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JUNE 13, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: Mon - Fri | 8:30 AM
Confessions: Sat | 3:30 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM
Sundays Masses: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30 AM

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Mission Statement

We, the community of Divine Mercy Parish, profess and proclaim Christ crucified, risen and alive in His Church. We invite all to a life of discipleship through worship, ongoing formation, merciful witness, and service which actively builds the Kingdom of God here on earth and by which we journey towards the eternal Kingdom in Heaven.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 14th

8:30 AM †Jacob Malafis
†Myrtle Jane McKenzie

Tuesday, June 15th

8:30 AM †Doug Dueweke

Wednesday, June 16th

8:30 AM †Sylvie Balagna
(SI)Katie Goodwin
(Happy Birthday)

Thursday, June 17th

8:30 AM †Geraldine Botyos
†Ed Rossi

Friday, June 18th

8:30 AM †Lora Lugo

Saturday, June 19th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

4:30 PM †Virginia Bixby
†Robert John Dillon, Sr.
†Jacob Roberson

Sunday, June 20th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Douglas Dueweke
9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz
†Paul Meder
11:30 AM †Edgar A.
Zimmermann, Sr.
†Albert T. Wyllie
†Patrick Lowney
†Anthony Pastore

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Readings for the Week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 [7a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/
Mk 4:35-41

Observances of the Week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Flag Day
Saturday: St. Romuald, Abbot; BVM
Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

And all the trees of the field shall know
that I, the LORD,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading:

We are always courageous,
although we know that while we are at home in the body
we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Cor 5:6-7)

Gospel:

"It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mk 4:31-32)



DIVINE MERCY COMMUNITY PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Julie Dunn at 321-432-8548 for special prayer requests.

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes, and for those whose names we do not have.

This week we remember in prayer: Carmen Hernandez, Darlene Seberry, Christine Dennison, Brad Gittings, Dorothy Scherff, Diana Walker, Nick Scherr, John Roblin, Richard Beebe, and Barbara & Joe Brown.

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a special intention please contact the Parish Office.



Altar flowers last weekend were gifted by :

The Divine Mercy Council of Catholic Women



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Life Recaptured is a sex trafficking rescue organization whose mission is to assist young ladies that have been victims in "recapturing" their lives and

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

June 13, 2021

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love.

We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

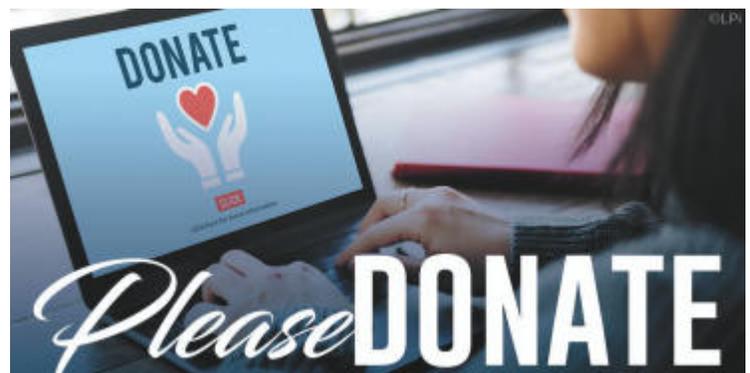
Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

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MARK 4:31

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Servers Needed!

Boys and girls going into 5th grade and older are invited to be a part of the wonderful ministry serving at weekend masses. Requirements are that you have received First Communion and are able to serve once a month. Training is provided and you will be teamed with experienced servers. Please contact Mary Frances Coburn – maryfrances@divinemerchchurch.org

Parish Office Summer Hours

Parish summer office hours have begun. The office will be open from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.

We are Hiring

The Parish Office is looking to hire two part time positions. We need a house keeper for the Rectory and a Youth Minister. If you are interested please visit the Diocese of Orlando website for full job descriptions and to apply.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the beauty of our altar we are now accepting donations of any amount to our flower fund. You may also purchase an arrangement for a specific weekend in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion. Contact the parish office for more information. Thank you.

If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Frances Coburn in the Parish Office.

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The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Assessment: \$223,707
Pledged to Date: \$190,017
Envelopes: 423
Percentage to our goal: 85%
Remaining balance: \$33,690
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During the Month of June we honor our Father's. For those who would like to honor their fathers, living or deceased, there are Father's Day cards in the Narthex.



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Food Requests: Meat, Fish, 1 lb. Bag of Rice

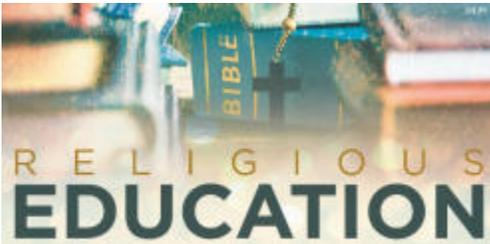
Reminder: When donating food items, please check expiration dates and be sure food is current.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are calling on our community to please help volunteer in a ministry. We are especially in need for Ministers to the Sick, Live Stream, Media, and Altar Servers. If you are willing to give of your gifts of time and talent please contact the parish office. Thank you.

VBS Donations Needed: Please look on the Faith Formation page of this bulletin for more information.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



(321) 452-5955 or maryfrances@divinemercychurch.org

If you are looking to have your child baptized in the church please contact Mary Frances Coburn in the parish office



Vacation Bible School

June 28 - July 2

From 8:30 - Noon

Kids will learn that Jesus' power always pulls us through!

Children from 4 years old through rising 4th graders

are invited to an exciting week of Bible Stories, lively music, prayer, crafts, delicious treats, Bible games and more.

Cost is \$25 per child.

All volunteers 15 and older must be fingerprinted through the Diocese of Orlando. Visit the church website for more info and to register!

DONATIONS NEEDED!

The following items are needed for Vacation Bible School. If you would like to make a donation, please drop off at the Parish Office by June 23RD. Thank you for your generosity. Teddy grahams, pretzels (large plastic barrels), granola bars, graham crackers, juice boxes, roaring waters drink boxes, goldfish, ice pops, animal crackers, small water bottles, sandwich size resealable plastic bags. We are happy to take monetary donations as well.

Middle Schoolers - 6th and 7th grades have been invited to attend Hidden Lake on Monday, June 14th-Saturday, June 19th with Ascension Catholic Church.

High Schoolers - 8th-12th grades have been invited to attend Covecrest on Monday, July 26th- Saturday, July 31st with Ascension Catholic Church. See link below for more details

In addition to the summer camps, Ascension is also inviting us to attend Steubenville Orlando with them. Steubenville Florida- July 16-18, 2021. See the link for more details.

<https://lifeteen.ascensioncatholic.net/index.php/summer-camps/>

MORE SUMMER EVENT OPPORTUNITIES!

All rising 9th - 12th graders are invited to attend the following summer events. We will be joining other parishes for fellowship and fun.

(St. John's, St. Mary's, Our Saviours and Divine Mercy)

June 13th – Bowling Night 5pm – 8pm

@ Shore Lanes 600 N Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32953 Cost \$5.00

June 27th – Youth Ministry BBQ 4pm- 8pm

@ 4000 Ocean Beach Blvd, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Cost \$5.00

July 18th – Youth Ministry Night 5pm-8pm

@ Golf N Gator 6355 N Atlantic Ave, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 Cost for mini-golf \$11.00 per game and for Go-Cart races \$15.00 per race

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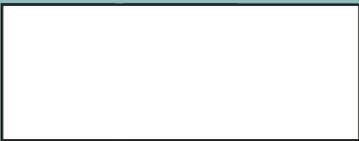
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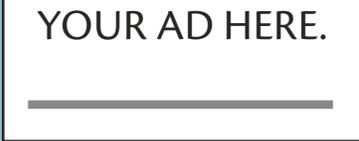
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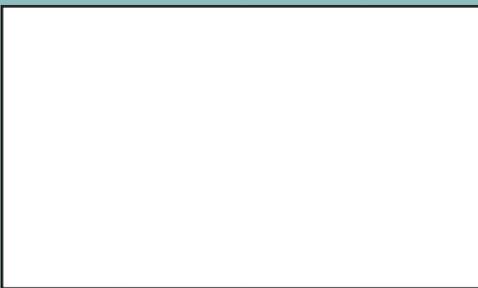
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