



# MERCY ALIVE

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THE EPIPHANY  
OF THE LORD  
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Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East  
and see your children gathered from the rising to the  
setting of the sun.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY JANUARY 4

7:25 am ...First Saturday Devotional  
8:00 am ...Daily Mass  
4:00 pm.....Daily Mass

### SUNDAY JANUARY 5

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 JANUARY 6

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 ...Baptism Seminar- *Mary*  
7:00 pm ...SVDP Meeting- *St. Jerome*

### TUESDAY JANUARY 7

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  
7:00 pm.....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8

8:00 am ...Daily Mass  
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass  
6:00 pm ...Family Holy Hour  
6:30 pm ...Catholic in Recovery -*St. Gabriel*

### THURSDAY JANUARY 9

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

### FRIDAY JANUARY 10

8:00 am ...Daily Mass  
9:00 am ...School Liturgy  
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass

## Second COLLECTION

Parish Maintenance Fund

## On the Cover

The angels said to them,  
"Do not be afraid; for behold... a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord..."

Pictured with Father Antony is Rosemary Nugent, Ruby Broussard, Madison Wilton, Anne Harrison Kline, Hannah Guillory, Anna Maria Platte, Caroline Hughes, Selah Sims, and Eloise Saltaformaggio.

## 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)



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

There is a very quick transition after Christmas. We move into Jesus' public life, almost completely passing over the hidden life years. Before we know it, Jesus is down at the Jordan, waiting to be baptized.

It helps to recognize this and let ourselves enter this part of the mystery of the Incarnation. We are living in the flesh each day of our lives. He came to enter this life and be with us in it. After Christmas, we have a few days to let the blessing of Christmas settle in. Now we are moving toward Ordinary Time in just one week.

Each one of us can begin our post-Christmas and the beginning of our New Year's time by staying in touch with ourselves in the flesh - as people touched by Jesus' coming. We can turn to our Lord throughout each day and have real conversations with our Savior. Over the kitchen sink, by the dishwasher, in front of the washing machine. While driving, walking, going to a meeting, returning from one.

During our preparation for Christmas we were asking the Lord to open our hearts, to let us wait with patient trust, and to come to us. During Christmas week we experienced joy and the mixed challenges of Christmas. This week we have the opportunity to have ordinary conversations with our Lord who came to be with us.

*Thank you so much, Lord, for becoming flesh for me. And, thank you for being with me now, in the midst of each day's joys and sorrows. I ask you to increase my trust in you, my desire for closeness with you and my commitment to turn to you all day long. Continue to be with me when I have to make difficult decisions, when I need extra patience and care when in challenging situations. Continue to let my heart experience the joy of Christmas this week as I see signs of your presence with me.*

When these words take on our own voice and our details, it will feel very personal. And, when we speak about our fears, our needs, when we express our gratitude and our deep desires, we are living and intimate relationship with the one who became flesh that we might never need feel alone again.

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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**



# Family Holy Hour

**JANUARY 8TH, 6PM**



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.

Called to Action

## PARISH LIFE



OUR LADY of MERCY

# Catholic 101

Family:

*The School of Love + Heart of Catechesis*

Bring a snack + drinks to share with friends!

With Guest Speaker  
Dr. Brian Pedraza



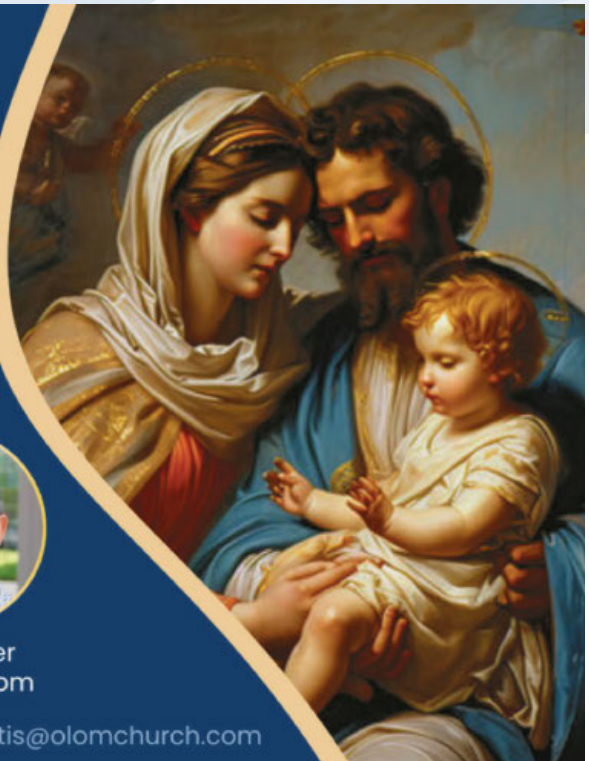
7:00 pm  
January 14



Parish Activity Center  
Mary our Mother Room

Childcare available!

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



# SAVE <sup>THE</sup> DATE

*Mercy Annual Auction*

# BLUE JAY *Bash*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

7:00 PM

MERCY GYM

*More details coming soon.*





2025 REGISTRATION FORM:

2025 – Wedding Anniversaries Celebration  
Celebrating the 25<sup>TH</sup>, 50<sup>TH</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup> / and those over 65 years

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and 65<sup>th</sup> 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 **Deadline January 15, 2025**, 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 ONLY to collect information from couples who plan to attend the celebration!  
Then scan & e-mail completed forms to our office or send in by US Mail (See box below).  
**(ONE COUPLE PER FORM, please) and PLEASE DO NOT SHRINK COPIES OR CUT IN HALF!!!**

Email or Mail in Completed form(s) to:

- Via E-mail:** Send to [mgernon@diobr.org](mailto:mgernon@diobr.org) Subject: 2025 Wedding Anniversary  
If you are sending multiple registrations within one file in the same e-mail, **please list the Couples' names in the body of your e-mail!** Call Mila at 225-242-0323 or 242-0133, if you have any questions. Thank you!
- By US mail:** 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 [mgernon@diobr.org](mailto:mgernon@diobr.org)  
(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 only those who will be celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 65<sup>ph</sup>. & those over 65 yrs. Anniversaries during 2025, & who plan to attend the Anniversary Mass.** (If there is a couple celebrating one of these years & is unable 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!

<b>Cpl. PLANS TO ATTEND</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Plz. Check</b>	

**\*PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS\***

<b># of Family members attending</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Important: PLEASE PRINT or WRITE LEGIBLY!**

**\*\*\*Use one of the formats listed below, for how NAMES ARE TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE \*\*\***

Examples: *Mary & John Jones; or Mary Brown and John Jones; or Mr. and Mrs. John Jones or Mr. and Mrs. John (Mary) Jones*

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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 65 # of yrs \_\_\_\_\_).

Current Church Parish & Ph. \_\_\_\_\_

12/1/2024

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# Called By Faith

Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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9:15 am to 11:30 am  
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# IN REMEMBRANCE

## Mass Intentions

### JANUARY 11, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Marion Key / SPECIAL INTENTION: Boyd Edward Helm  
 4:00 pm ..... Virgil & Eunice D'Armond, Sugar and Cookie Kane / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / Gary Alford / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Alice Lowery / Anthony "Tinker" and Rita Farris / Anna Casso / The Poor Souls in Purgatory / Fay Walker / Diana Miller / Paul Burton / Nellrie Cedotal Fernandez & James B. Fernandez / Donna Parker / Howard Kidder Jr. / SPECIAL INTENTION: The Rissler-Trent Families / Priests, Seminarians, & Deacons / Shannon Cormier and Family / Brian Hess / The President of the United States, his team and the American people / Taylor Kidder

### JANUARY 12, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Iray & Lorena Ledoux / Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances  
 9:00 am..... Eva & Bruce Soileau / Hallie Delage / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Kathleen Carmena  
 10:30 am... Anna Casso / Brenda, Luke, Mary, Ellis, and Enola Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago / Lois Abadie / Mary Ann Fasullo / Beverly Corbett  
 12:00 pm... Hallie Pfefferle / Eileen Carey / Ronald Domma / Lance Walker / Raul Bencomo  
 6:00 pm ..... Fred Gwin / Gwen Hardee

### JANUARY 13, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... John McKay  
 12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Joanne White

### JANUARY 14, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Tyler Craig / Madge Dawson  
 6:00 pm ..... Donna Bielkiewicz Sellars / Florence Bielkiewicz / Deborah P. Gwin / Lois Abadie / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Christy Messenger Richardson

### JANUARY 15, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Paul Rozas / Barbara Sonnier  
 12:00 pm... Shirley & Joseph Zito / Maria Truat T. Nguyen / SPECIAL INTENTION: Jo Ellen and Carolyn Ourso

### JANUARY 16, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Lucille Montagnino  
 12:00 pm... William Middleton / John Graves / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Reagan Carmena

### JANUARY 17, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Janice Gunther / Francis Xavier Le  
 12:00 pm... Mervin Simon, Rose Simon, Danny Simon, Layla Simon and Tyler Clay Die / Sandy Roppolo / Alex Spano / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Donna Parker / John Huddleston / SPECIAL INTENTION: Private SPECIAL INTENTION

## Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

**Sandy Roppolo**

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

**Shirley & Joseph Zito**

In Sympathy to the Family of:

- **Ricky Marshall**
- **Carol Fulco**
- **Rose Marie Pastorek**
- **Chad LaGrange**
- **Shirley Constantin**

## MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux	Jason Martin
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Lauren Chemin	Anthony & Betsy Pizzolato
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Pete Crifasi	Margarita Santos
Jack Crittenden	Ann Soike
Ted Donaldson	Jim Seidule
Nicholas Foster	Jim Thompson
Myrna Edwards	Bart Tullier
Brett Gianelloni	Dana Vidrine
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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)

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### Weekend of January 11th & January 12th

4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Antony	Fr. Milano	Fr. Antony	Fr. Antony
Extraordinary Ministers					
L D'Armond D Pirello L Dawkins L McCann J Schiro C Abshire	J Pastorek T Penouilh G Samrow P Samrow	M Huber R Huber S Maggio D Maggio Deacon Grant B Bordelon	J Smith B Purgerson J Purgerson A Dalmau R Cooney Deacon Cloutier Deacon Zelden J Angers	Deacon Zelden M Kimble K Kimble T DeJohn	G Bertrand E Schaff C Schutte K Walker
Lectors					
A August B Clay	A Haywood A Wilson J Gardemal	Children Liturgy	B Haldane C Haldane	A Bargas E Joffrion	S Hingle E Pavlovich
Altar Servers					
J Millet (C) H Monsour J Monsour	G Samrow (C)	R Huber (C) L Mann L Vincent	R Cooney (C) G Norenberg J Sanches	M Kimble (C) R Bargas J Joffrion	G Bertrand (C) A Geier C Geier

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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PERMANENT DEACON.....Deacon Richard Grant  
ADMINISTRATION.....Mr. Frank Ardoin  
PRINCIPAL.....Ms. Allyson LaBorde

### OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY.....8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
FRIDAY.....8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

## Parish Activity Center

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## Glorify the Lord by your life

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



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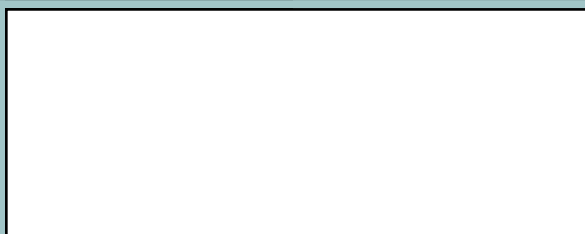
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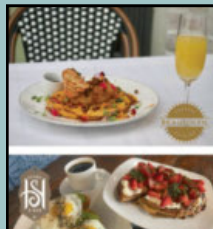

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