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XVIII SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
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O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY AUGUST 2

7:25 am.....First Saturday Devotional
8:00 am.....Daily Mass
4:00 pm.....Blessing of the Backpack Mass

SUNDAY AUGUST 3

7:00 am.....Mass
9:00 am.....Blessing of the Backpack Mass
10:30 am.....Blessing of the Backpack Mass
12:00 pm.....Mass
6:00 pm.....Mass
7:00 pm.....High School Youth Group

MONDAY AUGUST 4

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass
12:00 pm.....Catholic in Recovery - *St. Gabriel*
6:30 pm.....SVDP Meeting - *St. Jerome*
7:00 pm.....Baptism Seminar - *St. Gabriel*

TUESDAY AUGUST 5

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 AUGUST 6

8:00 amDaily Mass
12:00 pmDaily Mass

THURSDAY AUGUST 7

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

FRIDAY AUGUST 8

8:00 amDaily Mass
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

Patriarch of the Barksdale Family and Mercy Faithful Dr. John Barksdale sits on the sanctuary steps with his wife Cindy and their grandchildren. Dr. John and Cindy have the second most number of grandchildren at Our Lady of Mercy School. Top row: McKinley, Cindy, Dr. John, and Palmer. Bottom row: Monroe, Weston, Mazie, and McCoy.

God Bless our Blue Jay Faithful as we begin another great year!

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.

First Friday & Saturday Devotions

Devotions begin first Fridays and first Saturdays at 7:30 am. Join us for first Friday devotions in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and first Saturday devotions, in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
BODY AND SOUL INTO HEAVEN**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, August 14

4:00 pm Vigil

6:00 pm Vigil

Friday, August 15

8:00 am

9:30 am (School Mass)

12:00 noon

PARISH LIFE



Join Father Cleo Milano on a 10-day Mediterranean Cruise from Rome to Venice on Silver Seas Cruise Lines. The dates of the cruise are September 14 - September 24, 2026. An informational meeting will take place with Silver Seas Representative, Betsy Burks, on **Tuesday, August 26 at 1:00 pm** in the PAC and again **Tuesday, August 26th at 6:00 pm** in the PAC. Come learn about upgrades and additional amenities. This trip is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy historical sites, beautiful scenery and relaxing times together. We will travel to Rome, Naples, Palermo Sicily, Giardini Naxos, Kotor, Montenegro, Bari, Italy, Medjugorje, Havar Croatia, Zadar, Croatia, and Venice.

Additional information and questions may be forwarded to Tootie Bonacorso at (225) 926-3752 (work) / (225) 278-7598 (cell) or by email at tootie@pearsonstravel.com.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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**Saturday
4 PM Vigil &
Sunday 9 AM
& 10:30 AM
Masses
August
2nd & 3rd**



OUR LADY OF MERCY YOUTH, FAMILY AND PSR MINISTRIES PRESENTS:



YOUTH KICK-OFF

Family Picnic

SUNDAY
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17



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways, in the situations of our daily lives, that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us.

One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging. Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? How do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks?

Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me. How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslimism, fear and hatred of foreigners, hostility against the poor or my harsh judgments about "sinners."

Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did. Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers, members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

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.

The Hallow App is coming to Mercy August 15th

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

What is the Hallow App?

Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people find peace and grow in faith, every day. As the #1 prayer app in the world, Hallow provides a wide variety of audio-guided meditation, prayer challenges, mental health content, sleep stories, and sacred music. Pray with Fr. Mike, Sr. Miriam, Jonathan Roumie, Mark Wahlberg, Immaculee Illibagiza, Bishop Barron, + many others.

How do I access Hallow?

Everyone is invited to be a part of our parish community page. There, you can create a profile, add friends, share/respond to prayer intentions, and take part in prayer challenges with the parish.

If you are already on Hallow with a premium account, follow these steps or scan the QR code below to join the parish community:

1. Open the Hallow app.
2. Find Community tab (bottom of screen).
3. Search for your parish by name or zip code.
4. Tap "Join Parish".
5. Start praying!

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5. Once the above is complete, download the app, tab on the "Community" tab, and start praying!

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5. Once the above is complete, download the app, tab on the "Community" tab, and start praying!



If you have any issues getting someone set up on the app, please reach out to parishsupport@hallow.app or call the church office.

A parish wide prayer challenge will be announced soon!

Hallow

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

AUGUST 9, SATURDAY

8:00 am Mollie Barbara Helm / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Barbara Mahoney Helm
4:00 pm Mary Rose Planchard / Catherine Broussard / Aimee Planchard / Joseph Abraham Kadair / The Abraham-Kadair Family / Johnson Kadair / Virgil & Eunice D'Armond, Sugar and Cookie Kane / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / Robert, Mike, Tom & David Guessfeld / Martin S. Rinaudo, Jr. / Nancy Valluzzo / Bill Auten / Dr. Clifton T. Morris, Jr. / Anna Casso & Audrey Brown / Francis Xavier Le / Howard Kidder Jr. / Peggy Werner / Bob Ourso / Joseph Leonard Timothy "Tim" Lamonica / June and Bill Lepine / Adele and Leo Heuvel / Donna Brian / Jack Kellerman / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Maurice Lasserre / Donald Rougon / Rhett Lorio / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Delage, Lejuene, and Mineo Families / Fr. Cleo Milano & priests, seminarians and deacons / Vocations to the priesthood

AUGUST 10, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Kyle Cassano / Manuel F. Gan, Sr. / Ellie Sances / Enrique Vitanza / Neal McConnell
9:00 am..... Anna Casso / Neil Daigle, Aline Daigle, & Biaggio Genusa / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Billy Ridge
10:30 am... Dr. Louis Jeansonne / Sam & Angie D'Agostino / Scott Litz and Frank Messina, Jr. / Robert Champion / Joseph Patrick Terrell / Michael S. DiVincenti III / Adrian Scallan
12:00 pm... Chris Caballero / Brenda, Ellis, Enola, Luke, & Mary Fremin / Charles & Rosa Drago / Raul Bencomo / Jim Hebert / George Balhoff
6:00 pm Cesar Rosales / Johnson Kadair / Ted Donaldson / Dan & Gloria Butcher / Bob and Brenda Rickoll

AUGUST 11, MONDAY

8:00 am Joe Bailey / Louis Garrido
12:00 pm... Lynn Amedee / Emerson Barger

AUGUST 12, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... Jim Pennington/ Julius Juneau
6:00 pm Ethel Delage / Grace "Mama", Vincent, and Lawrence Marino / Ann Alldredge / Lois Abadie / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Dan & Gloria Butcher / Bob and Brenda Rickoll / Kathy & Henry Hebert / Maureen Miller / Mary Joyce Wilson

AUGUST 13, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Father Antony
12:00 pm... SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Father Charbel

AUGUST 14, THURSDAY

8:00 am Dani deTarnowsky
12:00 pm... The Ourso and Blanchard Families / John Graves

AUGUST 15, FRIDAY

8:00 am Francis Xavier Le
12:00 pm... Charles Bourgeois / The Politz and Territa Families / The Bourgeois and Gautreau Families / Johnson Kadair / Fred Gwin & Jean Gwin / Verline & Francis Pellegrin / Mervin Simon, Rose Simon, Danny Simon, Layla Simon and Tyler Clay Die / Mabel Smith / Joseph Corsentino / Gregory L. Kadair, Sr., Dorothy A. Harding, Jerry Crifasi, George A. Kadair, Sr. / Gary Alford / Anthony "Tinker" and Rita Farris / Mary Nguyen / Mary Elaine Matlock / Jack Kellerman / Coralie Savoie, Luke Savoie, Melissa Margaret Mary Savoie / Dan & Gloria Butcher / Bob and Brenda Rickoll / Neal McConnell / Leo & Lois Abadie / Sean Christopher Howell / SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Emma Steele / Fr. Cleo Milano & priests, seminarians and deacons / Vocations to the priesthood / Phyllis Gremillion

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Chris Caballero

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

Sean Howell

In Sympathy to the Family of:

- Flo Beard
- Joy Wagener
- Mary Joyce Gill Allen
- Janell Lorrain
- Catie Carson Brown
- Ann Guercio LeBlanc
- Margie Larguier Fabre
- Louise Rozier
- Vincent Anthony Cannatella



MERCY'S

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION



WHO

Current 10th + 11th graders with 1 parent/guardian

WHEN

MONDAY, AUG 18
6-7:30p in the Church

CANDIDATES

Session 1:

AUG 24

6p Mass

+ 7-8:30p (PAC)

WHAT'S DUE?

- Online Registration Form (includes \$50 Registration Fee)
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- Retreat Option Form

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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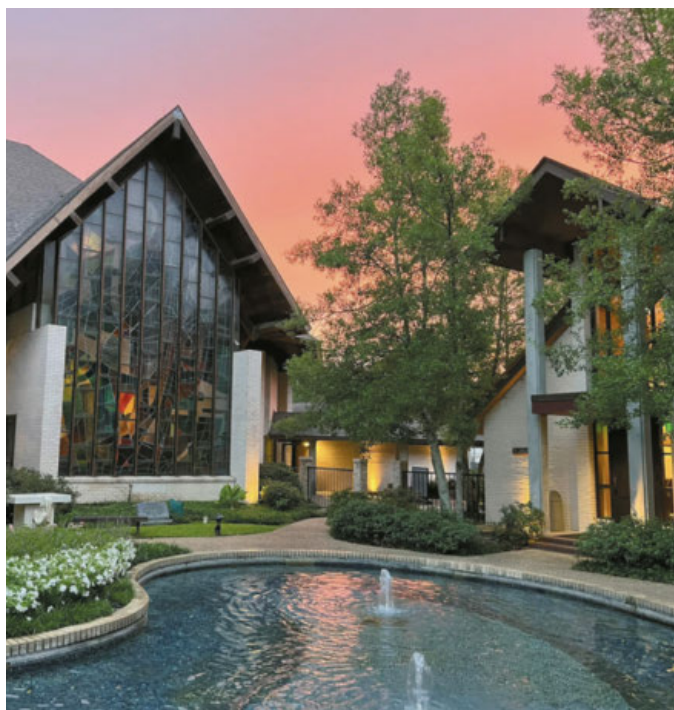
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Weekend of August 9th & August 10th

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

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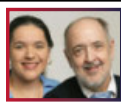
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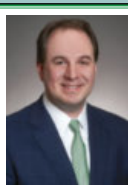
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