



# MERCY ALIVE

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II SUNDAY OF LENT  
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Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face.  
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY MARCH 15

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

### SUNDAY MARCH 16

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

### MONDAY MARCH 17

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

### TUESDAY MARCH 18

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 & Novena

### WEDNESDAY MARCH 19

8:00 am ....Daily Mass  
9:00 am ....School Way of the Cross  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
6:30 pm ....Catholic in Recovery -*St. Gabriel*

### THURSDAY MARCH 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 MARCH 21

8:00 am ..Daily Mass  
9:00 am ..School Liturgy  
12:00 pm ....Daily Mass  
5:00 pm ....KC Fish Fry  
6:00 pm ....Stations of the Cross

## 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)

## On the Cover

Sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, Izzi Guillet celebrates her complete initiation into the Catholic Church as she receives the Sacrament of Confirmation. Pictured with her are her sponsor Kalli Bayer and our beloved Bishop Duca.

**Please pick up your  
Divine Mercy yard  
sign in the church  
office free of charge.  
Proudly display them  
in your yard!**



## Meet Our Nursery Director Robyn Pavlovich

Robyn has been a parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy since 2018. She was married to her husband at Mercy in 2019. They have two little boys who go to Mercy. She loves to tell children about Jesus. Each Sunday she reads the Gospel reading and has the children do a coloring lesson that goes along with it.

**Welcome Robyn!**





# FORTY DAYS OF LENT

The number 40 is a very penitential number in the Bible.

Did you know that the number 40 appears 146 times in Sacred Scripture? Here are just a few examples of its appearance:

- 40 days of rain during the flood of Noah
- 40 years Moses spent wandering in the desert
  - \*40 years he was a Shepherd
  - \*40 years he led Israel
- 40 days the spies searched out the Promised Land
- 40 years of wilderness, wandering in the desert, when Israel was disobedient
- 40 days the prophet Elijah spent in the cave waiting on word from God
- 40 days the prophet Ezekiel laid on his side symbolizing the sins of Israel
- 40 days Jonah preached repentance before God would destroy Nineveh
- 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness in prayer and fasting tempted by Satan after his Baptism
- 40 days Jesus appeared to his disciples between Easter and the Ascension

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THESE 40 DAYS OF LENT?**



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# **Friday Night Fish Fry**

**Dine In, Carry Out or Drive Through**

**Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00pm**

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**Our Lady of Mercy Parish Activity Center**

**March 7th    April 4th**

**March 21st    April 11th**

**March 28th**

Scan to volunteer



AHG Girls will be selling dry ingredient Chocolate chip & Snickerdoodle cookie mixes in a jar on March 7th and March 28th.

Called to Action

**PARISH LIFE**



# **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

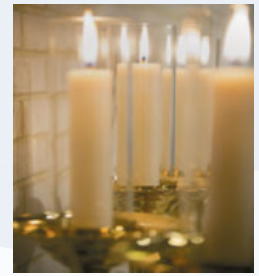
## **TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM**



## PARISH LIFE

# THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

"Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart" says God through the prophet Hosea. As Catholics, we are given the opportunity to heed God's call by readying ourselves for the Lord's Passion during this Lenten season through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Our Lady of Mercy offers this special opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation through "The Light Is On For You."

Start with an examination of conscience, recalling your sins and prayerfully asking yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God's Commandments.

Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Mercy are on Wednesdays from **6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on:**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 & WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16**

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**PARISH LIFE**

# **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Pray the Stations of the Cross with us on Fridays during Lent**

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Friday, March 14th	6:00 pm
Friday, March 21st	6:00 pm
Friday, March 28th	6:00 pm
Friday, April 4th	6:00 pm

## **8TH GRADE PRESENTATION OF THE LIVING STATIONS**

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Wednesday, April 9th	7:00 pm
Thursday, April 10th	9:00 am
Friday, April 11th	9:00 am

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

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Friday, April 18th	12:00 noon
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## PARISH LIFE

### Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral

Sunday, June 8th

12:00 noon

St. Joseph Cathedral

Bishop Duca will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults who have been baptized in the Catholic faith, have received the Eucharist, but were never Confirmed. This celebration will take place on Pentecost at St. Joseph Cathedral. Contact Deacon Kirk Duplantis if interested in participating by **May 5th**.

**For more information, contact:**

Deacon Kirk Duplantis

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



## Catholic in Recovery

Monday at 12 noon - Men Only

Wednesday at 6:30 pm - Men and Women

St. Gabriel Room at the  
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Come celebrate the  
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**ST. JOSEPH  
DAY ALTAR**

**Saturday, March 15th & Sunday, March 16th**  
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on Saturday, March 15th

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH**

- spaghetti dinner served following 9:00 am and 10:30 am Mass
- viewing open until 2:30 pm



## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Mass Intentions

#### MARCH 22, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Helena Young  
4:00 pm ..... The Elam, Mason, Meisner and Hamm  
Families / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Robert E. Wiemer,  
Sr. / Robert, Mike, Tom, & David Guessfeld / Nancy  
Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Jerry & Billie Fakouri / Daniel  
& Nelta Jarreau / Anna Casso / Fay Walker / Nellrie  
Cedotal Fernandez & James B. Fernandez / Howard  
Kidder Jr. / Bob Ourso / Diana Miller / Paul Burton  
/ Peggy Werner / Lois Maurin Abadie / SPECIAL  
INTENTIONS: Taylor Messenger / Fr. Cleo Milano &  
priests, seminarians and deacons / Vocations to the  
priesthood / Shannon Cormier & Family

#### MARCH 23, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Vonnie Byers / Ellie Sances  
/ Mrs. Corinne Lemoine / Jack Kellerman  
9:00 am..... Judy Pellerin / Anna Casso / John  
Collignon / Rohan LaFleur / Paul Catalanatto  
10:30 am... Scott Litz and Frank Messina, Jr. / Naomi  
Kron / Vincent & Elaine Coyle / Lawrence Marino /  
Michael S. DiVincenti III / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Lewis  
& Coyle Family  
12:00 pm... J.A. "Bud" Oliver / Brenda, Ellis, Enola,  
Luke, & Mary Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago / Raul  
Bencomo / Lorenzo Marino  
6:00 pm ..... Evangeline Gallon, Egan Demesme Jr.,  
Egan Demesme Sr., Jennifer Smith, Bernice Demesme  
/ Johnson Kadair / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: St. Charbel  
Mission Church

#### MARCH 24, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Chad LeGrange / Cheryl Cardelli  
12:00 pm... Mary Tran / Tommy Humphrey

#### MARCH 25, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Manuel F. Gan, Sr. / Keely Cassano  
Anderson / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Regan & Coyle  
Family  
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 / Baby Henley / Hallie  
Pfefferle / Mary McCowan / Mary Nguyen / Lawrence  
Berry / Dolly & Bill Wesley / Bob Ourso / SPECIAL  
INTENTIONS: Christine Bieser and Family / Mr. and  
Mrs. Rocky Gabriel Gerace and Family / Archbishop  
Emeritus Alfred Hughes / Gina Fulton / Charlie  
Valluzzo

#### MARCH 26, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Elaine Breaux  
12:00 pm... Maurice O'Rourke, III / Rosa Olivier

#### MARCH 27, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Donna Brian / Jack Kellerman  
12:00 pm... Martha Vo / Lance Walker

#### MARCH 28, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Francis Xavier Le / Sue Ferachi  
12:00 pm... John Milton and Todd Fruge / Gregory L. Kadair,  
Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Carl  
Dalbor, Jr. / Bob Ourso / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The Mahoney  
Family / Fr. Cleo Milano & priests, seminarians and deacons /  
Vocations to the priesthood / Private SPECIAL INTENTION

### Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

**Sue Ferachi**

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

**Lawrence Berry**

In Sympathy to the Family of:

- **Al Arriaga**
- **Enrique Vitanza**
- **Wesley Singleton**
- **Johnnie L. Dukes**
- **Adele Heuvel**
- **Alexander Trenier**
- **Emma Gardiner Norris**
- **Rita Pastorek**

## THIS YEAR FOR LENT, OUR PARISH IS ADOPTING - THE WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CLINIC



# WOMAN'S NEW LIFE CLINIC

Woman's New Life Clinic's mission is to promote the sanctity of life, the dignity of women, and the sacredness of sexuality through medical and mental health services. The Clinic is empowering women to choose life.

Since their start in 2001, they've saved over 2,553 lives from abortion. WNLC offers free professional counseling, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and case management to women in unplanned pregnancies. They also offer professional post-abortion counseling, pregnancy loss counseling, ALL FREE OF CHARGE.

In addition to these services for women in unplanned pregnancies, Woman's New Life Clinic has launched new programs, allowing them to compete with Planned Parenthood, such as family planning instruction. Woman's New Life Clinic operates strictly through private donations from people like you. Donating to Woman's New Life Clinic is something tangible that each and every one of us can do in the fight for life.

We are challenging each family in our parish to donate \$20 or more to this life-saving campaign. Though you may not be able to be on the front-lines of this battle, your participation enables their staff to be there, because without YOU, Woman's New Life Clinic cannot exist. The staff at Woman's New Life Clinic pray fervently for their donors and clients. Please pray for them as well. For your convenience an envelope will be available in the monthly envelope packet in March.

Envelopes will remain in church throughout Lent for your convenience in supporting this important cause. The clinic is located within our parish boundaries at:

760 Colonial Dr.  
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(225) 663-6470  
[www.womansnewlife.com](http://www.womansnewlife.com)

**Envelopes are available in the Church to place your offering  
in support of Pro-Life.**

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 22nd & March 23rd

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					
L McCann L D'Armond A August C Mattza N Krzystowczyk D Lockwood	A Haywood T Penouilh P Sawrow L Hopkins	M Huber R Huber C Haldane A Altazan Deacon Grant M Stumpf	J Harrison D McCrary B Bailey J Smith M Hermann Deacon Zelden Deacon Cloutier F Borghardt	Deacon Duplantis M Nodier A Nodier K Kimble	G Bertrand K Walker C Steele M Roussel
Lectors					
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Altar Servers					
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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).



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, "Dear Lord, help me today." As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: "Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord." Or we might get even more concrete, "Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love."

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief "background" moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of "contemplation in action" will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

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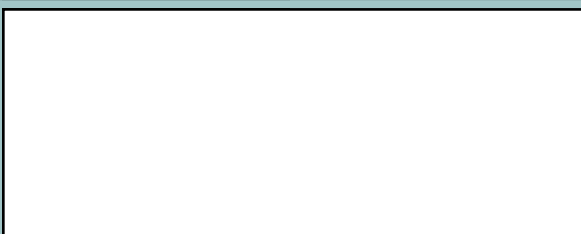


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