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JUNE 20, 2021

### MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: Mon - Fri | 8:30 AM  
Confessions: Sat | 3:30 PM  
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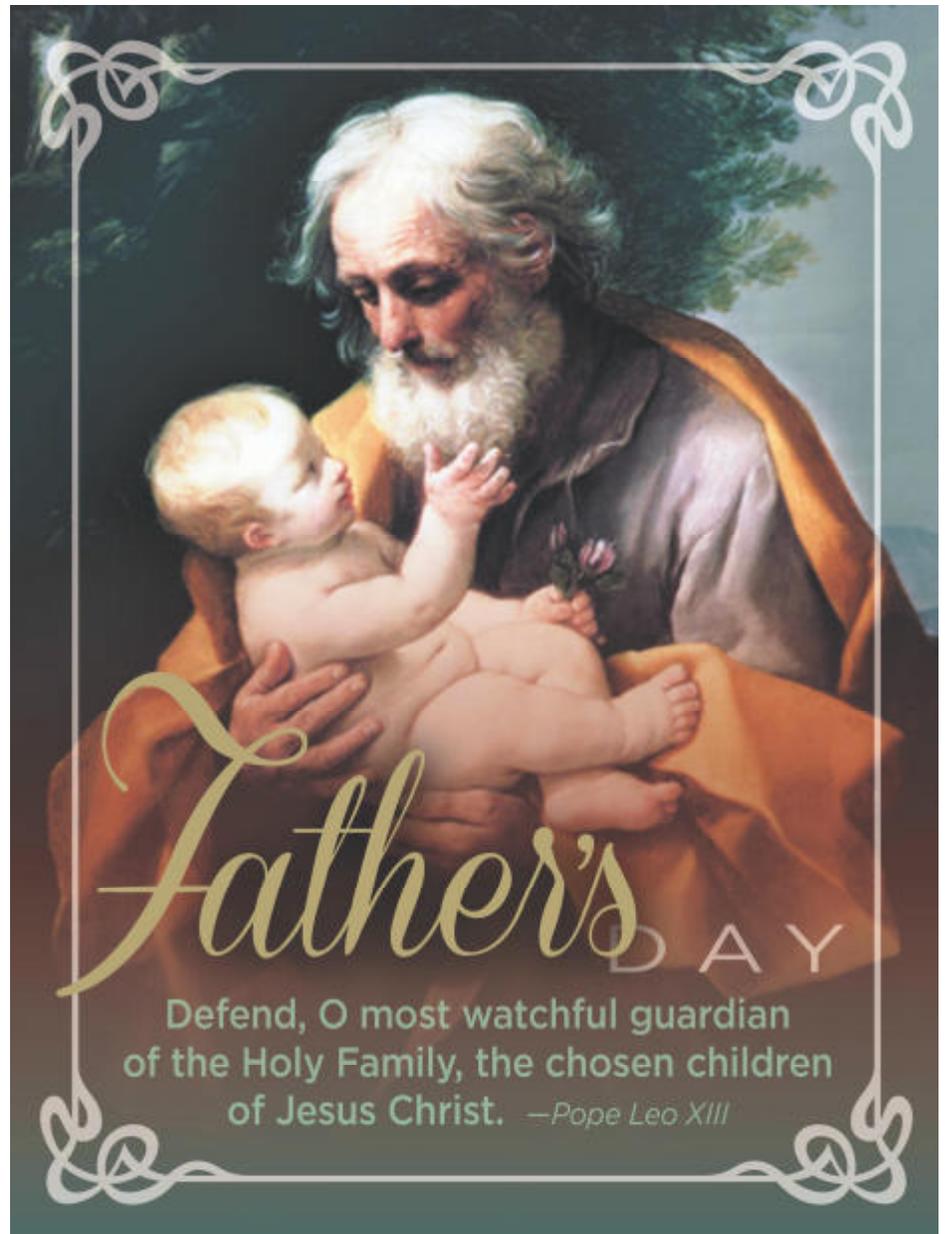
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### Mission Statement

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 21st*

8:30 AM †Walter Schreier  
(SI)Roxanne Wendt

### *Tuesday, June 22nd*

8:30 AM †Msgr. Michael  
Beerhalter  
(SI)Brittany Glace

### *Wednesday, June 23rd*

8:30 AM †P.J. Farrell  
(SI)Barb Schreier

### *Thursday, June 24th*

8:30 AM †Bryan Miller  
(SI)Paul & Kathy Miller

### *Friday, June 25th*

8:30 AM †Andy & Maureen  
McAuley  
(SI)Ed & Connie  
McAuley

### *Saturday, June 26th*

All living and deceased members of  
Divine Mercy Parish and:  
4:30 PM †Robert John Dillon, Sr.  
†Margaret Mullins

### *Sunday, June 27th*

All living and deceased members of  
Divine Mercy Parish and:  
8:00 AM †Marilyn Barrett  
†Frances (Bob) Olenek  
9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz  
†Connie Reed  
11:30 AM †Fr. William Corry  
†Qui Vo & Tot Tran  
†Donald Brown

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## Readings for the Week of June 20, 2021

**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  
**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5  
**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20  
**Thursday:** *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
*Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
**Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4  
**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13  
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## Observances of the Week of June 13, 2021

**Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Refugee Day; Father's Day  
**Monday:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious  
**Tuesday:** St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas  
More, Martyrs  
**Thursday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
**Saturday:** BVM  
**Next Sunday:** 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Readings for this Sunday

### First Reading:

Thus far shall you come but no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stilled! (Job 38:11)

### Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting. (Ps 107)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come. (2 Cor 5:17)

### Gospel:

Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified?  
Do you not yet have faith?"  
They were filled with great awe and said to one another,  
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" (Mk 4:40-41)



## 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.

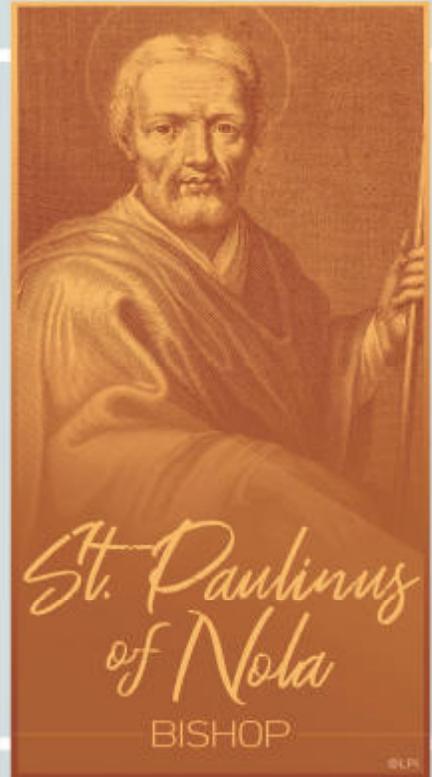
# WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Much of the book of Job addresses the mystery of suffering and God's role in human affairs. Today we hear part of God's response to Job's questioning with images of the sea and raging waters, representing God's power and omniscience. What helps remind you it is God who governs the universe with purpose and fidelity?

### SECOND READING

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to have the conviction of faith that since Christ died for all, believers should now live for him. In doing so, we become a "new creation." How have you seen this happen in your life as a person of faith?

### GOSPEL READING

Early in their following of Jesus, the disciples' witness of the miracle of Jesus calming the storm at sea led them to ask: "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?" How would you explain to others who wonder about the divinity of Jesus?



“ WE  
BECOME  
WHAT WE  
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—St. Clare of Assisi

## WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

### *Live the Liturgy* Inspiration for the week

Do we trust that God will take care of us and has things under control? When life gets difficult, shaky or painful, we may find ourselves wondering what we may have done to deserve this fate. Often, we go to great lengths to explain suffering away, as if it has no purpose and ought not to exist. In an attempt to get God on our side in our battle against suffering, our prayer can mirror a question asked by the disciples: do you not care that we are perishing? As we are asking that question of God, God is asking of us: do you not yet have faith? It is for certain that God does not intentionally inflict pain upon us. God has no sinister plot to test our faith or trip us up. Rather, the unconditional, restorative and rejuvenating power of God's love can bring light out of the greatest darkness and gives hope in the midst of deep despair. We have to be patient and ride out the storm. It is our task to deepen our faith that God will calm the wind and draw meaning out of that which seems senseless.

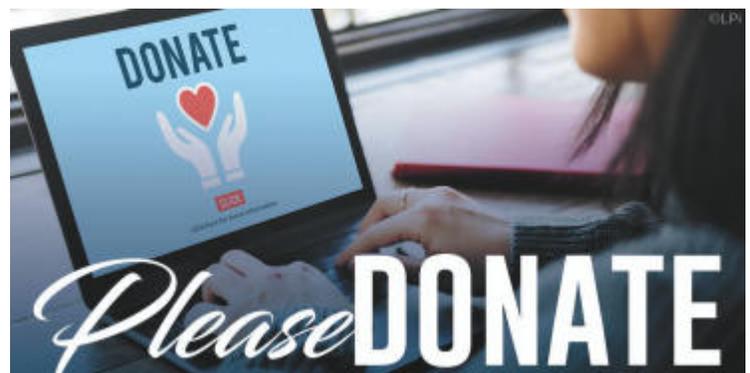
**Let them thank the LORD  
for his mercy, such  
wondrous deeds for the  
children of Adam.**

Psalm 107:31



### **PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING**

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



### 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Live Stream Equipment*

Due to equipment failure we recently were unable to live stream Masses. We are working to replace and upgrade our equipment so that we can avoid these issues in the future and continue bringing Masses into the homes of those that are unable to physically join us. This equipment is an added cost to the church budget. If you would like to help contribute to this purchase please contact the parish office. Thank you.

### *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 Servers Needed!*

Boys and girls going into 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### *Altar Flowers*

If you would like to contribute to the beauty of our altar we are 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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## OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Assessment: \$223,707  
Pledged to Date: \$191,017  
Envelopes: 425  
Percentage to our goal: 85%  
Remaining balance: \$32,690  
As of: 6/14/21

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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The past year has been stressful and difficult for everyone. Hopefully, we are on the upside of things. Your generosity over the past year has made it possible to assist many who have become unemployed, lost hope and may be embarrassed to ask for help. Thank you for your gifts to the food chest and poor box. God will bless you for loving your neighbor even though you may not know them.

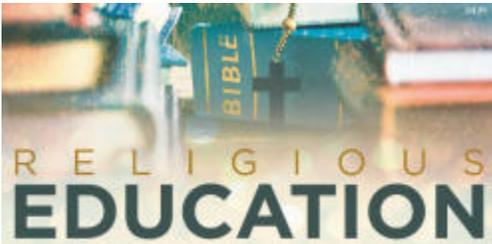
*Food Requests:* Pasta, Tomato Sauce, & Baked Beans  
*Reminder:* When donating food items, please check expiration dates and be sure food is current.

# 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>RD</sup>. 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.



**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 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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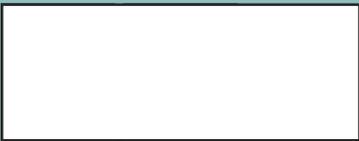
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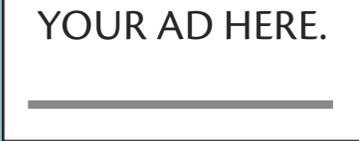


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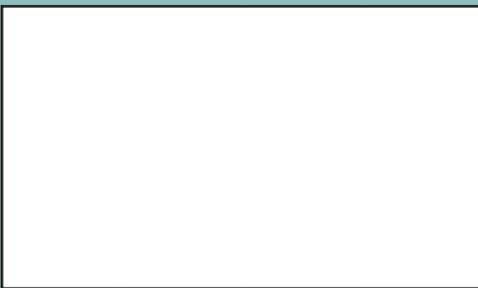
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