



MERCY ALIVE

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THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD
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Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of
your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 3

8:00 am ...Blessing of the Throats Mass
12:00 pm ...Blessing of the Throats Mass
12:00 pm.....Catholic in Recovery-*St. Gabriel*
6:00 pm ...OCIA- *St. Ann*
7:00 pm ...Baptism Seminar- *Mary*
7:00 pm ...SVDP Meeting- *St. Jerome*

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 4

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.....Charismatic Prayer-*St. Gabriel*

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5

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

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6

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 FEBRUARY 7

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

On the Cover

Mother natures gift! Photo by Chip Kline.

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.

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Parish Maintenance Fund

Prayer LINE

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



A graphic featuring a blue rosary with a cross at the end, set against a light beige background. Below the rosary, the text reads: "ROSARY MAKERS MEETS EVERY TUESDAY AT 8:30 AM IN THE COFFEE SHOP COME JOIN US!"



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This week is set at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the pictures we get of how challenged and pushed he is prepare us to hear the simple parables he tells us. All of us get challenged and pushed in our daily lives. Even when we are on the right road and following a faithful path, there are forces, conflicting demands, tempting alternatives, differing values that batter us. It takes grace and courage to trust our real mission and that our Lord will be with us through it all.

Each morning this week, we can take a moment, to ask for what we desire. The entire day will be different just by spending 20 seconds sitting at the edge of the bed saying, "Lord, I want to keep my eyes open today. Whatever comes at me today, I want to stay in touch with you. Thank you." Another morning I may be aware of a big decision I have to execute that day or a conflict I am planning to face, and I might pray, "Okay, Lord, this is the day. This is how I live out my relationship with you. Be with me and give me what I need. Keep reminding me I can't do it without you."

Each day will offer a different brief moment of connection with our Lord, but each will ground the day. Then it is so very easy, while in the shower or walking down a hall, for just brief moments here and there in the background of our day, to stay in touch with our Lord. These guides can help keep us focused on the nourishing Word which interacts with our daily life. Every day can seem like a living Parable of the Sower. There is seed being scattered all around us and we can see and experience our degrees of receptivity. And while we are doing the best we can, all day, every day, in a variety of things, we can be consoled by the Lord's smile reminding us that the Kingdom is like a mustard seed. The real graces come from very small seeds, the smallest of efforts that make a big difference. Most of all, when things get rough, during any day, we can pause and take a breath and ask him to calm the wind and sea in our hearts.

Every night we can thank him for his presence and ground our growing relationship with him.

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:*



Penance & Pizza!



Wednesday, February 5th

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

Led by the Bello Family



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

Contact kirk.duplantis@olomchurch.com

Called to Action

PARISH LIFE

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THE THROATS

The feast day of Saint Blaise is February 3rd and one that is annually celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy with the "BLESSING OF THE THROATS."

St. Blaise was born in Armenia in the 3rd century. He was a physician and bishop and his devotion to the church and his virtuous duty to Christian values earned him acclaim among the clergy. Blaise lived during a time of cruel persecution. He was imprisoned and while there, jailers permitted him to receive visitors who were sick that requested his intercession. Many were cured. One story indicates that a mother's son was choking from a fish bone lodged in his throat. Once Blaise prayed over him, the bone was dislodged and the boy was healed. He is thus patron saint of all diseases of the throat.



Throats will be blessed at Our Lady of Mercy on Monday, February 3rd following the 8:00 am and 12:00 noon Masses.

St. Blaise, pray for us!

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Saturday, February 15th

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Oak Lodge Reception Center

You are invited to a Prayer Breakfast with speaker Marilyn Seibert. Please join us for our next Prayer Breakfast, February 15th, 2024 from 9:00 am - 12:00pm at Oak Lodge Reception Center.



For more information or to register online, go to MagnificatJAN2025.Eventbrite.com or contact Dianne Lencse at 225-235-3021 or Gwen Gillis at 225-505-7050 or email lencser@cox.net



DATE NIGHT WITH YOUR SPOUSE



Saturday, February 15th
6:00 pm
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Supper & Substance

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MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Mercy Marriage Day

We are celebrating milestones in marriage. If you are celebrating:

25

45

30

50

35

55

40

60 or more

Join us on February 16th for Mass at noon,
and a celebration in the PAC.

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or call the church office. Deadline to register
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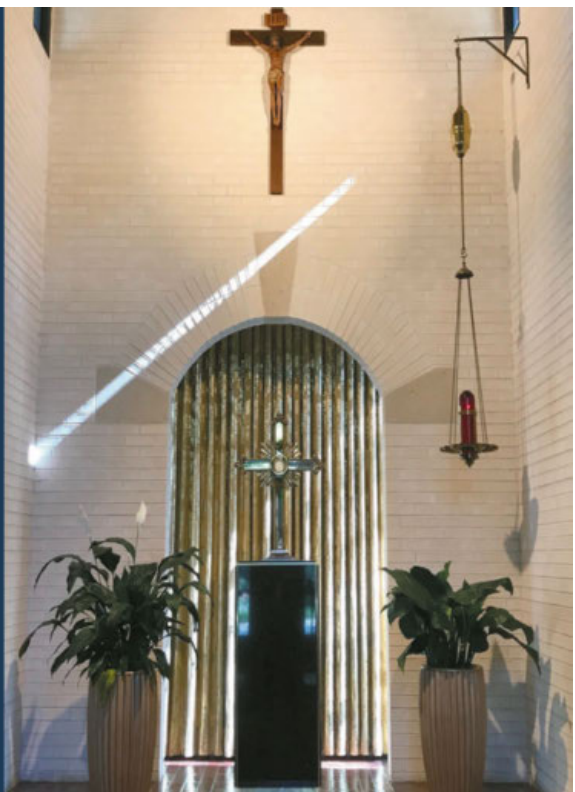
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IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

FEBRUARY 8, SATURDAY

8:00 am Mollie Barbara Helm / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Barbara Mahoney Helm
4:00 pm The Elam, Mason, Meisner and Hamm Families / Joe Bologna & Family / Tullio Saffiotti / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Robert, Mike, Tom & David Guessfeld / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Jerry & Billie Fakouri / Daniel & Nelta Jarreau / Alice Lowery / Anna Casso / Fay Walker / Diana Miller / Paul Burton / Nellrie Cedotal Fernandez & James B. Fernandez / Billy Ray Tam / Howard Kidder Jr. / Bob Ourso / Mary Lynn Rainach / Brian Ward Wampold / Lawrence Marino / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Priests, Seminarians, & Deacons / Shannon Cormier and Family / Taylor Kidder / SPECIAL INTENTION: Mr. and Mrs. Steven Craig Swilley and Family

FEBRUARY 9, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Joseph and Lydia Landry / Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Donald Ashmore
9:00 am..... Byron Smith and the Smith Family / Theresa & Nelvin Fontenot / Eva & Bruce Soileau / Anna Casso / Sondra Dempsey
10:30 am... The Vicari and Cretini Families / Ann Alldredge / Gary Alford / Ada & Vincent Dimattia / Beverly Corbett/ Michael S. Divincenti
12:00 pm... Hallie Pfefferle / Brenda, Ellis, Enola, Luke, & Mary Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago / Oliver P. Carrier, Jr. / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The Thomas and Deumite Families / Lance Walker
6:00 pm Ricky Marshall / Sammy Ragusa / SPECIAL INTENTION: The Creaghan Family

FEBRUARY 10, MONDAY

8:00 am Nancy Angeron Taylor / Chad LaGrange
12:00 pm... Mary Tran / Tommy Humphrey

FEBRUARY 11, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Carol Kelly / Madge Dawson
6:00 pm Lois Abadie / Bob Ourso / Adrienne Gunther / Concepcion Bencomo / Juanita Gealogo

FEBRUARY 12, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Thomas Riker / Elaine Breaux / SPECIAL INTENTION: Luke Mumfrey
12:00 pm... Jimmie Panepinto / Bernice Copponex Barry

FEBRUARY 13, THURSDAY

8:00 am SPECIAL INTENTION: Tina Grant / Fr. Al Davidson
12:00 pm... J K.J. Thomas / William Ledet / Loyce Sims Carona

FEBRUARY 14, FRIDAY

8:00 am Manuel F. Gan, Sr. / Francis Xavier Le / SPECIAL INTENTION: Abby and Kieran Toohey
12:00 pm... Mervin Simon, Rose Simon, Danny Simon, Layla Simon and Tyler Clay Die / Iray & Lorena Ledoux / Mary Del Tassin / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Anthony "Tinker" and Rita Farris / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Donna Parker / John Huddleston / Elaine & Robert "Bob" Thomas / Matthew "Todd" Kleinpeter / Bob Ourso / Mary Lynn Rainach / Brian Ward Wampold / Lawrence Marino / Rev. Everette Trebtoskee / Sisters Donna Parker and Faith Barfield / Pat & Hallie DeLage / SPECIAL INTENTION: Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bieser and Family / Edolia Barros / Archbishop Emeritus Alfred Hughes / The Demars Family

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Tullio Saffiotti

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

Don Turnley

In Sympathy to the Family of:

- **June De Mars**
- **John De Mars**
- **Rick Lynch**
- **Bobby Gaston**
- **Pietra Brocato**
- **Mary Furlow**
- **Tommie Milam**
- **David Wayne Lee**
- **Corinne Lemoine**

MERCY'S LENTEN *Mission*

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**FR. WADE
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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

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Weekend of February 8th & February 9th

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					
J Schiro L McCann N Krzystowczyk C Duvieilh R Arabie D McCrary	G Samrow P Samrow T Penouilh L Dawkins	C Haldane L Babin D Maggio S Maggio Deacon Zelden B Bordelon	L Gemmill A Dalmau B Purgerson J Purgerson M Taylor Deacon Zelden Deacon Duplantis J Harrison	Deacon Zelden A Altazan N Graham B Beale	B Bailey C Steele R Torry L Hopkins
Lectors					
D McCrary T Turner	A Wilson S Darensbourg J Pastorek	Children Liturgy	B Billeaudeau C Billeaudeau	G Anderson E Joffrion	G Bertrand G Gilbert
Altar Servers					
J Millet (C) H Schiro E Schiro	G Samrow (C)	L Babin (C) C Talbert R Stinson	M Hermann (C) C Anderson G Oubre	B Beale (C) J Sanches F Placke	B Bailey (C) L Broussard M Chatelain

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Called to serve? Contact Deacon Grant to volunteer for liturgical ministry.

*These liturgies are celebrated without incense.

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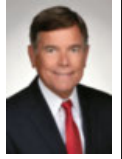
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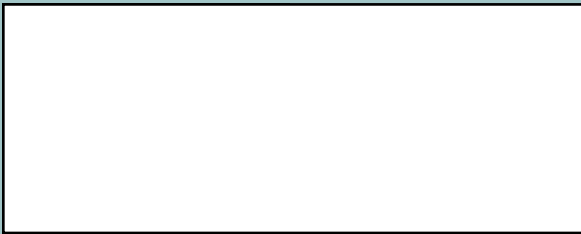
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