

MAY 11, 2025 IV SUNDAY OF EASTER VOL. 48 NO. 19



The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY MAY 10

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

SUNDAY MAY 11

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

MONDAY MAY 12

8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass 12:00 pm.....Catholic in Recovery-St. Gabriel 6:30 pm.....KC Officers Meeting-SVDP Room

TUESDAY MAY 13

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

6:00 pm......Confirmation Info Mtg- Emmanuel 7:00 pm......Charismatic Prayer Group-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY MAY 14

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

THURSDAY MAY 15

8:00 amDaily Mass 9:30 amMoms and Tots 12:00 pmDaily Mass 6:30 pmHigh School Bible Study-*JPII House*

FRIDAY MAY 16

8:00 amDaily Mass 9:00 amSchool Liturgy 12:00 pmDaily Mass

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

On the Cover

Mallory and her mom Honey Morris celebrating Holy First Communion. Honey just came into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. She is Married to Samuel and has a son Brady.

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.

In Memoriam Father Howard Adkins

Ordained on May 26, 2007, Fr. Adkins was a former Parochial



Vicar at Our Lady of Mercy. He passed on April 29th at the age of 79. Well done good and faithful priest.

May God grant him eternal rest

Mother's Day PRAYER

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your Yes to the



Ashlie Erwin and son Cooper

invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own. May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

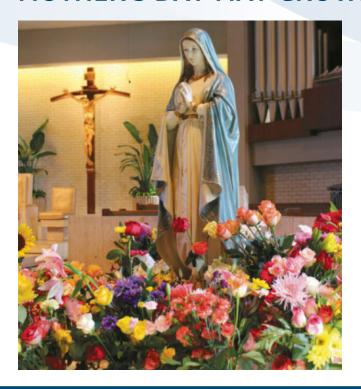
On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.

Amen!

God Bless our Mothers and Grandmothers living and deceased!

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!



PARISH LIFE: ACTS RETREAT FUNDRAISER

Paul Cat's Memorial Crawfish Boil MERCY ACTS CRAWFISH FUNDRAISER

Perfect for Mother's Day weekend!

Saturday, May 10th
Parish Activity Center
Drive thru pick up 11:00 am or 2:00 pm

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Boiled Shrimp 16-20 count \$12 per pound

Extra Potatoes & Corn

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Proceeds support Our Lady of Mercy ACTS Retreat Ministry **Donations are Accepted**



PARISH LIFE



Save the Date

Fr. Russo
25 years
Anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood

A special Mass will held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 8 with a reception to follow. Everyone is invited



Please

of the candidate's Baptismal

bring a copy

Certificate*

PARISH LIFE: SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING



When: May 13, 2025 | 6 PM

Where: Parish Activity Center

Who: current 9th AND 10th

graders & 1 parent/guardian

* This meeting is mandatory *



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



CONTACT MICHAELYN.MCGINNIS@OLOMCHURCH.COM WITH ANY

Anniversary Choir Concert Saturday, May 31 6:30 pm in the church Come enjoy your favorite hymns sung by the amazing Mercy Choir.





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. These
photos will be featured in our parish
celebration. Need help? Contact Madison Leiva
at the church office 225-926-1883.



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







IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions MAY 17, SATURDAY

8:00 am Francis Xavier Le / Marilou Gealogo
4:00 pm Ted Donaldson / Portal Rosales / Gary
and Kevin Keyser / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / Robert,
Mike, Tom & David Guessfeld / Tony Maggio / Nancy
Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Anna Casso & Audrey Brown
/ Howard Kidder Jr. / Bob Ourso / Donna Brian /
Peggy Werner / Adele & Leo Heuvel / Jack Kellerman
/ Adrian Scallan / Marianne Steintrager / Aimee
Planchard / Rachel Drago Wall / Michael Brown / Eva
& Joe Urdailes / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa
Margaret Mary Savoie / Special Intensions: Fr. Cleo
Milano & priests, seminarians and deacons / Vocations
to the priesthood

MAY 18, SUNDAY- MOTHER DAY

7:00 am...... Kyle Cassano / Vonnie Byers / Ellie Sances / Enrique Vitanza / April Schaff / Special Intensions: Hailey Schiro

9:00 am..... Anna Casso / John Collignon / Johnson Kadair / Donna Brian / Coralie Savoie
10:30 am... Katie Sharp / Percy, Ann, Paul, Chris and Susan Moise / S. J. Gonsoulin / Vicari and Cretini Family / Ann Alldredge & Gary Alford / Michael S. DiVincenti III

12:00 pm... Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Chatelain / K.J. Thomas / Brenda, Ellis, Enola, Luke, & Mary Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago /Chad LeGrange / Eva & Joe Urdiales / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The LeGrange Family, the Gravois Family, the Burkett Family 6:00 pm..... SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Father Antony Akhilesh

MAY 19, MONDAY

8:00 am Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Special Intensions: Ferachi Family

12:00 pm... Nina Jo Avery / Noel Michael Avery, Jr.

MAY 20, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Francis Xavier Le / Paul Hoang 6:00 pm.... Aimee Planchard / Mary McCowan / Olivia Frank Lamonica / Myria Butler / Ted Donaldson / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie

MAY 21, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Manuel F. Gan, Sr. / John McKay 12:00 pm... Lucien Branch, Sr. / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: The Rissler-Trent Families

MAY 22, THURSDAY

8:00 am Thomas Riker / Buddy Champion 12:00 pm... Adele Heuvel / Alida Bishop Casey

MAY 23, FRIDAY

8:00 am Coralie Savoie

12:00 pm... Mervin Simon, Rose Simon, Danny Simon, Layla Simon and Tyler Clay Die / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Audrey & Albert BiLeci / Francis Xavier Le / Gladys Green / Tommy Humphreys / Billy Humphreys / Mary Ngo / Jack Kellerman / Donna Brian / Myria Butler / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Peter Le / Marguerite Mary Pham / Therese Mary Hoang / Father Joey Aguilar / Special Intensions: Fr. Cleo Milano & priests, seminarians and deacons / Vocations to the priesthood / The poor souls in Purgatory

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

Mother's day flowers have been generously donated by Alison and Matthew Nodier in loving memory of their mothers, Mrs. John Brooks III & Mrs. Ferdinand Nodier

In Sympathy to the Family of:

- Jerry Anthony Romero
- Victor Mire
- Angela Palmisano
- Susan Marino
- Fr. Howard Adkins
- Michael Brown

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eternal resting place for our beloved deceased.

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: (225) 926-1883

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

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)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

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Weekend of May 17th & May 18th					
4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Milano	Fr. Miles	Fr. Miles	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Russo
Extraordinary Ministers					
R Callegan M Arias L Dawkins C Abshire K Adams T Turner	A Wilson G Samrow P Samrow T Moore	B Caire L Caire P Prosser L Carter Deacon Duplantis B Kline	M Taylor J Smith C Kline E Kline N Graham Deacon Zelden Deacon Grant D McCrary	Deacon Cloutier T DeJohn M Kimble A Altazan	C Steele G Gilbert G Bertrand R Torry
Lectors					
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Altar Servers					
J Millet (C) J Hernandez J Hernandez	G Samrow (C)	L Carter (C) M Clay M Medine	F Borghardt (C) R Gray G Scham	M Kimble (C) A Geier C Geier	G Bertrand (C) J Floyd M Floyd

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER © DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This will be a powerful week to reflect upon Jesus as our gate, our gate keeper and our shepherd.

Who among us hasn't felt threatened or fearful or lost at one time or another? To the degree we have any of that in our hearts this week, we can bring it all to the Lord. The words of the beautiful song by Marty Haugen come to mind: "Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life." Beyond what we want and what we fear is where each one of us can ask to be guided, cared for. The intimacy of knowledge is a wonderful grace to ask for each day, as well. Lord, I want to enjoy how you know me through and through, so much more than I know myself - even what I don't admit, acknowledge or accept in myself. You know and love me. O Lord, how I desire to know you. Show yourself to me. Let me recognize your voice, your urgings, your comfort and your call.

We can ask for graces about the areas of darkness we are going to have to walk through, engage in and wrestle with each day this week. We can ask to be brought to the Father by Jesus. We can confidently ask that we might be able to do what Jesus does - in the very places we find ourselves this week.

Imagine how helped we will be this week to wake each morning and just have these kind of prayers on our lips. As we focus them throughout each day, we will be doing two things: letting these desires deepen in our hearts in the background of our consciousness, and we will let them interact and transform the options before us and the choices we make. We will be able to feel how good this feels, how it lightens our spirits and how it helps us end each day feeling a gifted intimacy with our Lord.

Each night we can look back over the day with gratitude, even as we get ready for bed. Later in the week, we can begin to want to hear the upcoming Sunday gospel, longing to hear Jesus say to us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

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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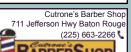




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