



The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

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

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 30

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

4:00 pm.....Solemnity of Mary Vigil 6:00 pm....Solemnity of Mary Vigil

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1

8:00 amSolemnity of Mary 12:00 pmSolemnity of Mary 6:30 pmCatholic in Recovery *-St. Gabriel*

THURSDAY JANUARY 2

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

FRIDAY JANUARY 3

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

Sunday Nursery

The Sunday Nursery will be closed on December 29th.

Prayer LINE

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

On the Cover

Precious Marie Bordelon daughter of faithful parishioners Bryan and Stacie Bordelon, loving on the Blessed Mother Mary at the outside Nativity scene.

2025 Calendars

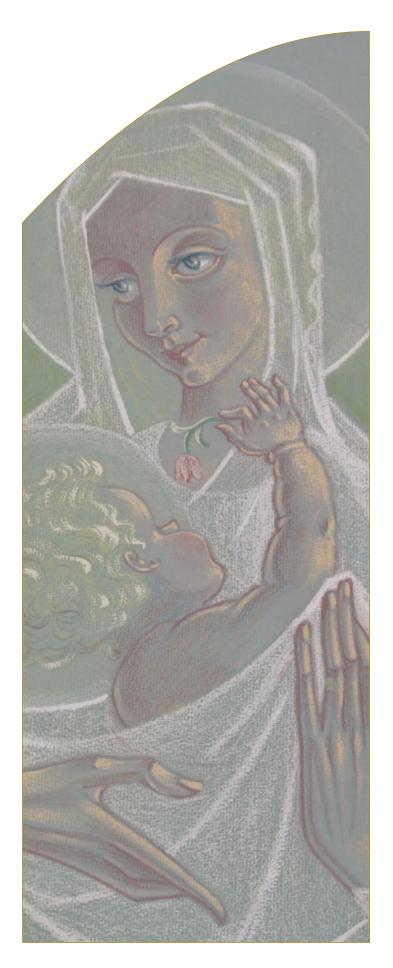
The 2025 calendars are now available at the doors of the church.

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.

American Heritage Girls Tp. La 1943

To all who bought wreaths this year. Thank You!



NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

"Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever." -Entrance Antiphon

> Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

NEW YEARS EVE Tuesday, December 31st

> 4:00 pm 6:00 pm

NEW YEARS DAY

Wednesday, January 1st

8:00 am 12:00 Noon

Called to Action PARISH LIFE

Attention Adoration Chapel Drop Ins

We will soon be enacting our new security system for entry into the Adoration Chapel. From 6pm - 6am, entry will be restricted to those who have an access card. This is in order to address the safety and protection of adorers to keep from being inadvertently walked in upon by strangers and/or suspect individuals. All committed adorers and subs should receive instructions in the mail. If you drop in from time to time, but are not a committed adorer or sub, please call

the office to request an access card. If you are an individual who likes to drop in and visit with Jesus in the middle of the night please call the church office and obtain your card for entry.



I wait for you

Called to Action PARISH LIFE

Welcome Deacon Josh

Our congratulation to newly ordained Deacon Josh Zelden. Bishop Duca has appointed Deacon Josh to Our Lady of Mercy for his Deaconate Assignment. He graduated from a wonderful liberal arts school, Thomas More College in New



Hampshire. He attended a semester in Rome awakening his love for the beauty and splendor of the Catholic Church. There, a priest suggested to him to consider the priesthood, but he pushed it aside out of fear and an inability to be still and hear God's voice. Life happened: law school at LSU; a brief marriage and a beautiful daughter; divorce; annulment; and 20 years practicing law. But all throughout, the Good Lord was persistent and patient. He quit his job as a lawyer and entered the seminary in the fall of 2020. As he continues preparation for priesthood ordination in June, he has had overwhelming sense of peace and liberation. We look forward to Deacon Josh sharing his giftedness and ministry with us.

A warm Mercy Welcome!

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PARISH LIFE



Adoration Chapel

Can you spend an hour with Jesus?

Urgent Need: Saturday at 1:00 AM Monday at 9:00 AM

> Please Contact Michelle Schroeder 225-926-1883 or sign up at https://adorationpro.org/olomchurch



Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

Called By Faith Women's Bible Study Tuesday, January 14, 2025

What We Believe THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

> 9:15 am to 11:30 am Parish Activity Center

Catholic in Recovery

During this holiday season Monday at 12 noon - Men Only 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

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Family Holy Hour

Adoration with praise and worship music for families of all ages!

Prayer materials provided to help the youngest and the oldest enter into a time of worship before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

THE SEASON OF GIVING



In this Holy Season of the Savior's birth, I cannot think of a more beautiful and holy place to worship our Lord Jesus Christ than here at Our Lady of Mercy. Our parish provides tremendous opportunities to celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Mass and Confession.

Our strong witness to the power of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, and our commitment to St. Vincent de Paul and our outreach to the poor and needy, truly are a bright light in a world that can seem very dark.

Our Lady of Mercy functions not only as a vibrant and active church family but also as a shrine for the City of Baton Rouge and our Diocese.

The doors of Mercy are open to everyone. That is why one of the best charities that you can support during the Christmas Season with your end of the year financial giving, is our own parish. So many people are affected in a good and positive way when you support your church family. If you love the legacy of Mercy and want to continue the light of Christ shining so brightly, I encourage your continued faithful giving in this season of offering our generous heart to God.

God Bless Mercy's faithful families and may the Light of Christ shine more brightly through us.

Happy Advent! Fr. Cleo

Called to Prayer

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions JANUARY 4, SATURDAY

8:00 am Mollie Barbara Helm / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Mo Billeaud / Barbara Mahoney Helm

4:00 pm Donna Bielkiewicz Sellars / Florence Bielkiewicz / The Donaldson, Giannoble, Danna, Ruhl, West, Cox, Wilcox, Wintz, Molina and Calandro Families / Ellis & Josie Songy / Alex Spano / The Elam, Mason, Meisner and Hamm Families / Dominic & Rose Graphia / Mary Levatino / Jessica Hanna / Joe Bologna & Family / Tullio Saffiotti / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Mike, Tom & David Guessfeld / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Anthony "Tinker" and Rita Farris / Clyde & Violet David / Eugene & Margie Andre / Anna Casso / The Poor Souls in Purgatory / Cainen Briscoe / Fay Walker / Dr. Clifton T. Morris, Jr. / Barbara & Carl Guidry / Diana Miller / Paul Burton / Ozeal Nicki Samson / Nellrie Cedotal Fernandez & James B. Fernandez / Olga Lee Gebert Milano / Brother Eldon Crifasi / Howard Kidder Jr. / MaryBeth Owens / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Benedetto Family / Marriage Preparation / World Leaders / Seminarians / Shannon Cormier and Family / The President of the United States, his team and the American people / Taylor Kidder

JANUARY 5, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Vernon Millien Sr., Stella, Michael, Geak, & Melvin Millien / Joseph W. Carmena, Jr. / SPECIAL INTENTION: Sam Sances

9:00 am..... Roy Jones / Carlos Fernando Ovalle / Peter Perniciaro / Lance Walker / Beverly Corbett / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The Patriarco Family

10:30 am... Percy, Ann, Paul, Chris and Susan Moise / The Vicari and Cretini Families / Margaret Bologna / Anna Casso / Brenda, Luke, Mary, Ellis, and Enola Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago / SPECIAL INTENTION: Private SPECIAL INTENTION

12:00 pm... Hilario Patolilic / K.J. Thomas / Donald Dawson / Dorothy Bueche Stevens / Mickey Wood / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: John, Krystal, Justin, Brian, & Ashley Donaldson

6:00 pm Roy and Ruby Seneca / Josephine Rando / Chris Caballero / Hallie Delage / John Edward DeMars

JANUARY 6, MONDAY

8:00 am Mary Tran / Tommy Humphrey 12:00 pm... Shirley & Joseph Zito / Mary Ann Fasullo

JANUARY 7, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Joseph Corsentino / Michael Patriarco 6:00 pm FDeceased Amorello & Benedetto Families / Aimee Planchard / Mary Rose Planchard / Ann Alldredge / Colleen Cauble

JANUARY 8, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Joseph Montagnino / Elaine Breaux 12:00 pm... Paul Catalanatto / Maude & Joe Amorello / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Bill Steele

JANUARY 9, THURSDAY

8:00 am April Schaff / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Sheila & Sonny Gomez

12:00 pm... Joseph Patrick Terrell / Mr. and Mrs. William Dysart and Family

JANUARY 10, FRIDAY

8:00 am SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Rendy Matthew & Tanner Stewart

12:00 pm... Mervin Simon, Rose Simon, Danny Simon, Layla Simon and Tyler Clay Die / Donna Bielkiewicz Sellars / Florence Bielkiewicz / Theo and Lydia Julier / Sandy Roppolo / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Vincent and Elaine Coyle / Francis Xavier Le / Billy Ray Tam / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / John Huddleston / Shirley Wolf Leblanc / Nancy Angeron Taylor / SPECIAL INTENTION: Private SPECIAL INTENTION

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Martin S. Rinaldo, Jr.

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

Alex Spano

In Sympathy to the Family of:

- Nancy Angerson Taylor
- Judge Carl Guidry
- Bob Ourso
- Les Grice
- Ricky Marshall

COLUMBARIUM GARDEN OF PEACE

FINAL RESTING PLACE IN SACREDNESS, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT

The Garden of Peace and Memorial Columbarium provides a sacred and beautiful place for the inurnment of cremains in accordance with the Church's instructions.

As cremation continues to increase in popularity, the need to bury the ashes of cremated individuals is also increasing. The Garden of Peace is a peaceful and prayerful site on the campus of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church serving as an eternal resting place for our beloved deceased.



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.

Call the Church Office to make your appointment: (225) 926-1883

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

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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 January 4th & January 5th							
4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm		
Fr. Milano	Fr. Antony	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Antony		
Extraordinary Ministers							
K Adams T Turner D Lockwood B Rigby A August M Porter	J Pastorek P Samrow T Penouilh A Haywood	M Stumpf C Haldane C Haldane L Saab Deacon Duplantis L Babin	L Cloutier M Taylor D McCrary T Grant F Borghardt Deacon Cloutier Deacon Grant K Poiencot	Deacon Cloutier K Kimble C Graves M Kimble	A Altazan C Steele R Torry G Bertrand		
Lectors							
G LaLonde P Rigby	J Gardemal A Wilson S Darensbourg	Children Liturgy	B Billeaudeau C Billeaudeau	S Cunningham E Joffrion	C Schutte G Gilbert		
Altar Servers							
T Turner (C) C Casselberry H Casselberry	G Samrow (C)	L Saab (C) A Saab L Saab	F Borghardt (C) C Billeaudeau O Billeaudeau	M Kimble (C) M Chatelain M Collier	G Bertrand (C) L Altazan N Robicheaux		
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.							





Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church., 9150 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810

Bishop Michael Duca, Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or greater, wedding anniversary. Families of the honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy & reception.
 (The reception will be in the Gym). Please gather and send completed forms to us as you collect them. Sending them once a week is helpful. But please do not wait until the <u>Deadline January 15, 2025</u>, to send all at once. This step is necessary to have certificates printed and ready on time for attending celebrating couples. You may Reproduce form as needed.
 Use this form <u>ONLY to collect information from couples who plan to attend the celebration!</u>
 <u>Then scan & e-mail completed forms to our office or send in by US Mail (See box below).</u>

(ONE COUPLE PER FORM, please) and PLEASE DO NOT SHRINK COPIES OR CUT IN HALF !!!

Email or Mail in Completed form(s) to:

- <u>Via E-mail: Send to maernon@diobr.org</u> <u>Subject: 2025 Wedding Anniversary</u> If you are sending multiple registrations within one file in the same e-mail, <u>please list the</u> <u>Couples' names in the body of your e-mail!</u> Call Mila at 225-242-0323 or 242-0133, if you have any questions. Thank you!
- <u>By US mail</u>: Please address envelope to:

2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Attention: Mila Gernon Diocese of Baton Rouge / Office of Marriage & Family Life

P.O. Box 2028, Baton Rouge, LA 70821

For questions, contact Mila Gernon at 225-242-0323/225-242-0133 or email <u>mgernon@diobr.org</u> (Couples should bring a camera (or cellphone) if they wish a picture taken with the Bishop at the Reception).

Due to limited resources, we will be creating certificates for <u>only</u> those <u>who will be</u> . <u>celebrating a 25th, 50th, or 65^{ph}. & those over 65 yrs. Anniversaries during 2025, & who <u>plan to attend the Anniversary Mass</u>. (If there is a couple celebrating one of these years & is un- able to attend due to health reasons, we will honor that couple with a certificate & send via US mail). Please note this request on the form of that couple, or in your e-mail. Thank you! *PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS* <u>Important: PLEASE PRINT or WRITE LEGIBLY!</u> <u>***Use one of the formats listed below, for how NAMES ARE TO APPEAR ON CO</u> <u>Examples: Mary & John Jones; or Mary Brown and John Jones; or Mr. and Mrs. John Jones or Mr. and</u> Names:</u>	Plz. Check # of Family members attending ERTIFICATE ***
Street Address: Phone:	
City/ST: ZIP E-mail:	
(NO. OF YRS MARRIED TO BE FILLED IN BY COUPLE OR PARISH) CIRCLE ONE: 25 50 65 (if Over of Current Church Parish & Ph. 12/1/2024	55 # of yrs).



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