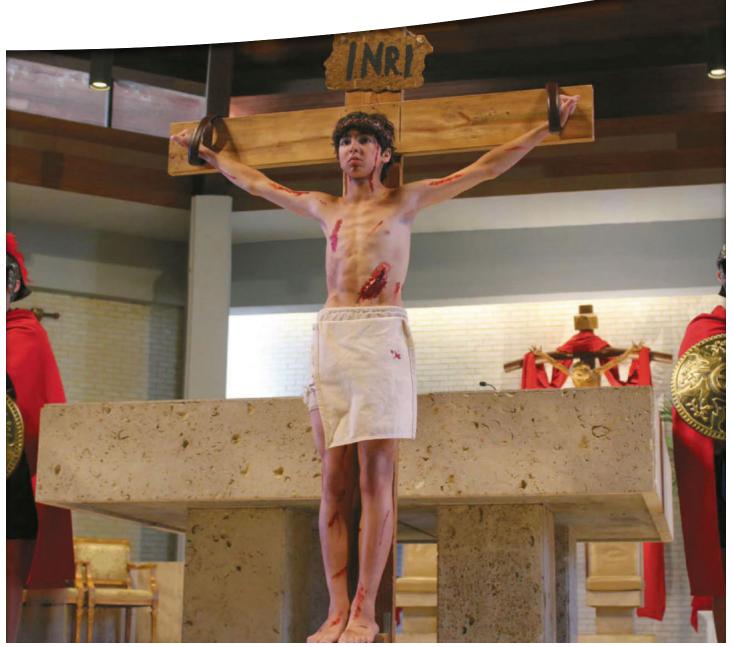


PALM SUNDAY OF THE



Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

#### THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY APRIL 12 8:00 am ....Daily Mass

4:00 pm..... Daily Mass

#### SUNDAY APRIL 13

7:00 am.....Mass 9:00 am....Mass 10:30 am....Mass 10:30 am....OCIA Retreat-*Emmanuel Hall* 12:00 pm....Mass 6:00 pm....Mass

#### MONDAY APRIL 14

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

#### TUESDAY APRIL 15

8:00 am..... Daily Mass
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 APRIL 16

8:00 am .... Daily Mass 12:00 pm .... Daily Mass 6:00 pm .... The Light is On For YOU

#### THURSDAY APRIL 17

9:30 am .... Moms and Tots6:00 pm .... Mass of the Lord's Super

#### FRIDAY APRIL 18

12:00 pm .....Solemn Way of the Cross 5:00 pm ....Good Friday Service

#### Second COLLECTION

Parish Maintenance Fund

#### **Prayer LINE**

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

#### **On the Cover**

"We Adore You, O Christ, and we praise You Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world."

#### **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.

#### 50th Anniversary Dedication Celebration

The "new" church is turning 50 years old! Submit your photos from weddings, baptisms, 8th graduations and more by emailing 50thcelebration@ olomchurch.com. These photos

will be featured in our parish celebration. Need help? Contact Madison Leiva at the church office.





# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 14**

8:00 am Daily Mass 12:00 pm Daily Mass

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 15**

8:00 am Daily Mass 10:30 am Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral <u>12:00 pm Noon Daily Mass</u> 6:00 pm Daily Mass & Novena

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

8:00 am Daily Mass 12:00 pm Daily Mass Adoration Chapel closes at 12 midnight

#### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration in church until 10:00pm

#### **GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18**

12:00 pm Solemn Way of the Cross 3:00 pm Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion

#### **HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19**

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

#### **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20**

Celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 noon 6:00 pm



#### Chrism Mass 10:30 am at St. Joseph Cathedral

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 15**

All Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Baton Rouge will join the Bishop as he consecrates the three Holy Oils: The Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Holy Chrism. These oils will be used for all Sacramental anointing of the faithful throughout the coming year. It is at this Mass that the priests will renew their vows of celibacy and obedience to the Bishop.

#### Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:00 pm

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

This evening the Church enters the three High Holy Days of the Sacred Triduum gathering to pray and building toward the prolonged Vigil of Saturday night. This evening's celebration, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, is the threshold liturgy of the Triduum. It commemorates the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. At this Mass, the feet of 12 parishioners will be washed by our pastor as the sign of service that the Church is called to be to one another, just as Jesus did at the Last Supper. After Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the opened Tabernacle. Parishioners are encouraged to spend time in silent prayer before the Eucharist. In doing so, we are mindful of the words of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Stay here and keep watch with me." The church will remain open until 10:00 pm.

#### Good Friday Solemn Way of the Cross - 12:00 pm Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 pm

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 18

On this day, the parish community gathers to prayerfully recall the Death of Jesus. The Church celebrates NO MASS on Good Friday. The Solemn Way of the Cross will be prayed in our church at 12:00 noon. The Good Friday service will be held at 3:00 pm. It consists of the reading of the Passion; Veneration of the Cross; and Distribution of Holy Communion.

#### Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Please Note: There is no 4:00 pm Vigil Mass. Our Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 pm and gathers around the blessing of the Easter fire.

Shattering the darkness, the great Paschal candle is lit with the Easter fire, wax nails are embedded, and it becomes the symbol of the crucified Christ. The Paschal Mystery, already celebrated in various ways since the evening of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, is clearly and joyfully announced from the very beginning of the Vigil Liturgy. It is in the light of the Paschal candle that the liturgy continues to unfold. The Easter Vigil is the most beautiful of all the liturgies. Ranking highest among the celebrations of the liturgical year, it should rank highest in the spiritual life of the parish community; not a small task in places where Christmas can sometimes be considered the high point.

It is at this Mass that the Church welcomes our new members into the Catholic community through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

#### Easter Sunday

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 20

The Mass of the Lord's Resurrection will be celebrated at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon, and 6:00 pm here at Our Lady of Mercy.

Please consider inviting neighbors, friends or family who may not be churched at this time to join you and our family here at Our Lady of Mercy on this joyous Easter day.

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION **DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK**

This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. There is a solemn nature to this week. We might be tempted to be sad or conflicted this week. It is not easy to get close to the reality that we are sinners and our Lord and Savior went through this betrayal, suffering and death for us. So, sometimes, we avoid looking at this week closely, and praying with it, because we fear getting into our guilt.

The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]

This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: "Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally." Then, throughout the day, in many background, in-between moments, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.

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.

#### Called to Action

# THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!



The Light Is On For You! Nine priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The best spiritual preparation for Easter is taking the time to make a good Confession. The mercy of Jesus is never spent; do not be afraid to pour your heart out to the Lord in telling Jesus that for which you most want Him to forgive.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation at Our Lady of Mercy for Easter:

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

PARISH LIFE

# New Details! PARISH EGG HUNT

Prizes, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and a picnic lunch on the lawn!

When: Saturday, April 26th 10–11:30 am Who: Toddlers – 3rd Grade Where: Lower School Playground \*rain option Parish Activity Center

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#### PARISH LIFE

#### **MAGNIFICAT - A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN**

#### Saturday, April 26th 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Oak Lodge Reception Center

You are invited to a Prayer Breakfast with speaker: Judy Zelden. Please join us for our next Prayer breakfast, April 26th, 2025 from 9:00 am - 12:00pm at Oak Lodge Reception Center.



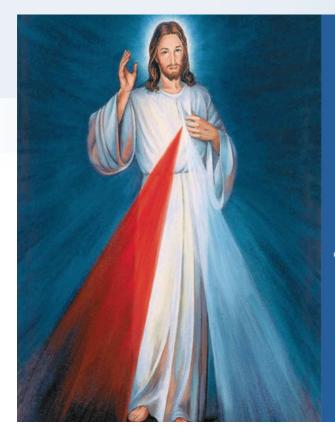
For more information or to register online, go to MagnificatApril2025.Eventbrite.com or contact Dianne Lencse at 225-235-3021 or Gwen Gillis at 225-505-7050 or email lencser@cox.net

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#### Called to Action

#### PARISH LIFE



## DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

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





#### **Called to Prayer**

#### IN REMEMBRANCE Mass Intentions APRIL 19, SATURDAY

8:00 pm ..... JVirgil & Eunice D'Armond, Sugar and Cookie Kane / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Deborah P. Gwin / Aimee Planchard / Howard Kidder Jr. / Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr. / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The Rissler-Trent Families

#### APRIL 20, EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Ellie Sances / Bob Ourso / Adele Heuvel / Thad Bourque / Stanley Davis Jr. / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Christine Swilley & Family / Gabriel Park

9:00 am..... Robert, Mike, Tom, & David Guessfeld / Ann Alldredge / Diana Miller / Paul Burton / Paul Catalanatto / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Shannon Cormier & Family

10:30 am... Dr. Louis Jeansonne III / Sam & Angie D'Agostino / Percy, Ann, Paul, Chris and Susan Moise / Clyde & Violet David / Anna Casso / Michael S.

DiVincenti III / Raul Ramon Bencomo

12:00 pm... Adele Kennedy Langlois / Frances Breaux / Chris Caballero / Brenda, Ellis, Enola, Luke, & Mary Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago

6:00 pm ..... Lindley Spaht Dodson / Johnson Kadair / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The Ferachi Family / Sofia Schmidt / Marie Mumme

#### APRIL 21, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... John McKay 12:00 pm... Joseph Corsentino / Lucy Sparacino

#### APRIL 22, TUESDAY

12:00 pm.... Donna Brian 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 / Iray & Lorena Ledoux / Gary Alford / Tyler Craig, Betty and Gene Craig, Barbara Sonnier / Bob Ourso / Hallie Pfefferle / Mary McCowan / Mary Nguyen / Lawrence Berry / Randy Moore / Jack Kellerman / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Charlie Valluzzo

#### APRIL 21, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Robert Gaston 12:00 pm... Joseph Corsentino / Lucy Sparacino

#### **APRIL 24, THURSDAY**

8:00 am ..... Raul Ramon Bencomo / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Lucy Arender 12:00 pm... Alida Bishop Casey

#### APRIL 25, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Francis Xavier Le

12:00 pm... Marvin Landry / Sandy Roppolo / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Mike, Tom, David, and Robert Guessfeld / Audrey & Albert BiLeci / Carl Dalbor, Jr. / Bob Ourso / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Fr. Cleo Milano & priests, seminarians and deacons / Vocations to the priesthood

#### 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

#### **All Lost Souls**

#### In Sympathy to the Family of:

- Marianne Steintrager
- Sammy W. DiVincenti
- Audrey Brown
- Coralie Savoie
- Beulah Ferachi

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church and School in your last will and testament.

#### THIS YEAR FOR LENT, OUR PARISH IS ADOPTING -THE 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. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 663-6470 www.womansnewlife.com

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

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| MASS SC        | HEDULE & TIMES   |   |
| WEEKDAYS       | MASS TIMES:<br>M, W, Th, & F: 8:00 am & 12:00 pm<br>Tues: 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm<br>RECONCILIATION:<br>M - F: 45 minutes prior to Mass | CATHOLIC<br>COMMUNITY<br>RADIO<br>1380 AM - WPYR                                  |
| SATURDAY       | MASS TIME: 8:00 am<br>RECONCILIATION: 3:00 – 3:45 pm<br>VIGIL: 4:00 pm   | Listen daily at noon and<br>10:30 am on Sunday for<br>Mercy's Mass live broadcast |
| SUNDAY         | MASS TIMES: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am,<br>12:00 pm & 6:00 pm<br>NURSERY: 9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)                                 |   |
|                | PRE-SCHOOL<br>BIBLE CLASS: 9:00 am & 10:30 am (PAC)  |   |

| Weekend of April 19th & April 20th   |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
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| 8:00 pm*   | 7:00 am*  | 9:00 am   | 10:30 am  | 12:00 pm   | 6:00 pm   |  |  |
| Frs Milano/Antony  | Fr. Milano  | Fr. Milano  | Fr. Milano  | Fr. Antony   | Fr. Antony  |  |  |
| Extraordinary Ministers  |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| TBD  | Deacon Grant<br>L Dawkins<br>A Wilson<br>J Pastorek<br>P Samrow | Deacon Grant<br>M Stumpf<br>S Gray<br>T Moore<br>L Carter<br>L Saab | Deacon Duplantis<br>J Angers<br>Deacon Zelden<br>M Taylor<br>F Borghardt<br>J Purgerson<br>B Bailey | Deacon Zelden<br>C Roberts<br>K Kimble<br>C Graves | Deacon Cloutier<br>G Bertrand<br>A Altazan<br>E Pavlovich |  |  |
| Lectors  |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| TBD  | A Haywood<br>J Gardemal<br>J Kirby                              | C Lee<br>B Clay   | S Toups<br>M Massad   | L Holliday<br>E Joffrion                           | A Bargas<br>D Dantin                                      |  |  |
| Altar Servers  |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |
| TBD  | K Allen (C)   | M Stumpf (C)<br>A Fruge<br>C Fruge                                  | K Allen (C)<br>A Nguyen<br>A Polito   | M Kimble (C)<br>L Broussard<br>J Joffrion          | E Pavlovich (C)<br>J Floyd<br>M Floyd                     |  |  |
| The complete Ministry Schedule is published on our website at www.olomchurch.com.<br>Called to serve? Contact Deacon Grant to volunteer for liturgical ministry.<br>*These liturgies are celebrated without incense.<br>The Sunday 10:30 am Holy Mass can be found on WBRZ+; olomchurch.com; and youtube.com/olombr. |   |   |   |  |   |  |  |

The Diocesan Office of Life, Peace and Justice and the Theology Department of Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University (FranU) will host:

### THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON AND THE END OF LIFE

If you have questions about palliative care, hospice care, the Church's position on the definition of death, organ donation, the Church's teaching on euthanasia and other end of life topics, this is a great presentation to attend.

Refreshments will be provided.



DR. CHRISTOPHER RAGUSA Assistant Professor of Bioethics and Moral Theology, FranU, Baton Rouge

Registration is REQUIRED.



<u>The Death of Saint Joseph with Jesus and Mary</u> by Neilson Carlin

### THURSDAY 5-1-25

FROM 6-8 P.M. WESTERFIELD CONFERENCE CENTER

1800. S. ACADIAN THWY. BATON ROUGE, LA

Find more information & register https://diobr.org/rlc-event Registration is REQUIRED.

Contact us jlavastida@diobr.org





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