Reddeck / Adams and Morrison Family / SPECIAL INTENTION: LaHaye & Pfefferle Families / All Priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Religious Vocations

DECEMBER 8, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / John Sances / Ellie Sances / Jessie Richey, Danny Brown, John A. Stowe, Cedric E. Scott and Richard Boeker Sr. / Anna Darensbourg 9:00 am..... Guadalupe Gomez deOvalle / Ray Jones / Robert E. Lampard Jr. / Mike Lloyd Rinehart / Bob Henderson / John Mitchell Naquin 10:30 am... Percy, Ann, Paul, Chris and Susan Moise / Frank J. Vicari / Gary Alford / Vincent and Grace Marino / Anna Casso / Michael S. DiVincenti III 12:00 pm... Ethel Sexton / Johnson Kadair / Joe Corsentino / Reynolds Bromley / Deacon Fallon Lorenz / Daryl Bongiovanni 6:00 pm Brenda Fremin, The Fremin Family, Charles and Rosa Drago / Rosemary Daquano / Ray Jones / Francis and Verline Pellegrin / Hope Wemple

DECEMBER 9, MONDAY

8:00 am Keely (Key-Lee) Cassano Anderson / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Sara Maurello 12:00 pm.... Wanda Klimczak / Jim Hebert 6:00 pm Joshua Fontenot / Sharon Faulk / John Huddleston / Beverely Corbett / Mary McCowan

DECEMBER 10, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Frank Joseph Vicari / J. Roland Ourso / Joseph Patrick Terrell

6:00 pm Francis Xavier Le / George Mervin Simon, Rosa Simon & Danny Simon / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / K.J. Thomas / Wanda B. Klimczak / Olivia Frank Lamonica

DECEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am John F. McKay / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Lemann Family

12:00 pm... Keeley Cassano Anderson / Patsy Spiller / SPECIAL INTENTION: Ooti Billeaud

DECEMBER 12, THURSDAY

8:00 am Joseph Nunez / Vito Impastato 12:00 pm... Brown, Eiswirth, Schmitt, and Clark Families / Mildred, Lee and John Kern

DECEMBER 13, FRIDAY

8:00 am Van & June Gaudin Jr. / SPECIAL INTENTION: The Ferachi Family intentions

12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Mary Ruth Clary / Mike and Mary Patriarco / The Gubancsik and Bayus Families / Michael Maggio / David Branch / Dale Soileau / Gene DeJean / Eugene Hedges / Sharon Budgewater / Ronnie Domma / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Priests, Seminarians, & Deacons / Father Cleo / Lato & Rispone Families / Thanksgiving for answered prayers

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Alice Lowery

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

Eva & Severo "Joe" Urdiales

In Sympathy to the Family of:

- Joyce Hebert
- Lance Walker
- Lois Abadie
- Angela Tullier Haydel
- Hallie Delage
- Pauline Mensi
- Faith Barfield

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE DECEMBER 12TH BY: FRED GWIN

A humble peasant farmer named Juan Diego, born under Aztec rule, was walking down a mountain trail in 1531 near Guadalupe, Mexico when he came upon a beautiful women adorned in a blue tunic. The tunic, covered with stars, resembled what an Aztec princess would wear. He realizes the woman is the Virgin Mary as he is a recent convert to Catholicism. He is truly startled but Our Lady calms him with her voice which sounded like birds singing. She tells him who she is and instructs him to take a message to the Bishop. Mary wanted a temple built so that petitioners would have a place to present their petitions to Jesus and to help heal the suffering there.

Juan goes to the Bishop and presents the request but is dismissed. Juan returns to the mountain and Our Lady appears again. Juan is instructed to return a second time which he did. The Bishop, thinking Juan may not be mentally sound, asks for



a "sign". He tells the Bishop he will return the next day but he does not. His uncle is dying and Juan goes to him instead. When Juan is certain of his uncle's pending death, he leaves to find a priest. On the way, Our Lady comes to him. Juan is upset and Our Lady comforts him. Juan tells her that the Bishop wants a "sign". Juan is told to go to the mountain top to pick some roses. However, he tells Our Lady that no flowers would be there in the winter. He is sent anyway. Mary tells him to pick them, put them in his tilma and not to open it until he sees the Bishop. Our Lady also appears to Juan's uncle and he survives. She tells the uncle that she is to be called "Santa Maria, de Guadalupe."

When Juan sees the Bishop, he opens the tilma and the roses fall out revealing the sacred image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is somehow painted on the tilma. In the image, the Blessed Lady appears as she did to Juan. The Church was built and the woven tilma remains as it was but is now protected in a glass enclosure. The tilma should have disintegrated within ten years but remains.

The tilma is enshrined in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The tilma maintains a constant temperature of 98.6 degrees no matter the temperature in the Church. The tilma has been examined by many scientists and cannot be explained. The image is "part of" the fabric. The eyes of Mary have been examined and within the eyes, under magnification, one can see the faces of those present when the tilma was first opened for the Bishop. In 1921, a radical cleric exploded a large cache of dynamite under the openly displayed tilma. It remained unscathed.

In the image, Mary is held up by an angel meaning she is pleasing to God, as she stands on a crescent moon meaning birth and life. The white clouds represent heaven with the golden rays of sun coming forth. See Revelation 12:1-2.

Pray to Our Lady on her feast day for her intercession.

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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

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

Weekend of December 7th & December 8th								
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. Antony	Fr. Antony			
Extraordinary Ministers								
C Formeller J Stalls M Downing D Pirello T DeJohn C Abshire	J Pastorek T Penouilh P Samrow L Dawkins	R Beyer A Altazan R Huber M Huber R Huber Deacon Duplantis L Carter	J Angers N Graham B Bailey B Purgerson Deacon Duplantis Deacon Cloutier J Purgerson	Deacon Cloutier B Beale C Graves T Patin	M Roussel C Steele E Pavlovich R Torry			
Lectors								
C Laird K Steintrager	A Haywood J Pastorek A Wilson	Children's Liturgy	B Haldane C Haldane	S Love L Holliday	G Gilbert S Cunningham			
Altar Servers								
J Millet (C) C Laird E Laird	G Samrow (C)	L Carter (C) A Clayton O Clayton	B Bailey (C) M Coghlan A Romero	G Anderson (C) G Dillon G Schram	E Pavlovich (C) R Bargas A Stroud			
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.								

Ministry Appreciation PARTY

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 6 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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