

JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger.

- ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 am.... Christmas Mass 7:00 am ... Christmas Mass 10:30 am ... Christmas Mass 12:00 pm ... Christmas Mass

SUNDAY DECEMBER 26

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

MONDAY DECEMBER 27

8:00 am Daily Mass
12:00 pm Daily Mass
6:30 pm RCIA-St. Ann
6:30 pm KC Business Mtg -St. Joseph
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul-St. Jerome

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28

8:30 amRosary Makers-Coffee Shop
9:00 amCalled By Faith
12:00 pmDaily Mass
6:00 pmDaily Mass
7:00 pmCharismatic Prayer-St. Gabriel

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29

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

THURSDAY DECEMBER 30

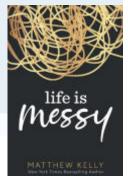
8:00 amDaily Mass 12:00 pmDaily Mass

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31

8:00 amDaily Mass 4:00 pmSolemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

Life Is Messy

It isn't a color-within-thelines exercise. It's a wild and outrageous invitation full of uncertain outcomes. The mess of life is both inevitable and unexpected. It is filled with delightful mysteries and frustrating predicaments. In



our disposable culture, we throw broken things away. So, what will we do with broken people, broken relationships, broken institutions, broken families, and of course, our very own broken selves?

We are broken and wounded. This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to.

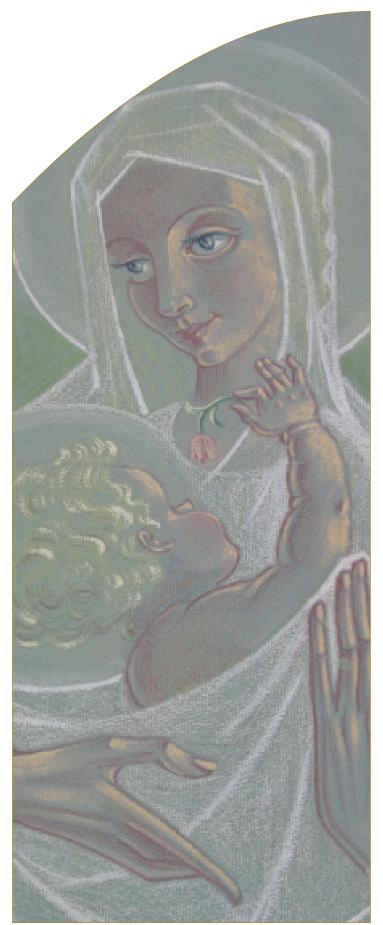
We hope you enjoy our gift to you! Free copies of this book will be available in the vestibule of church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

On The COVER

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. - Luke 2.10

Prayer LINE

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



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

"Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever."

-Entrance Antiphon

NEW YEAR'S EVE Friday, December 31 4:00 pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY Saturday, January 1 8:00 am

4:00 pm (Vigil for Epiphany Sunday)

PARISH LIFE

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Feast of the Epiphany, traditionally recognized on January 6, is the day that the Magi or Three Wise Men visited the Christ Child and marks the end of the holiday season, thus bringing a close to the Twelve Days of Christmas.

The well-known English Carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," was written during the era when Roman Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly in England. The carol was intended as a catechism song for young Catholics exposing an element of hidden meaning or a code word easily recognizable by children.



The "true love" one hears in the song is not a smitten love between a boyfriend and girlfriend, but Jesus Christ, because true Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Jesus because the bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators. Here is the meaning of the rest of the song:

The two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments

The three French hens signify faith, hope, and love

The four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

The five golden rings represent the first five books of the Old Testament, which describe man's fall into sin and the great love of God in promising a Savior

The six geese a-laying signify the six days of creation

Seven swans a-swimming are the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit-----Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes

Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-----Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience [Forbearance], Goodness [Kindness], Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Continency [Chastity]

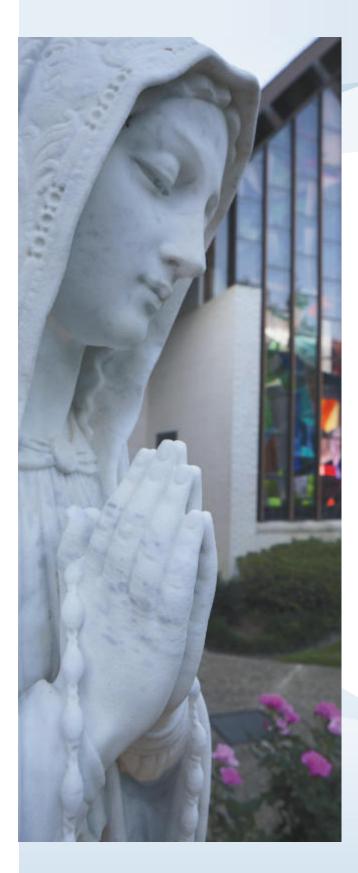
The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments

The eleven pipers piping are the eleven faithful Apostles

The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed

-Catholic News Agency

GARDEN OF PEACE COLUMBARIUM



FINAL RESTING PLACE IN SACREDNESS, DIGNITY, AND RESPECT

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. They are presently \$5000 for a small niche and \$7500 for larger niches. **Beginning February 1st** the cost will increase to \$5800 for a small niche and \$8500 for larger niches. This price increase is due to the rising cost of engraving, bronze cremation boxes, and shipping. Please note that this is the total cost for all columbarium expenses. The present pricing will be honored for anyone making an appointment between now and February 1st.

There is no greater gift one can give to family than planning final arrangements that fulfill one's specific wishes and take the burden off of others.

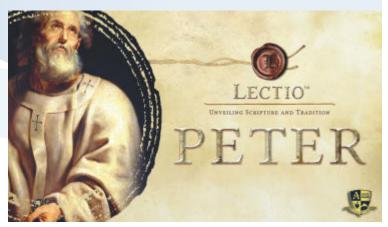
Call the Church Office to make your appointment - (225) 926-1883

PARISH LIFE

Called By Faith

Tuesdays starting January 25th 9:00 am - 11:30 am Parish Activity Center

Called by Faith will begin its Spring study on St. Peter on Tuesday, January 25th. Women of all ages are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:30am as we explore God's word. The cost for this study is \$15 and can be paid online using a credit or debit



card (<u>olomchurch.com/calledbyfaith/</u>) or by cash or check (made out to OLOM Church) and brought to the Church Office in an envelope labeled "Called By Faith" or to our first meeting.

For more information, contact:

Ms. Renee Tullier rr2yea@aol.com

MERCY PRAYS

Layne Arceneaux Patricia Bonnette **Ruth Boudreaux** Ronnie Bourgeois, Sr. Marie Capone Francisco Castellanos Paul Catalanatto Darryl Cazes Suzanne Chaudoir Sonya Bueche Chauvin Marjorie Collins Janie Constantino Joseph & Rita Corsentino **Gordon Craig** Pete Crifasi Jack Crittenden Donald Dawson

Nicholas Foster Julie Hannie Warren Knecht Sid Lawton John Paul Lorio Jason Martin **Kevin Minor** Luke Mumfrey Tom Nolan Colleen Peak **Bessie Pizzalato Pauline Rushing** Jim Thompson **Bart Tullier** Dana Vidrine **Kim Whitehead** Karen & Wayne Watson

IN REMEMBRANCE

Mass Intentions

JANUARY 1, SATURDAY

8:00 am SPECIAL INTENTION: Steele & Billeaud Families

4:00 pm Gary & Kevin Keyser / Jacqueline Labat / T. Andre, Lucille Andre & Michael J. Bourgeois / Dorothy B. Stevens / Ellie Sances / Angelina Oufnac / Ballard, Chambers & McCay Families / Bill Carmena / Bill Auten / David Anthony Russ, Sr. / Joann Graffeo Landry / Kyle Cassano / Byron Smith / Aimee Planchard / Barbara Vignes / Wayne Hirschey / JoaKim Le Thanh Hoai / Jimmy Maurello / Paul G Werling / Steven Faulk / Rizzutto, Cangelosi, Landry and LeBlanc Families / Anna Chuc Ngo / Poor Souls in Purgatory

JANUARY 2, SUNDAY

7:00 am..... Audrey & Joe LeBlanc / Sherry & Dwayne Gautreaux / Francis Michael Kleinpeter 9:00 am..... Roy Jones / Aimee Planchard & Mary Rose Planchard / Marie Tullier / Louis S Prejean, Jr / SPECIAL INTENTION: Caroline Marcello 10:30 am... Leon & Eloise Braud / Wayne & Joy Toups / Harold Barlow, Jr. / Brenda Fremin / Carlos Fernando Ovalle / Steve Martin / Vito Impastato / A.J. Bologna, Joe B. Ragusa Family, Jim Swearingen, Jr. 12:00 pm... Edwin A. Graves / Ashley Atkinson / Tommy Barfield / Mr. & Mrs. D.R. Barfield / Father Daniel Barfield, S.J. / K. J. Thomas / Charles Bertrand 6:00 pm Panepinto, Serio & Dimartino Families / John L Daniel / Kristy McCall Rivers / Special Intention: Lauren Nyman Tramonte

JANUARY 3, MONDAY

8:00 am John L. Daniel, Sr. & Johnice Louise Daniel 12:00 pm... Sandy J. Roppolo

JANUARY 4, TUESDAY

12:00 pm... SPECIAL INTENTION: Mo Billeaud 6:00 pm.... Thomas Barfield / Ruthie Ann Bullock / Robert E. Wiemer, Sr. / George Mervin Simon, Rose Simon & Danny Simon / Selden & Grace Tibbetts / Jean Giurintano & Keith Giurintano / Sydney W. Burton / Calvin, Georginia & Curran Oubre / Joe & Wynon Lindsly / Hiram & Ellen May / Bill Carmena / David Anthony Russ, Sr. / Jo Ann Landry / Ryan Young / Byron Smith / June and Bill Lepine / Kristin Rivers / Donald Rivers / Wayne Hirschey / Poor Souls in Purgatory / June Moldthan / Amy Alberts Herring / Anna Chuc Ngo / SPECIAL INTENTION: Bill Moldthan

JANUARY 5, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Hilario Patolilic 12:00 pm... Benedetto & Amorello Families

JANUARY 6, THURSDAY

8:00 am William John Bull 12:00 pm... Laurent Jean Troxclair

JANUARY 7, FRIDAY

8:00 am Louis McHardy
4:00 pm Mollie Poirson / Anthony J. Zito / M/M Joe Bologna, M/M Frank G. Bologna, M/M V.J.
Serio, Tullio Saffiotti / Bert & Marie Carbo, Sr. / J. Louis & Virginia Tonore, Sr. / Brenda
Fremin / Joseph V. Zito / George A. Kadair, Sr. / Vito Impastato / Irene Beary / David
Anthony Russ, Sr. / Jo Ann Landry / Rose & Dominic Graphia / In Thanksgiving to the
Saints / Poor Souls in Purgatory / Carl Dalbor, Jr / Frances Cangelosi / Kristin and Donald
Rivers / Cammie Moreno Shaddock / Rose Marie
Sheppard / Nancy Seemann / Anna
Chuc Ngo / SPECIAL INTENTION: For Our Country

Sanctuary Light Memorials

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

Alex Spano

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

Charles Michael Hebert

- In Sympathy to the Families of:
- Melba Mills

THE SEASON OF GIVING



In this Holy Season of the Savior's birth, I cannot think of a more beautiful and holy place to worship our Lord Jesus Christ than here at Our Lady of Mercy. Our parish provides tremendous opportunities to celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Mass and Confession.

Our strong witness to the power of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel, and our commitment to St. Vincent de Paul and our outreach to the poor and needy, truly are a bright light in a world that can seem very dark.

Our Lady of Mercy functions not only as a vibrant and active church family but also as a shrine for the City of Baton Rouge and our Diocese.

The doors of Mercy are open to everyone. That is why one of the best charities that you can support during the Christmas Season with your end of the year financial giving, is our own parish. So many people are affected in a good and positive way when you support your church family. If you love the legacy of Mercy and want to continue the light of Christ shining so brightly, I encourage your continued faithful giving in this season of offering our generous heart to God.

God Bless Mercy's faithful families and may the Light of Christ shine more brightly through us.

Merry Christmas! Fr. Cleo

Our Lady of Mercy - Leave a Legacy Be Generous To Your Church Family

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: No Nursery at this time

PRE-SCHOOL BIBLE CLASS: No Bible School at this time

ON CAMPUS RADIO

87.9 FM Listen to Mercy's Daily Masses live

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RADIO

1380 AM - WPYR Listen daily at noon and 10:30 am on Sunday for Mercy's Mass live broadcast

Weekend of January 1st & 2nd						
4:00 pm*	7:00 am*	9:00 am	10:30 am	12:00 pm	6:00 pm	
Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Milano	Fr. Minj	Fr. Minj	
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Lectors						
K Steintrager G Lalonde	A Haywood B Babin	D Deshotels B Clay	C Kline E Kline	G Anderson S Love	E Pavlovich S Cunningham	
Altar Servers						
R Guillot A Scioneaux		G Beyer A Saab	D Poiencot M Schoen	G Oubre E Peek	L Christofferson A Roussel	
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 live-stream of the 12:00 noon Daily Mass can be found on the church website at www.olomchurch.com and youtube.com/olombr. The Sunday 10:30 am Holy Mass can be found on WBRZ+; olomchurch.com; and youtube.com/olombr.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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PASTOR	Father Cleo Milano
VICAR	Father Nutan Minj, IMS
PERMANENT DEACON	Deacon Kirk Duplantis
PERMANENT DEACON	Deacon Richard Grant
ADMINISTRATION	Mr. Randy Arabie
PRINCIPAL	Mr. Chris Porche

OFFICE HOURS

Priests gladly see people by appointment.

Parish Activity Center

444 Marquette Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70806 (225) 928-6216

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School

400 Marquette Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Phone: (225) 924-1054 Fax: (225) 923-2201 olomschool.org

Communications

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Commitments Needed for Our Adoration Chapel Ministry

Committed adoration is a beautiful way to express your faith and devotion. Our Adoration Chapel is open to you 24 hours a day. We invite you to come visit the Lord and seek His counsel. Although every hour of the day is opened for commitment, your devotion is especially needed during the following times:

> SUNDAY......12 am, 1am, 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

MONDAY.....1 am, 10 pm, 11 pm

TUESDAY 2 am

WEDNESDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 4 pm

THURSDAY.....

FRIDAY......3 am, 12 pm, 2 pm, 4 pm

SATURDAY.....1 am, 3 am, 9 am, 4 pm, 5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm, 8 pm

Urgent Needs - Friday 2 pm, Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 1 am

If you are able to offer yourself in prayer to the Lord, please contact Ms. Michelle Schroeder at 225.229.1930

Exciting News! You can now commit to a weekly hour of Adoration from your phone, tablet or computer. Simply go to<u>www.adorationpro.org/olomchurch</u> and click on Weekly Commitment to see what times are open and sign up. You can set weekly reminders to be sent to you by text or email.



