



# MERCY ALIVE

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VI SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
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Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15

8:00 am ...Daily Mass  
4:00 pm.....Daily Mass  
6:00 pm.....Supper & Substance- *Emmanuel Hall*

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16

7:00 am.....Mass  
9:00 am.....Mass  
10:30 am.....Mass  
12:00 pm.....Mass  
1:00 pm.....Carmelites-*St. Gabriel*  
6:00 pm.....Mass  
7:00 pm.....High School Youth Group

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 17

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

### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18

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 19

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

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20

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 21

8:00 am ...Daily Mass  
9:00 am ...School Liturgy  
12:00 pm ...Daily Mass  
7:00 pm ...Auction- *Mercy Gym*

## On the Cover

Pre-K student Addy Cambre receive the traditional blessing of the throat from Deacon Richard Grant on the Feast Day of Saint Blaise, the Patron saint of disease of the throat.

## 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.

## Little Black Books

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

## 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 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

We can feel the tension in this week's readings. Jesus is trying to warn his disciples - and us - about the rebellious style of the Pharisees, about hypocrisy. And, he is trying to heal the blindness of his disciples - and us - about what his mission is all about. He has come to free us from sin and the captivity we have to all kinds of self-centered patterns.

So when we stay reflective this week, we can become more conscious of how we rebel from the path of Jesus, from joining him in becoming less selfish. When we begin our days this week, we can ask, "Lord, help me see the ways I'm too self-centered this week. Help me notice the needs of those you place in my life. Stretch my heart to love more today." It is simple, but it begins to change our focus.

As we go through the week, we can pay closer attention to our resistance, the places we catch ourselves holding back. We can open our eyes to see the patterns in our lives that we might not have paid attention to before. It doesn't have to be serious evil we are choosing. It might just be ways in which we are avoiding losing our lives for him. Once we focus, start paying attention to the daily choices we make, our day becomes a day of prayer. We can be in communion with the Lord throughout the day because it becomes a day of dialogue, in the midst of all the busyness. "Lord, as I put on this sweater, I'm aware how I just spoke to Helen. I'm sorry. That was all about my fear, wasn't it? I cut her off because I was just afraid of what she was asking of me. I became more aware of the cost to me than anything else. Please help me to continue to see how I respond to people. Please calm my fears." We can get in the habit of doing this kind of prayer every day, right where we are, in very brief moments. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our daily lives is the goal of this kind of prayer.

All of this is reinforced by our prayer of gratitude each night. If we are liking this kind of communion with our Lord each day, and thanking God for it each night, there is no question that we will be developing a new pattern in our life. We tend to continue to do what we enjoy. And gratitude feeds even more openness and generosity.

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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.





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## PARISH LIFE

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Day of Fast and Abstinence

- 6:30 am
- 8:00 am
- 12:00 noon
- 6:00 pm



Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten Season, is observed six and one half weeks before Easter. It is a day of fast and abstinence when ashes are blessed and imposed on the foreheads of the faithful to remind us of our obligation to do penance of sins, to seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting, good works and by bearing with patience the trials and difficulties of everyday life. The ashes are used to mark the forehead with the Sign of the Cross, with the reminder: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return."

**Ashes will be distributed at the end of each Mass.**



**Keynote Speaker: Patricia Sandoval**

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### ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Our Lady of Mercy is pleased to share the return of a St. Joseph Altar on Sunday, March 16th to honor the Feast of St. Joseph. This long-standing Italian tradition is one that shows gratitude to St. Joseph for relief of the people in Sicily after a terrible famine overtook the island. After paying honor to St. Joseph, the Sicilians distributed the food to the less fortunate.

After many centuries, the St. Joseph Altar still serves as a reminder that those who have enjoyed some measure of good fortune must share it with those who have less.

We invite you to join us in the preparation, education and viewing of the St. Joseph Altar at Our Lady of Mercy. If you are interested in helping with altar preparations, we invite you to email [olomaltar@gmail.com](mailto:olomaltar@gmail.com).

Donations for Our Lady of Mercy's St. Joseph Altar are kindly accepted through the envelopes located on the envelope rack.



### THE HISTORY OF THE ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The tradition of making St. Joseph Altars dates back to the twelfth century. It is believed that the tradition began in Sicily during a great famine that was caused by an extreme drought. The Sicilians began seeking the intercession of their patron saint, St. Joseph, to end the drought and bring much needed rains to Sicily. In return for St. Joseph's intercession, the Sicilians vowed to honor St. Joseph by making altars dedicated to promise, petition, and thanksgiving. They promised to honor St. Joseph each year on his feast day, March 19th, and seek his intercession in times of need through placing their petitions on the altars. Through the altars, the Sicilians paid homage to St. Joseph by

giving him thanks for the many blessings they had received through his intercession.

Please join us on March 16th for Our Lady of Mercy parish St. Joseph altar. If you are interested in helping with the altar, please reach out by email to [olomaltar@gmail.com](mailto:olomaltar@gmail.com).



## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Mass Intentions

#### FEBRUARY 22, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Francis Xavier Le / Lois Abadie  
4:00 pm ..... Mr. & Mrs. Daniel O'Neil / Virgil & Eunice D'Armond, Sugar and Cookie Kane / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Jerry & Billie Fakouri / Daniel & Nelta Jarreau / Anna Casso / Marlene Ngo / Fay Walker / Diana Miller / Paul Burton / Nellrie Cedotal Fernandez & James B. Fernandez / Joe and Jenny Serio, John and Jackie Kenaley, Paula & Joseph Lebaron / Donna Parker / Howard Kidder Jr. / Christine M. Timpa / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Priests, Seminarians, & Deacons / Shannon Cormier and Family / Taylor Kidder

#### FEBRUARY 23, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Darensbourg & Ladmirault Families / Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Donald Ashmore / Sanford & Corinne Lemoine  
9:00 am..... Judy Pellerin / Anna Casso / Margie Perniciaro / Brenda, Ellis, Enola, Luke, & Mary Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago  
10:30 am... Gary Alford / Lawrence Marino / George and Palma LeFebvre / Bob Ourso / Sisters Donna Parker and Faith Barfield/ Michael S. Divincenti  
12:00 pm... The Thomas and Deumite Families / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Phillip B. Eckert and Family, Darlene and Bruce Eckert and Family / Betty and Chris Willis and Family / Linda and Don Falcon and Family / Toxie Craft  
6:00 pm ..... Sammy Ragusa

#### FEBRUARY 24, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Emmanuel Gealogo / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The Mumfrey Family  
12:00 pm... Robert Champion / Paul Hoang

#### FEBRUARY 25, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... John McKay / Ron Truxillo / SPECIAL INTENTION: Jonathon Schaffer  
6:00 pm ..... Fred Gwin & Jean Gwin / Debbie Gwin / Verline & Francis Pellegrin / Selden and Grace Tibbetts / Mervin Simon, Rose Simon, Danny Simon, Layla Simon and Tyler Clay Die / Paul Catalanatto / Shirley & Joseph Zito / Aimee Planchard / Tyler Craig, Barbara Sonnier, Betty and Gene Craig / Bob Ourso / Mary Lynn Rainach / Brian Ward Wampold / Lawrence Marino / Hallie Pfefferle / Gina Fulton / Lois Abadie / Mary Nguyen /Lawrence Berry/ SPECIAL INTENTION: Mr. and Mrs. Steven Craig Swilley and Family / Charlie Valluzzo

#### FEBRUARY 26, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Daisy Gonsoulin / Elaine Breaux  
12:00 pm... Vincente Huong V. Nguyen

#### FEBRUARY 28, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Kay Arceneaux / Mary Noto  
12:00 pm... Frank Panepinto / Barbay & Lato Families

#### FEBRUARY 28, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Kareem Badawi  
12:00 pm... Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Mike, Tom, David, & Robert Guessfeld / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / John Huddleston / Bob Ourso / Adrienne Gunther / Pat & Hallie DeLage / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Delage, Lejuene, & Chevalier Families

### 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

**Mary Nguyen**

In Sympathy to the Family of:

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- **Pietra Brocato**
- **Mary Furlow**
- **David Wayne Lee**
- **Corinne Lemoine**
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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)

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### Weekend of February 22nd & February 23rd

4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
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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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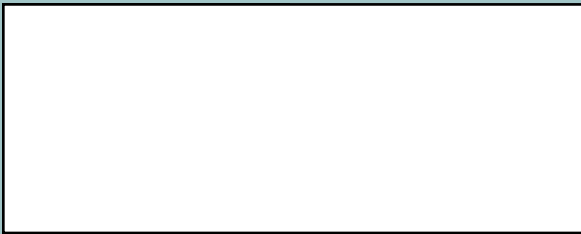
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