



MERCY ALIVE

FEBRUARY 23, 2025
VII SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

- 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

Pictured is Deacon Josh Zelden, Dr. Mario Sacasa, Father Cleo, and Father Antony at Supper and Substance. Dr. Mario Sacasa was the keynote speaker at Supper and Substance.

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



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

We may feel like we never have enough. Enough money, time, love, status or anything else that seems to be the focus of our lives. We live lives that are packed with activities, meetings and obligations - keeping our hearts distracted away from our relationship with God, from our families and from others in our lives who need our love.

This week we have the treasures of the Book of Sirach to contemplate. Each day we can learn something about trusting in God, about learning discipline and where true happiness lies. We learn how God works with us and how we learn the ways of the Lord. There is even practical wisdom about friendship.

From the gospels this week, we have much fruit for our contemplation, for we see Jesus instructing his disciples about service about trusting God's working in others. We are warned about giving scandal. And, we see Jesus' unwillingness to be compromised by trick questions, and the way he speaks about marriage. Finally, we see his reverence for children. We can all draw much fruit from listening to him this week.

And every morning, we can begin by sitting at the side of our beds with our hands open on our laps, asking God to help us receive these gifts with open hearts. We can carry that focus with us throughout the day, remembering in the quiet moments what we are asking for. Always, we end our day simply thanking God for the love and gifts of the day.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 5th - 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.

Catholic in Recovery

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Monday at 12 noon - Men Only

Wednesday at 6:30 pm - Men and Women

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DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

9 TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM

BEGINS FEBRUARY 25TH





THE ART OF CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE: BUILDING A HOLY HOME

Join us for this free Virtual two evening retreat as we enter into the mystery of Nazareth. Encounter practical ways to transform your house into a holy home, sacred ground, a place to profoundly encounter God, a place of joyful service and loving sacrifice, a refuge and respite in the chaos of the world.

St. John Paul II saw that living a moral Christian family life in the current culture would take a heroic effort. He wrote, "The future of the world, and the Church, pass by way of the family." At Paradisus Dei, we have come to see that he did not just mean families in general, but **your** family, **my** family.

The Holy Father called Christian families to model their life on that of the Holy Family at Nazareth. Now more than ever, we need to learn the wisdom and art of authentic Catholic family life to navigate the challenges of the culture. Join us!

Married and
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Virtual Event!

Tues. Feb. 25 | 7:00 – 9 PM

Central time zone

6:50 Gather

Wed. Feb. 26 | 7:00 – 9 PM

Central time zone

6:50 Gather

7:00– 8:35 Talks & Workshops

8:35 – 9:00 Q&A Wrap up

MISSIONARIES
TO THE FAMILY

AN INITIATIVE TO REVITALIZE THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

This past Christmas season, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul embraced the true spirit of the season by adopting several needy families within our community. Our members visited with these families, provided resources, timely advice and hope to help lift them up. In addition to adopting these families, we were able to distribute non-perishables that you donated to over 50 families. Our volunteers brought comfort and hope to those facing hardship during the holidays.

We are deeply grateful to every member of our congregation who donated time, resources, and love to make this initiative a success. Your kindness not only provided essential nourishment but also reminded our neighbors that they are not alone. May this spirit of giving inspire us all to be a beacon of Christ's love every day. If you would like to know more about how you can help St. Vincent de Paul or get involved with our conference, please reach out to: seanmatassa@gmail.com or call 225-772-9547



Keynote Speaker: Patricia Sandoval

international pro-life and chastity speaker who shares her story of past abortions and working at Planned Parenthood followed by nearly three years as a homeless drug addict

Thursday, April 10, 2025 | Ashley Manor, Baton Rouge

6:00pm Patron Party | 7:00pm Dinner & Keynote

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Guest speaker

**FR. WADE
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The Most Holy Eucharist: Gift and Sacrament

MARCH | 10th, 11th, 12th | AT 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Mercy Church

PARISH LIFE

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.

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.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

MARCH 1, SATURDAY

8:00 am Mollie Barbara Helm / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Barbara Mahoney Helm
4:00 pm Alex Spano / Dominic & Rose Graphia / Mary Levatino / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Clyde & Violet David / Eugene & Margie Andre / Anna Casso / The Poor Souls in Purgatory / Fay Walker / Dr. Clifton T. Morris, Jr. / Francis Xavier Le / Barbara & Carl Guidry / Diana Miller / Paul Burton / Pamela Auer Roth / Nellrie Cedotal Fernandez & James B. Fernandez / Brother Eldon Crifasi / Howard Kidder Jr. / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Emesio Banga / Jessie John Gimenez / Liza Araga Flores / Bob Ourso / Pietra Brocato / Father Mark Beard / Peggy Werner / Randy Rupeter / Joseph Leonard Timothy "Tim" Lamonica / Lois Maurin Abadie / Jack Kellerman / Charles Bourgeois / Adele Heuvel / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Delage, Lejuene, and Mineo Families / Shannon Cormier and Family / Priests, Seminarians, & Deacons / Mr. and Mrs. Steven Craig Swilley and Family / In Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

MARCH 2, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Donald Ashmore / Mrs. Corinne Lemoine / Bob Ourso / SPECIAL INTENTION: Sam Sances
9:00 am..... Roy Jones / Anna Casso / Mary McCowan / Lindley Spaht Dodson / Sanford & Corinne Lemoine
10:30 am... Percy, Ann, Paul, Chris and Susan Moise / Maude Amorello / Deacon Fallon Lorenz / Gary Alford / Michael S. DiVincenti III / SPECIAL INTENTION: Austin Porche
12:00 pm... Dorothy Bueche Stevens / Lawrence Marino / Kerry Johnson / Ricky Marshall / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Si, Kimberly, Cecelia, Ava, & Audrey Kora / Shirley Constantin
6:00 pm Brenda, Ellis, Enola, Luke, & Mary Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago / Sammy Ragusa / Johnson Kadair / Jack Kellerman

MARCH 3, MONDAY

8:00 am William Ledet
12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Raul Bencomo

MARCH 4, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... The Gilbert -McKeough families / Madge Dawson
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 / Shirley & Joseph Zito / Paul Catalanatto / Aimee Planchard / Mary Rose Planchard / Anthony "Tinker" and Rita Farris / Tyler Craig, Barbara Sonnier, Betty and Gene Craig / Hallie Pfefferte / Adrienne Gunther / William Ledet / Lois Abadie / Mary Nguyen / Lawrence Berry / Leonardo Acain / Wanda Falcon & Kim Jarreau / Bob Ourso / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Eileen Andries / Charlie Valluzzo / Douglas Shearman

MARCH 5, WEDNESDAY

6:30 am..... Ann Nguyen / Donna Brian
8:00 am Robert K. Gunther / Elaine Breaux
12:00 pm... Raul Bencomo / SPECIAL INTENTION: Jo Ellen Ourso
6:00 pm William Ledet / Jack Kellerman

MARCH 6, THURSDAY

8:00 am John McKay / Adele Heuvel
12:00 pm... Jean Gwin / Sue Ferachi

MARCH 7, FRIDAY

8:00 am Calvin, Georginia & Curran Oubre / Wynona & Joseph Lindsly, Hiram & Ellen May
12:00 pm... Mollie Poirson / Shirley & Joseph Zito / Anthony J. Zito / Sandy Roppolo / J. Louis and Virginia Tonore, Sr., Bert and Marie Carbo, Sr. / Gregory E. Tonore, Jr., Julie Zambie Williams / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Dickens Wall / Derek Wilson / Donna Parker / John Huddleston / Bob Ourso / Mary Lynn Rainach / Brian Ward Wampold / Lawrence Marino / Mary McCowan / Frank Maranto / Richard Lynch / Thompason Lanus / Diane Dejean / Thomas Scherer Halligan / Dorothy Fields Halligan / Joseph Leonard Timothy "Tim" Lamonica / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Steven Dupuis / Sue Ferachi / Thad Bourque / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Fr. Cleo Milano & Priests, Seminarians and Deacons / Vocations to the priesthood / The President and our country / Mr. and Mrs. Steven Craig Swilley and Family / Private SPECIAL INTENTION / Emmett Rispone / The Lato-Rispone Family

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Eugene Hedges

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

Mary Nguyen

In Sympathy to the Family of:


- **Adrian Scallan**
- **Jack Kellerman**
- **Donna Brain**
- **Dorothy Chairmonte**
- **Mary Michel**
- **Bob Biletnikoff**

PARISH LIFE

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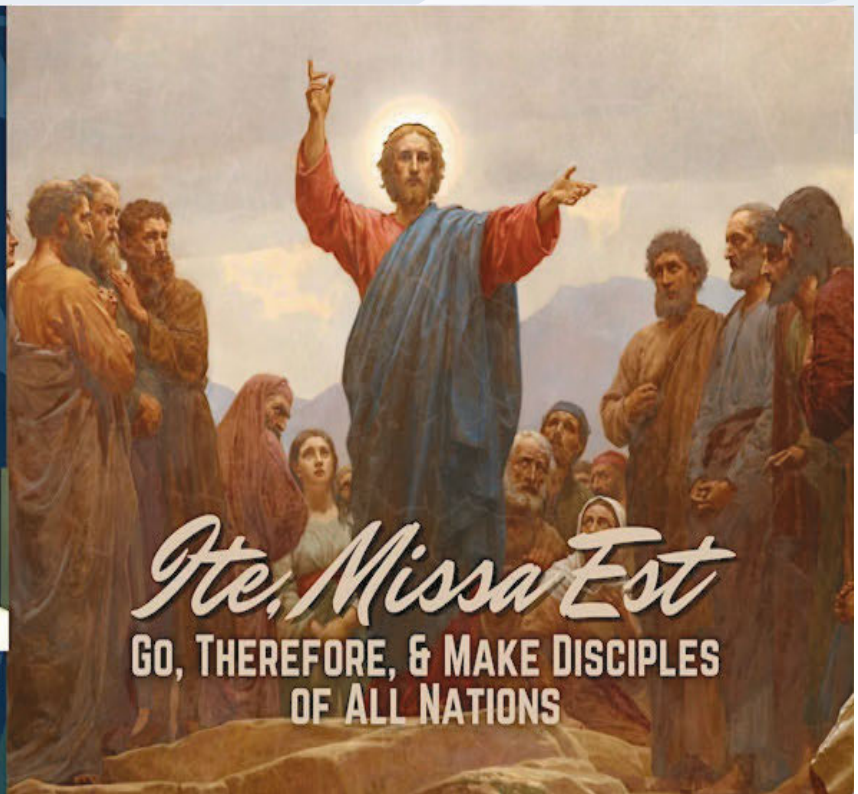
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Called to Worship

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)

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Weekend of March 1st & March 2nd

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					
C Formeller M Downing C Mattza L McCann C Abshire L Dawkins	A Wilson J Pastorek T Penouilh G Samrow P Samrow	R Huber L Babin A Altazan D Deshotels Deacon Grant M Huber	A Nodier D McCrary B Purgerson J Purgerson C Ransome Deacon Zelden Deacon Grant J Angers	Deacon Duplantis M Vincent B Beale G Anderson	C Steele R Torry B Bailey M Roussel
Lectors					
G Lalonde K Stientrager	A Haywood S Darensbourg J Gardemal	C Lee S Hingle	B Haldane C Haldane	E Joffrion H Schiro	G Gilbert D Dantin
Altar Servers					
J Millet (C) C Fruge P Kelly	G Samrow (C)	R Huber (C) A Clayton O Clayton	J Anger (C) B Laperouse C Washuaer	M Vincent (C) L Christofferson G Dillon	B Bailey (C) A DiVincenti M DiVincenti

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.

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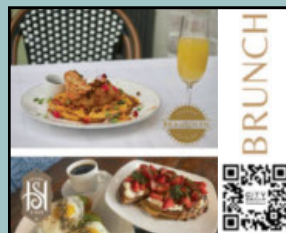
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