



# MERCY ALIVE

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THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD  
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After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened,  
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,  
and the voice of the Father thundered:  
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY JANUARY 11

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

### SUNDAY JANUARY 12

7:00 am.....Mass  
7:00 am.....Holy Name Society Mtg- *St. Joseph*  
9:00 am.....Mass  
10:30 am.....Mass  
12:00 pm.....Mass  
1:00 pm.....Carmelites- *St. Gabriel*  
6:00 pm.....Mass

### MONDAY JANUARY 13

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

### TUESDAY JANUARY 14

8:30 am.....Rosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*  
9:15 am.....Called By Faith-*PAC*  
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass  
3:00 pm.....Middle School Bible Study-*JPII House*  
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass  
7:00 pm.....Catholic 101-*Mary our Mother*  
7:00 pm.....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15

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

### THURSDAY JANUARY 16

6:30 am ....TMIY-*St. Joseph*  
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 17

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

## On the Cover

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Matthew 2.2) The three kings carry and present gifts to the baby Jesus at the Epiphany Mass.

The three kings picture are OLOM School boys, Beckett Fitch, Henry Kline, and Jude Romero.

## 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.

**The Second Collection this weekend is for the outdoor nativity scene which was a source for great joy for everyone this year.**

## 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The stories from Mark's gospel offer a vivid look into the life of Jesus and his followers on such a human level. Many are stories of healing and the week begins and ends with invitations from Jesus to us -- and to his disciples. To Simon Peter and Andrew, Jesus invites, "Come after me." To the tax collector Levi he beckons, "Follow me."

The invitation to healing we are offered can be a part of our own reflection as we begin a new year and want to somehow "fix" what is broken in us. The healing happens if we allow Jesus into our hearts and lives.

As we look at our lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus is moved with pity for us, stretches out his healing hand to us and says, "I do will it. Be made clean."

We can hear the summons to follow him as a clear and personal call to us from Jesus, the one who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts are open to accept this invitation.

We can pray to Jesus this week for the strength to be healed of the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

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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

# Welcome Deacon Josh

Our congratulations 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 an overwhelming sense of peace and liberation. We look forward to Deacon Josh sharing his giftedness and ministry with us. Deacon Josh is the son of Michael and Judy Zelden.



## A warm Mercy Welcome!

Called to Action

## PARISH LIFE

### MERCY WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ through a retreat experience that begins on a Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. The ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.



This experience is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends. Fr. Cleo invites you to prayerfully consider joining a group of women from our parish to make this spiritual retreat at The Solomon Retreat Center in Loranger, LA. The cost of the retreat is \$325 for Mercy parishioners and \$400 for non-parishioners. Double occupancy rooms are provided.

**Women's Retreat** - departs Mercy on Thursday, March 6th and returns for noon Mass at Mercy on Sunday, March 9th.

**Registration for this retreat opens January 13th- [olomchurch.com](http://olomchurch.com)**

*For more information, contact:*

Deacon Kirk Duplantis

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

(225) 926-1883



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)



PARISH LIFE

# Catholic in Recovery

For more information visit  
[www.olomchurch.com](http://www.olomchurch.com)  
or call 225-926-1883

Monday at 12 noon - Men Only

Wednesday at 6:30 pm - Men and Women

St. Gabriel Room at the  
Parish Activity Center.

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Catholic approach for  
dealing with real-life  
struggles.



## SAVE THE DATE

*Mercy Annual Auction*

# BLUE JAY *Bash*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

7:00 PM

MERCY GYM

*More details coming soon.*



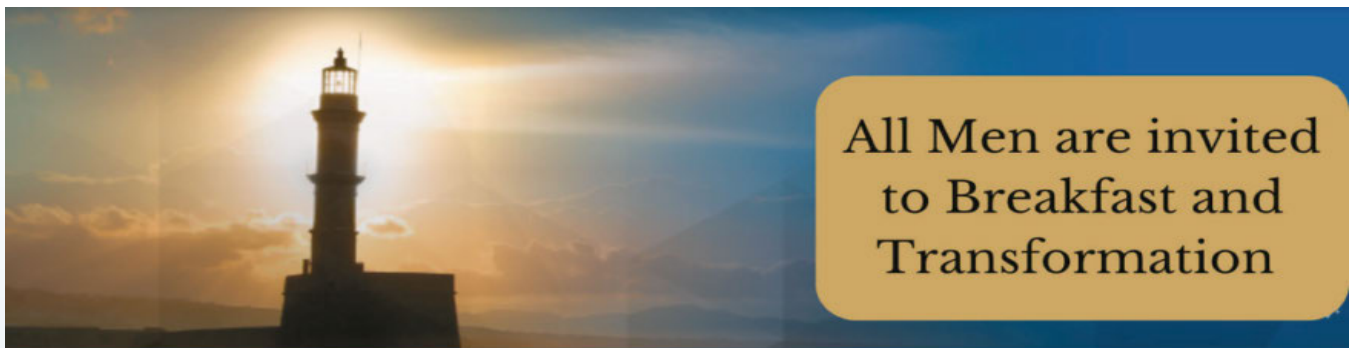
# Called By Faith

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



All Men are invited  
to Breakfast and  
Transformation

Thursday Mornings  
Our Lady of Mercy  
Beginning  
January 16th  
6:00 AM to 7:30 AM

**TMIY**  
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Dr. Ralph Martin  
Matthew Lenoard  
John Sablan  
Michael Gormley

## THE LIGHT OF MEN

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**PARISH LIFE**



# Children's Liturgy

## 9:00 am Mass

We are in need of students to serve as lectors, gift bearers, and banner carriers at our 9 am Children's Liturgy on Sundays! Please scan the QR Code to sign up today!



### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions January 2025



#### For pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our Faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Please pray for the intentions of the Holy Father!

### Are you or someone you know grieving a pregnancy loss?

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2025 REGISTRATION FORM:

2025 – Wedding Anniversaries Celebration
Celebrating the 25TH, 50TH, 65th / 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 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 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:

- 1. Via E-mail: Send to 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!
2. 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 (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 25th, 50th, or 65th & 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!

Cpl. PLANS TO ATTEND
Plz. Check [ ]

# of Family members attending [ ]

\*PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS\*

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

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

12/1/2024

## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Mass Intentions

#### JANUARY 18, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Marion Key / Lois Abadie  
4:00 pm ..... Shirley & Joseph Zito / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / Sylvia Chauvin / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Jerry & Billie Fakouri / Daniel & Nelta Jarreau / Alice Lowery / Clyde & Violet David / Anna Casso / Fay Walker / Francis Xavier Le / Barbara & Carl Guidry / Diana Miller / Paul Burton / Nellrie Cedotal Fernandez & James B. Fernandez / Billy Ray Tam / Joe and Jenny Serio, John and Jackie Kenaley, Paula Lebaron / Howard Kidder Jr. / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Priests, Seminarians, & Deacons / Shannon Cormier and Family / The President of the United States, his team and the American people / Taylor Kidder

#### JANUARY 19, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Nicole Helms / Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Lance Walker  
9:00 am..... Byron Smith and The Chauvin Family / Anna Casso / Hallie Delage  
10:30 am... Dr. Louis Jeanson III / Sam & Angie D'Agostino / Percy, Ann, Paul, Chris and Susan Moise / Lois Abadie / Beverly Corbett  
12:00 pm... Louis Benedetto / The Thomas and Deumite Families / Brenda, Luke, Mary, Ellis, and Enola Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago / Lance Walker  
6:00 pm ..... JoAnn Looper / Bill Lanier / Jack Shortess

#### JANUARY 20, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... SPECIAL INTENTION: O'Corcorains Family  
12:00 pm... Deacon Fallon Lorenz/ Francis Xavier Le

#### JANUARY 21, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Madge Dawson / John Graves / SPECIAL INTENTION: Karen French Watson  
6:00 pm ..... Deborah P. Gwin / Aimee Planchard / Binks Miciotto

#### JANUARY 22, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... John McKay / Blake Siemann  
12:00 pm... Althea Penn / Raul Bencomo

#### JANUARY 23, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Billy Ray Tam / SPECIAL INTENTION: Fr. Al Davidson  
12:00 pm... Patrick O'Connell / Mack Sanders

#### JANUARY 24, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Francis Xavier Le  
12:00 pm... Mervin Simon, Rose Simon, Danny Simon, Layla Simon and Tyler Clay Die / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Russell Wasson / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / John Huddleston / Shirley Wolf Leblanc / John Graves

### Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

**Theo and Lydia Julier**

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

**Alex Spano**

In Sympathy to the Family of:

- **Ricky Marshall**
- **Carol Fulco**
- **Rose Marie Pastorek**
- **Chad LaGrange**
- **Shirley Constantin**
- **Mary Nguyen**
- **Cheryl Cardelli**
- **President Jimmy Carter**
- **Mary Noto**
- **Kay Arceneaux**
- **Pat Delage**

## DATE NIGHT WITH YOUR SPOUSE



Saturday, February 15th  
7:00 pm  
Parish Activity Center

## *Supper & Substance*

Why fight the Valentine Day hassle  
join us for a great evening with a  
delicious meal and a inspirational talk  
and presentation from Dr. Mario A.  
Sacasa to enhance your relationship.



Registration  
coming soon





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

### Weekend of January 18th & January 19th

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					
C Duvieilh C Formeller M Downing J Stalls R Arabie B Rigby	A Wilson L Hopkins L Dawkins T Penouilh	L Saab L Babin P Tullier L Carter Deacon Grant K Kimble	N Graham B Bailey K Poiencot F Borghardt C Ransome Deacon Zelden Deacon Grant J Harrison	Deacon Cloutier L Cloutier A Nodier M Nodier	G Gilbert A Altazan M Roussel C Steele
Lectors					
P Rigby G Lalonde	S Darensbourg A Haywood J Pastorek	S Hingle C Laird	S Toups M Massad	H Schiro L Holliday	E Pavlovich A Bargas
Altar Servers					
J Millet (C) H Arabie R Schroeder	G Samrow (C)	P Tullier (C) A Saab L Saab	J Harrison (C) E Ellis B Laperouse	G Anderson (C) L LeBlanc E Presswood	G Gilbert (C) K Craig C Washauer

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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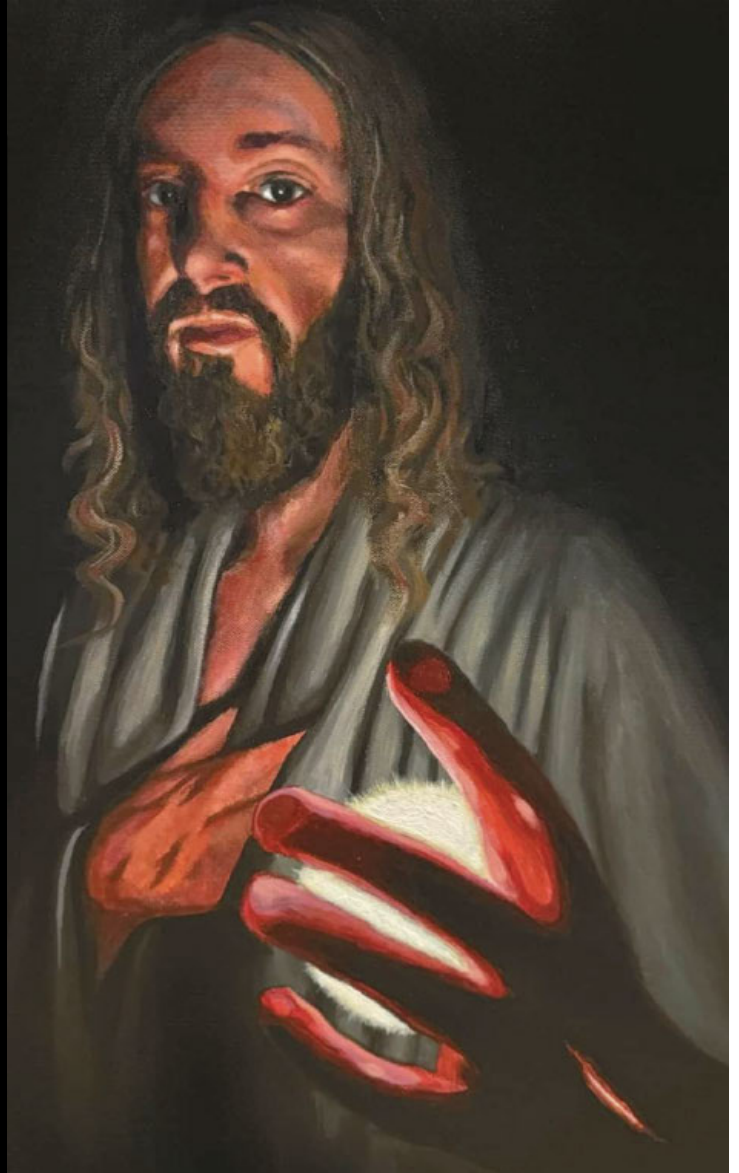
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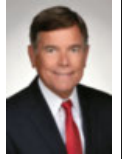
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