



January 8, 2017



Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church

228 South Beach Boulevard ~ Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

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Podcast Site: <http://olgpastor.podbean.com/mobile/>

Pastor: Reverend Michael P. O'Connor

Deacons: Mike Harris & Eddie Renz

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Every Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

Tuesdays: 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 7:30 a.m.

Holy Days: TBD

Confession Schedule

- ◆ **One hour before Saturday Vigil Mass**
- ◆ **30 minutes prior to all Sunday Masses**
- ◆ **30 minutes prior to the Tuesday evening Mass**
- ◆ **30 minutes prior to Saturday morning Mass**

Other times by appointment

*Communal Penance celebrations held during
Advent and Lent*

Dear Family of OLG,

I pray you all had a great Christmas and New Year. Thanks to the Lord and you all, I did.

What a beautiful church we have, and how beautifully it was decorated. A *Special Thanks* to Evelyn and Gary Yarbrough (and Family), Tommy and Kathy Chapman (and Family), and Pat Kesler and the other individuals who helped with the lights, flowers, trees, and nativity scene. Thanks also to Joann Hille for her masterful painting of the figurines in the crèche. Thanks to Rebecca Smith and the whole music ministry for the beautiful Christmas music. The Christmas Masses and coordination often take an extra effort from Deacon Mike and Deacon Eddie, our sacristans, altar servers, extraordinary ministers, lectors, and Jo Sharp and Kathleen LeBlanc in the office. Thank you all! Even the grounds were picked up and trimmed for the birthday of Jesus—a special thanks to Jimmy Osbourn, Ricky Ladner, and all who helped in getting the church and grounds ready.

On a more personal note, once again I am moved by the incredible outpouring of generosity shown to me by so many this Advent and Christmas. The kind words, cards, gifts, cookies, pies, cakes, candies, and love have been overwhelming. Good thing Braxton has been here to help me ☺! To each of you who have helped me experience a real “family” Christmas here at OLG, please accept my most sincere thanks. I ask for your continued prayers for me, all our priests, pastors, seminarians and deacons. Rest assured of my prayers for you all. Happy New Year!

Peace and Blessings, Fr. Mike

New Parishioners: To register call the parish office and request a parish registration form or download our parish registration form from our website at www.olgchurch.net or fill out the Quick Registration below.

Baptisms: The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated the third Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. At least one parent or guardian must be (or become) a regular attending member of OLG parish. Non-parishioners who wish to have their child baptized here must provide a letter from their pastor. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a “baptism class”. (Visitors may attend class at their home parish). We offer the class the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Catholic Life Center or by appointment. Godparents must be at least 16 years old, confirmed Catholics, who practice the faith. At least one Godparent is needed.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously ill should be given the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as soon as possible. Communal celebrations are held during Advent and Lent.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion: The First Communion program of OLG parish is now be a 2-year program (1st and 2nd grades). Please contact Kathleen LeBlanc for info or questions.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements for weddings must be made at least six months ahead of time. A pre-marriage preparation program and individual counseling with the parish priest are required for all.

House Calls: Please notify the parish office of the names of any who desire to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of Reconciliation at home.

St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel: We welcome you to visit our chapel as a guest or a committed adorer. Call the parish office for questions or to sign up for an hour.

St. Mary Cemetery: A sacred enclosure to receive those who have lived within the faith. For information or questions, call Joe Monti at 228-216-7409.

Continuing the Church: Please remember Our Lady of the Gulf Parish and its schools in your will.

Church Support: Parishioners are encouraged to base their giving on the principles of stewardship and sacrifice. Please use your envelopes or sign up for Direct Debit.

PARISH OFFICE: 228-467-6509

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- Permanent Deacon**, Eddie Renz.....ext. 307
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- Pastoral Associate**, Kathleen LeBlanc.....ext. 304
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- Director of Music**, Rebecca Smith.....467-6509
- Youth Minister**, Shannon Collins.....ext. 302
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- Secretary to the Pastor**, Jo Sharp.....ext. 301
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- Receptionist**, Karen Parker.....ext. 303

MINISTRIES & CONTACT INFO

- Altar Server Training:** Mr. Ivo Prikasky
veryluckydad@yahoo.com
- Altar Society:** Kathy Donner 363-1838
- Angel Ministry & Groups:** JoAnn Hille 467-6169
- Annulment Counseling:** Deacon Eddie Renz
- Booking of Parish Facilities:** Jo Sharp
- CCD & Religious Education:** Kathleen LeBlanc, Chris Austin, Patricia LaFontaine, and Shannon Collins
- Choir Practice:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the church
- Crab Festival:** Pamela Metzler 467-6509
- Electronic Transfer (Direct Debit):** Jo Sharp
- HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL (PreK3-6):**
Janet Buras, Principal—principal@holyltrinitycatholic.net
467-5158 www.holytrinitycatholic.net
- Flower Ministry:** Pat Kesler patkesler1@gmail.com
- K of C Ladies Auxiliary:** Sue Brocato 342-2902
- Knights of Columbus:** Deacon Eddie Renz
- Ladies’ Prayer Group:** First Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center
- Men’s Night Out with Deacon Eddie Renz:** Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Christian Life Center
- Novena of Perpetual Help:** Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.
- OUR LADY ACADEMY (Girls Grades 7-12):**
Mrs. Darnell Cuevas, Principal
467-7048 www.ourladyacademy.com
- Perpetual Adoration:** James San Fillippo 228-671-1835
- Praise & Worship Music:** Shea Ladner & Miles Ladner
- Prison Ministry:** Deacon Mike Harris
- Rabboni (Bereavement) Ministry:** Suzi Lee 493-3449
- RCIA, RCIC:** Deacon Mike Harris
- Sacramental Preparation:** Kathleen LeBlanc
- ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE (Boys Grades 7-12):**
Bro. Barry Landry, President—Patrick McGrath, Principal
467-9057 www.ststan.com
- St. Vincent de Paul Conference:** Call 342-1545 on Mondays from 9-11:30 am to make an appointment.
- St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy:** Meets in Bay St. Louis on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Call 374-9097 for info.
- Together Forever Marriage Prep:** Deacon Mike Harris
- Wedding Coordinators:** See Wedding Guidelines Packet at www.olgchurch.net.
- Youth Ministry:** Shannon Collins 228-671-9767

FINANCES WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2017

Offertory:	Envelopes	\$ 2,467.00
	Loose	\$ 5,840.25
	Direct Debit	\$ 2,120.00
Extra & Other Donations		\$ 2,297.57
St. Vincent de Paul Society		\$ 2,466.00
Number of Identifiable Contributions		165

Thank you for your continued support!

ARE YOU A REGISTERED MEMBER OF OLG PARISH?
If not, forms are available at the parish office
or online at www.olgchurch.net

REMINDERS

- Monday, January 9 Altar Society Meeting
6:00 pm Catholic Life Center
- Tuesday, January 10 Mass for Deceased Carlovians
6:00 pm Sacred Heart, Pascagoula
- Wednesday, Jan. 11 Blanket Group
1:00-3:00 pm Parish Community Center

Donation Statements: If you wish to receive a statement of donations for tax purposes, please contact Jo at 467-6509 or olgchurc@bellsouth.net and one will be mailed to you by January 31, 2017.

2017 Tithing Envelopes: There are still some who have not yet picked up their box of envelopes from the church, so please make every effort to pick them up this weekend. If you are not currently using tithing envelopes, we encourage you to begin. Please contact Jo at the parish office to sign up for envelopes or if you can't locate your box of envelopes in the church.

Our Lady Academy Entrance Test:
Saturday, January 14th, sign in from 9:30-10:00 am in the OLA Commons, testing from 10:00 am-12 Noon for all prospective 7th graders. Cost is \$12 (make checks payable to OLA). Parents are invited to attend an informational session followed by Q/A while students are testing. Questions? Contact Susan Gelpi, Guidance Counselor, at 467-7048 ext. 106.

Lord Teach Me To Pray: LTMTTP is a three part spiritual journey for women in the Ignatian Method of Prayer. Part 1 will begin on Monday, January 23rd at 10:00 am. A small group will meet once a week with trained facilitators for two hours and then pray privately, daily, with assigned scripture passages. Women learn how to further develop their prayer life and how to meditate and contemplate using the method of prayer devised by St. Ignatius of Loyola. For further information contact Patsy Reitmeyer at 504-250-7041 or Marguerite App at 504-495-9683.

Thank you!: The OLG YOUTH GROUP thanks everyone who supported our first annual DECK THE HALLS WITH SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS fundraiser! We appreciate the support of our wonderful parish family! A special thank you to Jim Barrett, Neil Favre, and the Knights of Columbus! Thank you all so much!

Men's Cursillo #266: January 26-29, 2017. The Cursillo weekend is for Catholics who are looking to enrich their faith and prayer life, as well as learn how to live a life of fullness in grace. For more information contact Fr. Mike O'Connor at 467-6509 or mpo39520@gmail.com

Marriage Annulments

If you or someone you know has questions concerning Marriage Annulments or ones Marital Status in the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at 467-6509 or Deacon Eddie Renz at eddierenz@olgchurch.net.



Diane Babin, John Brach, Betty Burke, Fr. Joseph Cazenavette, Vita Celentano, Karen Compretta, Peter Joseph Dulworth, Brandy Edwards, Ethel Favre, Sherri Favre, John Genin, Mark Gonzales, Kelly Jordan, Beryl Kidd, Emilee Kocevar, Myrna Ladner, Brittney Lansou, Gwen Marquar, Carol & Andy Martinolich, Joan H. T. Mary, Paul Mary IV, Yvonne Maumus, Dick Mister, Eddie O'Connor, Judy Pearson, Louis Prendergast, Madeline Prendergast, Doris Carrio Ranson, Dusty Rhodes, John J. Rossetti, Roy Ruhr, Dr. J. D. Rutherford, Ellie Saavedra, Beverly Stiglet, David Treutel, Jr., Ted Ursu, Bea Williams, Evelyn Yarborough, our shut-ins, and all others in our parish and community who are in need of physical, mental, emotional or spiritual healing.

For our parishioners entering the hospital at any time, please inform the hospital that you are a member of OLG for visitations.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 1/9	7:00 a.m.	†Billy, David & Danny Rhodes
Tuesday, 1/10	7:00 a.m.	†Ronald Cuevas
	6:00 p.m.	†Cherriel Necaise
Wednesday, 1/11	7:00 a.m.	†Mrs. Mary Adams
	8:15 a.m.	†Bernie & Helen Piazza
Thursday, 1/12	7:00 a.m.	†Mr. & Mrs. Claude Yarborough
Friday, 1/13	7:00 a.m.	†Chuck Breath
Saturday, 1/14	7:30 a.m.	Jo Ann Hille
	5:00 p.m.	†Ned Lee
Sunday, 1/15	8:00 a.m.	Jim & Leboria Sager
	10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of OLG
	6:00 p.m.	†Sallie Saracino
		†Gail Thames
		†Art Milner

We acknowledge Christ really present in the Blessed Sacrament; therefore, adoration of the Incarnate God is most worthy. Eucharistic Adoration is prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in a monstrance, continued by successive worshipers day and night without intermission.

Our parish is blessed to have the St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel located at 107 Union Street and we invite and encourage you to visit Jesus there 24/7. If you would like to commit to an hour please contact James San Fillippo at 228-671-1835.

Would you like to have Mass in your home with family, friends, and neighbors? Fr. Mike will be offering the opportunity each month to join parishioners in their homes for dinner and Mass. If you are interested in signing up for a month, have any questions, or need more information, please contact Kathleen at the parish office at 228-467-6509.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**Lord Jesus Christ,
You took to Yourself a body and soul like ours,
to teach us the glory of self-sacrifice and service,
mercifully instill in our hearts,
the desire to dedicate our lives to You.
Give us PRIESTS and DEACONS,
to stand at the altar and to speak
the words of the Gospel;
BROTHERS and SISTERS
to teach the young, nurse the sick
and minister charity to all;
LAY PEOPLE
to imitate You in their hearts, families,
work and community.
AMEN.**

Q: May a divorced Catholic who has not remarried receive Holy Communion?

A: *A person who has received a **civil** or legal divorce may still receive Holy Communion.* However, one must remember that despite the civil divorce, the person remains in his/her sacramental marriage. A sacramental marriage remains valid and bonding unless there is a decree of nullity, or "annulment", declaring the marriage invalid. The person who finds himself or herself in this position, namely, civilly divorced and has not received a decree of nullity for their marriage, is to act according to their state of life, namely, that they remain sacramentally married. As long as he/she *is civilly divorced, has not remarried outside of the Church*, and he/she *is not conscious of any serious sin* such as marital relations outside marriage, then yes that person can and is encouraged to receive communion in order to find strength in faith, hope and love.

Deacon Eddie Renz is available to answer questions or assist anyone seeking an annulment of a marriage by contacting him at eddierenz@yahoo.com or calling the parish office at 228-467-6509.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AGAINST STORMS AND HURRICANES

Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.