



# MERCY ALIVE

JULY 20, 2025  
XVI SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
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See, I have God for my help.  
The Lord sustains my soul.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

## THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY JULY 19

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

### SUNDAY JULY 20

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

### MONDAY JULY 21

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 Library*

### TUESDAY JULY 22

8:30 am.....Rosary Makers-*Coffee Shop*  
10:00 am.....Called By Faith  
12:00 pm.....Daily Mass  
6:00 pm.....Daily Mass & Novena  
6:00 pm.....Middle School Bible Study  
7:00 pm.....Charismatic Prayer Group-*St. Gabriel*

### WEDNESDAY JULY 23

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

### THURSDAY JULY 24

6:00 am ....TMIY  
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 JULY 25

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

## Second COLLECTION

Catholic Charities

## 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

Mercy teacher Caty Luecke, moments after receiving the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil Mass. Caty's sponsor was faithful Mercy Parishioner and teacher, Kristian Vukojevic.

## 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.

## Morning Rosary at Mercy

The Holy Rosary is prayed in the church daily at 7:30 am. On Tuesday mornings there is no Mass, but please join the ACTS men and women in praying the Holy Rosary at 7:45 am. Everyone is invited.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

These weekly guides offer us an opportunity to practice being “contemplatives in action.” For us busy people, it is possible to pray - “to lift our minds and hearts to God” - in the midst of our everyday, active lives. Prayer is really about our relationship with the Lord, a relationship that is always a gift of the Holy Spirit. That relationship can stay alive, and grow in its intimacy, to the degree we can let the daily events, responsibilities and relationships of our lives become a part of our relationship with our Lord. All it takes is a little focus and some practice.

Every morning this week, we can begin our day with a brief conversation with our Lord that expresses a desire that comes from within us and is shaped by the scriptures this week. We might say, “O Lord, help me trust your presence in what you call me to do today, letting me remember how tiny seeds grow.” I may pray: “Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me trust your care for me. Let me not be afraid or grumble, but fill me with the nourishment of your presence today.” Or we might ask, “Lord, let me do your will today, and experience the closeness you offer me as I do so.” Perhaps, we can pray, “Thank you, Lord, for the gift of my children. Help me to trust that not everything I say or do will seem to work, but that you will take care of them and allow my efforts to be fruitful.”

Throughout each day, we can repeat and refine these desires and prayers in our hearts. Each thing we do, each person we relate to, each request that is made of us will help us say this or that expression of gratitude or request for grace.

The practice comes in having this ongoing conversation and connection with our Lord in the background of our day - in the brief in between times: in the shower, while getting dressed, on the way to work, while walking to a meeting, during a meeting, while shopping, as we transition from any part of our day to the next. It all comes together as we take a brief bit of time at night, before we go to bed, to say thanks for the graces we have received, for the opportunity to feel connected and know that we are not alone throughout the day. Sometimes, we'll ask the same thing for several days. At times, we'll notice a pattern in what we are asking for and what we experience ourselves as receiving. In this very simple way, with just a little focus and practice, we will find a pearl of great value - a growing relationship with our Lord that transforms our spirits in the midst of our busy lives.

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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 By Faith

Women's Bible Study



## MYSTERIES of the ROSARY

— The Glorious Mysteries —

**Join Called By Faith to explore The Mysteries of the Rosary. This 6 week video series will focus on the Glorious Mysteries. No registration necessary! Meet in the Parish Activity Center on Tuesdays at 10 am beginning July 8th.**

## COMING SOON

THE WOMEN OF THE WELL MINISTRY IS FOR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT TO SUPPORT AND UNIFY WOMEN. WOMEN OF THE WELL GATHERINGS ARE A TIME TO BE SPIRITUALLY FILLED AND GROW IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND OTHER WOMEN OF THE PARISH. LOOK FOR THE SCHEDULE SOON FOR BOTH EVENING AND DAYTIME MONTHLY MEETINGS.





# high school youth ministry

## BIBLE STUDY



**EVERY THURSDAY | 6:30-8:30p | JP2**  
House Open to ALL high schoolers!

## YOUTH GROUP



**SUNDAYS 2x/month | 7-8:30p | JP2**  
House Open to ALL high schoolers!

## GUY GROUP

**Evenings 2x/month | 7-8:30p | JP2**  
House Open to ALL high school men!



## GIRL GROUP

**Weekends 2x/month | mornings | Off**  
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**No registration needed, just show up!**

**Michaelyn McGinnis**

michaelyn.mcginnis@olomchurch.com

**Remind** Text: @totustuus7 to 81010

 @mercy\_youthgroup

## PARISH LIFE

# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul Shelter and Kitchen play a vital role in our city assisting the poorest of our neighbors and providing shelter, food, and a path forward.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at Mercy is collecting the following items to bring to the shelter and kitchen:



**Bottled water, juices, electrolytes (Gatorades, Powerades)**

**Individually wrapped snacks**

**2-Pocket folders (No prongs)**

**Disposable razors**

**Women's deodorant**

**Men's deodorant**

**Baby cribs/mattresses**

**High chairs**

**Booster seats**

**Bassinets**

These items can be new or gently used. If you would like to make a donation, they can be left in the St. Jerome Library in the Parish Activity Center BEFORE July 25th.

If you have any questions or would like to become involved with our St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Mercy--please contact Sean Matassa at [seanmatassa@gmail.com](mailto:seanmatassa@gmail.com) or 225-772-9547



# **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

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blessing!

Saturday  
4 PM Vigil &  
Sunday 9 AM  
& 10:30 AM

Masses  
August  
2nd & 3rd



# A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION DURING HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voice of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your Son's command, when He calmed the stormy waters and delivered the disciples from fear and harm.

During this hurricane season, we turn to You,  
O Loving Lord, for Your mercy is without end.  
Spare us from tragedies like those of the past and keep us safe in your loving care.

O Virgin Mother, Star of the Sea, we seek Your powerful help. Plead for us with Your Son that we might be spared from all harm, whether natural or made by human hand, and walk safely in His footsteps until we reach our heavenly home.

Amen

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us!**

Please Note: The crowns on the statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor are currently being refinished. If you would like to donate to their replating restoration please call the church office.





## PARISH LIFE

### MERCY MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

An ACTS Retreat is a parish-based event which offers parishioners an opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ through a retreat experience that begins on a Thursday evening and ends with Sunday Mass in the parish. The ACTS Retreat meets people where they are in their spiritual journey and invites them to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.



This experience is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and the making of many friends. Fr. Cleo invites you to prayerfully consider joining a group of men from our parish to make this spiritual retreat at The Solomon Retreat Center in Loranger, LA. The cost of the retreat is \$325 for Mercy parishioners and \$400 for non-parishioners. Double occupancy rooms are provided.

**Men's Retreat** - departs Mercy on Thursday, October 9th and returns for noon Mass at Mercy on Sunday, October 12th.

**Registration for this retreat opens August 4th at 9am - [olomchurch.com](http://olomchurch.com)**

*For more information, contact:*

Deacon Kirk Duplantis

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## SUNDAY NURSERY

- Sunday Nursery at 9am and 10:30am Mass
- Infants - 1st grade are welcome
- Parents, please bring and label all wipes, diapers, and bottles that may be needed.



### HELP NEEDED

ADULTS ARE NEEDED TO HELP IN THE NURSERY. NO COMMITMENT REQUIRED!  
SIGN UP IS WEEK TO WEEK!

**Reminder:  
Nursery will be  
Closed in July**

SCAN HERE TO  
VOLUNTEER



## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Mass Intentions

#### JULY 26, SATURDAY

8:00 am ..... SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Boyd Edward Helm  
4:00 pm ..... Aimee Planchard / Mary Rose Planchard / Johnson Kadair / Wendy Keyser / Louis McHardy, Gordon Fisher / Judy Pennington / John Milton Fruge and Todd Fruge / Ann Alldredge / Gary Alford / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Anna Casso & Audrey Brown / Mr. John Carmena & Mrs. Ursula Carmena / Howard Kidder Jr. / Peggy Werner / Bob Ourso / Donna Brian / Francis Xavier Le / Gladys Green / Tommy Humphreys / Billy Humphreys / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Dan & Gloria Butcher / Bob and Brenda Rickoll / The poor souls in Purgatory / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Priests, Seminarians and Deacons

#### JULY 27, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Manuel F. Gan, Sr. / Ellie Sances / Enrique Vitanza  
9:00 am..... John Collignon / Lura Sharp / Heather Pellerin  
10:30 am... Anna Casso / Brenda, Ellis, Enola, Luke, & Mary Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago / Michael S. DiVincenti III / Johnson Kadair / Duane Whitty / Adrian Scallan  
12:00 pm... Sue Ferachi / Alida Bishop Casey / Ted Donaldson  
6:00 pm ..... Neal McConnell / Jerry Romero

#### JULY 28, MONDAY

8:00 am ..... Dorothy Bueche Stevens  
12:00 pm... Rita Farris / Lynn Amedee / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Ferachi & Hirschey Family

#### JULY 29, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Otis James / Julius Juneau  
6:00 pm ..... Sonya Levy / Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Chatelain / Mike, Tom, David, & Robert Guessfeld / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Kathy & Henry Hebert / Karl Raymond LaCroix

#### JULY 30, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am ..... Van and Viola Gaudin, Sr. / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Stephen Andries  
12:00 pm... Henry "Bubba" Weilbacher / Dennis Carlton

#### JULY 31, THURSDAY

8:00 am ..... Lori Pierce Dunphy / Maureen Miller  
12:00 pm... Barbay & Lato Families / Otis James

#### AUGUST 1, FRIDAY

8:00 am ..... Calvin, Georginia & Curran Oubre / Wynona & Joseph Lindsly, Hiram & Ellen May  
12:00 pm... Ethel Delage / Michael David Brown / Grace "Mama" Marino / Catherine Broussard / Charles Bourgeois / The Politz and Territa Families / The Bourgeois and Gautreau Families / Johnson Kadair / Mervin Simon, Rose Simon, Danny Simon, Layla Simon and Tyler Clay Die / Shirley & Joseph Zito / Anthony J. Zito / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / J. Louis and Virginia Tonore, Sr., Bert and Marie Carbo, Sr. / Gregory E. Tonore, Jr., Julie Zambie Williams / Nina & Coleman Avery / Anthony "Tinker" and Rita Farris / Sue Ferachi / Jack Kellerman / Donna Brian / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Neal McConnell / Maureen Miller / Leo & Lois Abadie / George Balhoff / Aruna Michel / Harry Ezim / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Fr. Cleo Milano & priests, seminarians and deacons / Vocations to the priesthood / Phyllis Gremillion / Gary & Vince Rispono / Mike & Gerry Pocorelle / Lato-Rispono Family / Fr. Josh Zelden / Gilbert Gilbert

### Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

## Mary Toler

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

## Wendy Keyser

### In Sympathy to the Family of:

- Louis Garrido
- Joe Bailey
- Randy Mayer
- Robert Lewis
- Rodney Plauche
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- Tut Vetter
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- Carlton LeGrange



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### 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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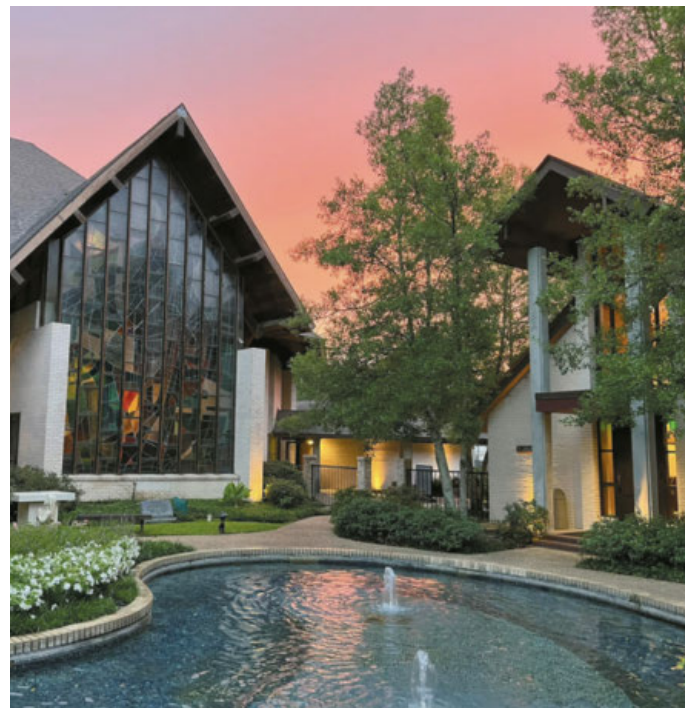
Mercy's Mass live broadcast

### Weekend of July 26th & July 27th

4:00 pm	7:00 am	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm
Fr. Steve	Fr. Zelden	Fr. Steve	Fr. Steve	Fr. Milano	Fr. Zelden

**Summer is here!**  
**Don't forget to keep**  
**Mercy between your**  
**gas and electric bill.**

**A strong parish is**  
**important for our**  
**Diocese and City**





# BECOMING CATHOLIC

## COME AND SEE



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

*Starts Monday, September 8th*

*6:30 pm*

*Parish Activity Center*



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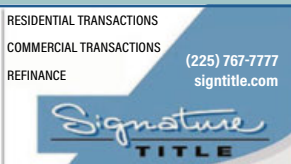


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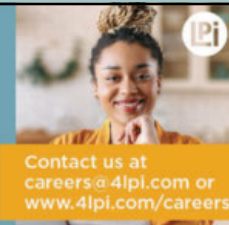
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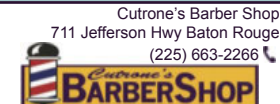
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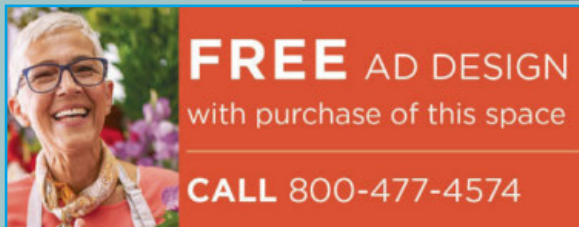
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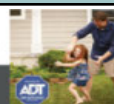
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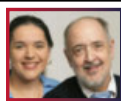
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