



# MERCY ALIVE

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Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY MAY 3

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

### SUNDAY MAY 4

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

### MONDAY MAY 5

8:00 am .....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm .....Daily Mass  
12:00 pm.....Catholic in Recovery-*St. Gabriel*  
6:30 pm.....SVPD Meeting-*St. Jerome*  
7:00 pm.....Baptism Seminar-*St. Gabriel*

### TUESDAY MAY 6

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  
7:00 pm.....Charismatic Prayer Group-*St. Gabriel*

### WEDNESDAY MAY 7

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

### THURSDAY MAY 8

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 MAY 9

8:00 am .....Daily Mass  
9:00 am .....School Liturgy  
12:00 pm .....Daily Mass

## On the Cover

Grant Hendry, Beau Black, William Gauthier, and Cannon Hernandez celebrating their First Holy Communion.

## 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.

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

## Second COLLECTION

Parish Maintenance Fund

## 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)



# BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

BY: LAUREN DE WITT

For the last fifty years, seemingly lone voices in the wilderness have warned of the death of Christian culture and the beginning of the post-Christian modern era. Since Vatican II, the Church at all levels has struggled with how to evangelize in an age that is seemingly inoculated against Christianity. Despite the temptation to despair, Ven. Fulton Sheen insisted, "These are great and wonderful days in which to be alive. ... It is not a gloomy picture - it is a picture of the Church in the midst of increasing opposition from the world. And therefore live your lives in the full consciousness of this hour of testing, and rally close to the heart of Christ" (emphasis added). Perhaps there is no more concrete example of this than that of the life of Blessed, and soon to be Saint, Carlo Acutis.

Bl. Carlo Acutis was born on May 3, 1991, in London, England, and moving shortly thereafter to Milan, Italy. His parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, were members of wealthy Italian families and were, by their own admission, rather lukewarm in their faith at the time of his birth. From an early age, however, Carlo demonstrated a remarkable devotion to the Eucharist and a deep love for the Blessed Virgin. At the age of five, a visiting priest from Bologna, Italy, told Carlos' mother that he would grow up to be someone special. Deeply moved by the priest's remark, Antonia describes this as the moment her life changed forever. The soon-to-be Saint and his mother began attending daily Mass together and studying theology.

Carlo, though an average student, demonstrated a keen interest in technology and computer programming. He used his skills to create a website recording Eucharistic miracles and approved Marian apparitions from around the world, describing the Eucharist as his "highway to Heaven." He freely and simply shared his joy and his faith with every person God placed in his life, all while remaining an ordinary teenager in many ways.

At age 15, however, a leukemia diagnosis turned Carlo's life upside down. Carlo embraced the redemptive nature of his suffering, however, explaining in his last words to his mother, "Mom, don't be afraid. Since Jesus became a man, death has become the passage towards life, and we don't need to flee it. Let us prepare ourselves to experience something extraordinary in the eternal life." He died on October 12, 2006, at the age of 15. His canonization was originally scheduled for April 27, 2025, but since the death of Pope Francis on April 21, 2025, his canonization has been postponed and will be declared by Francis' successor.

Bl. Carlo Acutis is truly a saint for our times. He lived his brief life simply but fully in the Heart of Christ, drawing strength from Christ's presence in the Eucharist, and never permitting himself or those around him to be discouraged by suffering or the opposition of the world. As it turns out, this simple, faith-filled living is all that is needed to evangelize in our modern age. Bl. Carlo Acutis, pray for us!



# Schedule

## FRIDAY

5:00 Opening Ceremonies  
5:30 Fair Opens  
7:00 Pants Party (Band)  
9:30 Games Close  
10:00 Food/Bar Last Call  
10:30 Fair Closes

## SATURDAY

10:00 Fair Opens (Rides & Games)  
11:00 Food & Beverage Open  
12-4 Bingo (New Gym)  
2:00 David St. Romain (Band)  
4:00 Hat Contest  
5:00 Kentucky Derby (Big Screen)  
7:00 Mustache Band  
9:30 Games Close  
10:00 Food/Bar Last Call  
10:30 Fair Closes

## SUNDAY

11:30 Fair Opens  
12-3 Bingo (New Gym)  
12:30 Talent Show on Stage  
2:30 Baton Rouge Music Studios  
3:00 Raffle Drawing  
3:30 Crawfish Boil  
5:00 Fair Closes



# TUITION & 10K RAFFLE

SCAN TO PURCHASE  
DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 3PM ON MAY 4TH  
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASE AT THE CENTURION  
INFORMATION BOOTH



## PARISH LIFE

### MOTHER'S DAY MAY CROWNING



Sunday, May 11th

9:00 am

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

Fr. Cleo Milano invites all children who would like to participate in the crowning of Mary to bring a fresh flower to the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 11th to place at the Blessed Mother statue during the entrance procession!

**God Bless Our Mothers!**

# TRUE NORTH

*Vacation Bible School*

## JUNE 2-6

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS**

**NEEDED!**

Adult Volunteers needed for the following:

-  Preschool Crew Leaders
-  Elementary Crew Leaders
-  Middle School Crew Leader
-  Set Design/Decorating

Volunteers can register at [olomchurch.com](http://olomchurch.com)



**PARISH LIFE: ACTS RETREAT FUNDRAISER**

- Paul Cat's Memorial Crawfish Boil -  
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Saturday, May 10th  
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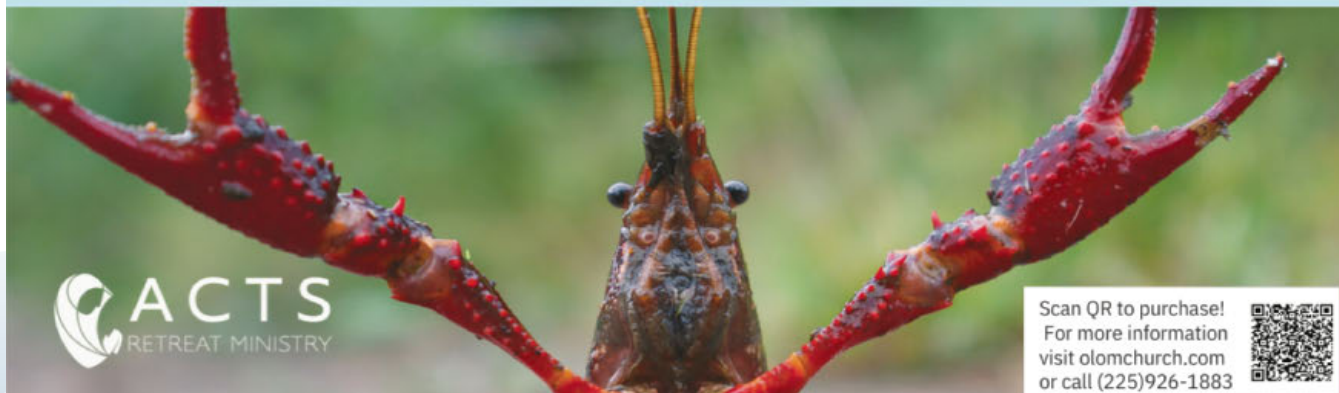
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Proceeds support Our Lady of Mercy ACTS Retreat Ministry  
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## PARISH LIFE

### 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

**Mondays at 12 noon - Men Only**

**St. Gabriel Room at the  
Parish Activity Center.**

**For those seeking a  
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dealing with real-life  
struggles.**

For more information visit  
[www.olomchurch.com](http://www.olomchurch.com)  
or call 225-926-1883



## PARISH LIFE: SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

### When Will My Child Be Confirmed?

The Bishop has moved the age of Confirmation down to 7th grade. We are blessed to have a large number of candidates for Confirmation in each grade level! This means that full implementation will be a gradual process. Please see the chart to know when your child will be confirmed. Keep in mind, preparation begins in the Fall semester before their Spring Confirmation date. [If you are a rising 10th or 11th grader please register for the upcoming meeting!](#)

If your child does not currently attend a Catholic school, please contact Michaelyn for next steps by June 15, 2025.

 <b>CONFIRMATION</b>	
PLEASE SEE BELOW TO MATCH YOUR CHILD'S GRADUATION YEAR TO THEIR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION YEAR	
CONFIRMATION PREP RUNS FROM FALL-SPRING	
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR	CONFIRMATION PREPARATION YEAR
2027 AND 2028	2025-2026
2029 AND 2030	2026-2027
2031 AND 2032	2027-2028
2033 AND 2034	2028-2029
2035	2029-2030
CONTACT MICHAELYN.MCGINNIS@OLOMCHURCH.COM WITH ANY QUESTIONS	

## Adoration Chapel

Can you spend an hour with Jesus?

Urgent Needs:

Sunday, 6:00 PM

Tuesday, 2:00 AM

Thursday, 3:00 AM

Please Contact Michelle Schroeder  
225-926-1883 or sign up at  
<https://adorationpro.org/olomchurch>





## PARISH LIFE

# 50th Anniversary Dedication Celebration

The "new" church is turning 50 years old! Submit your photos from weddings, baptisms, 8th grade graduations and more by emailing [50thcelebration@olomchurch.com](mailto:50thcelebration@olomchurch.com). These photos will be featured in our parish celebration. Need help? Contact Madison Leiva at the church office 225-926-1883.



## SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, June 1st  
reception following  
10:30 am Mass  
More Information  
to come



## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Mass Intentions

#### MAY 10, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... Fr. Marcellus Moorman OFM / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Sylvie Sumner and Kinsley Sumner  
4:00 pm ..... Ted Donaldson / Gary and Kevin Keyser / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Jerry & Billie Fakouri / Daniel & Nelta Jarreau / Clyde & Violet David / Eugene & Margie Andre / Anna Casso & Audrey Brown / Nellrie Cedotal Fernandez & James B. Fernandez / Joe and Jenny Serio, John and Jackie Kenaley, Paula Lebaron / Howard Kidder Jr. / Faye Balden / Bob Ourso / Peggy Werner / Mary Furlow / June and Bill Lepine / Donna Brian / Francis Xavier Le / Gladys Green / Tommy Humphreys / Billy Humphreys / Carl and Barbara Guidry / Adele & Leo Heuvel / Mr. & Mrs. Myles Morrison / Jack Kellerman / Myria Butler / Sheila Murphy / Louis Alvin Daigle / Pat and Hallie Delage / Adrian Scallan / Marianne Steintrager / Aimee Planchard / Rachel Drago Wall / Eva & Joe Urdiales / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Special Intentions: Fr. Cleo Milano & priests, seminarians and deacons / Vocations to the priesthood / The poor souls in Purgatory

#### MAY 11, SUNDAY- MOTHER DAY

7:00 am..... ALL MOTHERS  
9:00 am..... ALL MOTHERS  
10:30 am... ALL MOTHERS  
12:00 pm... ALL MOTHERS  
6:00 pm ..... ALL MOTHERS

#### MAY 12, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Bob Ourso / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Lily Wall and Liam Wall  
12:00 pm... Donna Brian / Patricia Avery / Michael David Brown

#### MAY 13, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... John Daggett / Barbay & Lato Families  
6:00 pm ..... Anthony "Tinker" and Rita Farris / Lois Abadie / Derek James Meinhardt / Nancy Angeron Taylor / Mary McCowan / Ted Donaldson / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Francis Xavier Le

#### MAY 14, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Manuel F. Gan, Sr. / Jack Kellerman  
12:00 pm... Philo (Fêlo) Landry / Jack Carmena / April Schaff

#### MAY 15, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Rosa B Olivier & Buddy Champion / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Father Antony  
12:00 pm... Joseph Patrick Terrell / Scott Ambrose Kleinpeter

#### MAY 16, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Calvin, Georgia & Curran Oubre / Wynona & Joseph Lindsly, Hiram & Ellen May  
12:00 pm... Mervin Simon, Rose Simon, Danny Simon, Layla Simon and Tyler Clay Die / Sandy Roppolo / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Herbert & Thelma Plauché / Denise & Wiltz Firmin / Ben F. Day / Plauché, Day, Juneau, & Dufour Families / Joseph Leonard Timothy "Tim" Lamonica / Michael David Brown / Ted Donaldson / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Peter Le / Marguerite Mary Pham / Therese Mary Hoang / Amado Paulo / 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

**Theresa Robert**

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

**Marianne Steintrager**

In Sympathy to the Family of:

- **Jerry Anthony Romero**
- **Victor Mire**
- **Angela Palmisano**

### MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux	Sid Lawton
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As you plan for your family's future needs, consider the option of cremation and burial at the Garden of Peace Memorial Columbarium.

The Mercy Columbarium Garden of Peace is open to all parishioners and non-parishioners, Catholic and non-Catholic.

Columbarium niches are available in two sizes - each cremain niche holds a space for two persons.

Call the Church Office to make your appointment:  
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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)

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#### Weekend of May 10th & May 11th

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. Antony	Fr. Antony
Extraordinary Ministers					
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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).



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a “contemplative in the midst of action.” We have almost a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the “Bread of Life.” This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it “contemplative” is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activity interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we “work for food that perishes.” The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn't last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can't celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can simply open our hearts and desire to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Savior, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day.

If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew that desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begin to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with Jesus, it doesn't matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face, or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.

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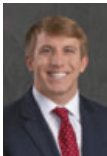


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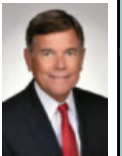
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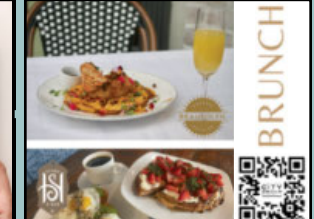


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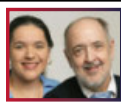
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