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*JULY 4, 2021*

*MASS SCHEDULE*

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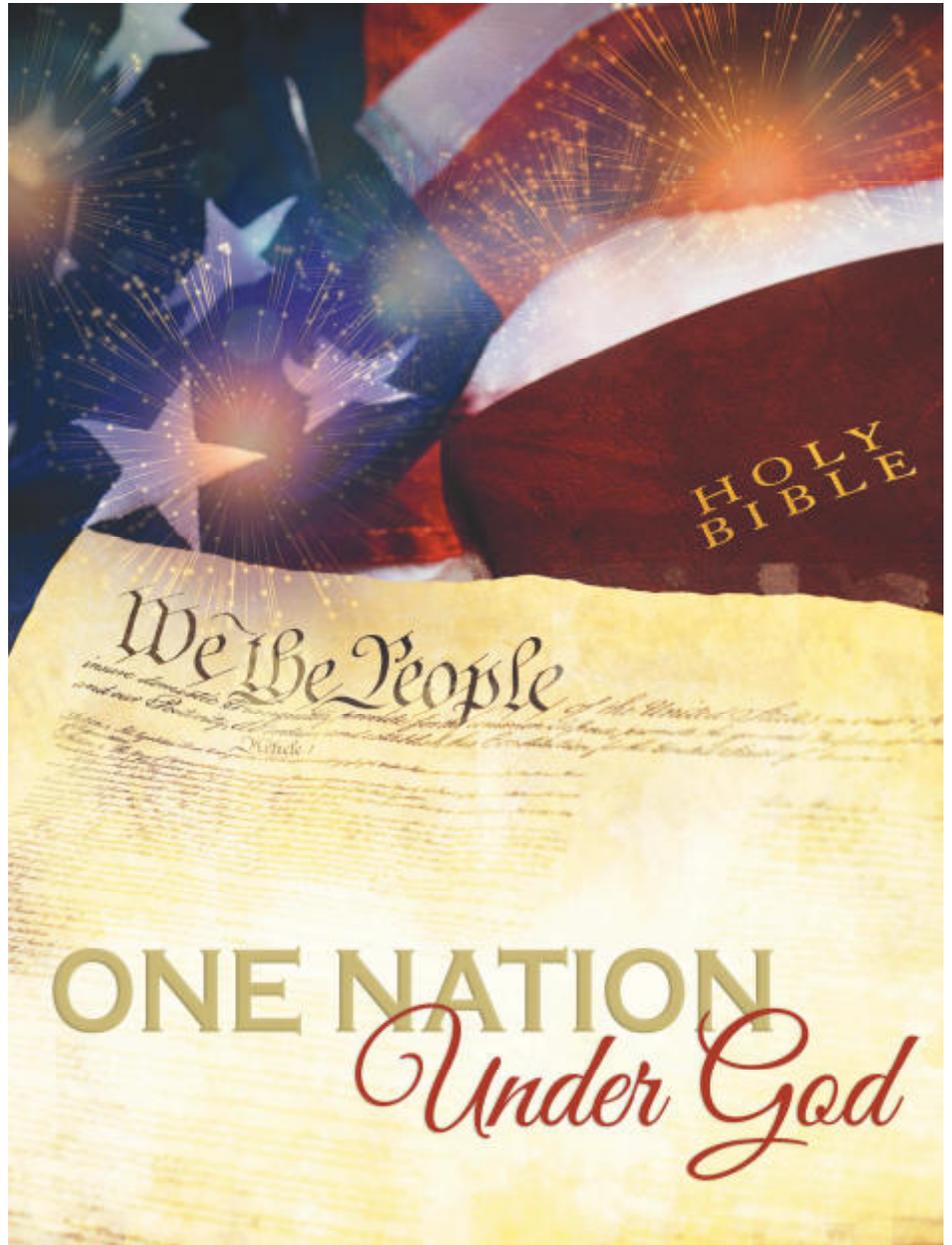
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*Mission Statement*

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, July 5th*

8:30 AM †Laura Miller

### *Tuesday, July 6th*

8:30 AM †The Baldwin Family

### *Wednesday, July 7th*

8:30 AM †Bryan Miller

### *Thursday, July 8th*

8:30 AM †Michael Talay

### *Friday, July 9th*

8:30 AM †Brandon Liebler

### *Saturday, July 10th*

All living and deceased members of  
Divine Mercy Parish and:

4:30 PM †Keri Lindh Morrissey  
(SI)Joanne

### *Sunday, July 11th*

All living and deceased members of  
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Lucy Harrelson

9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz  
(SI)Margie Blawn

11:30 AM †Anne Mraw  
†Robert Sanko

## Readings for the Week of July 4, 2021

**Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a  
**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26  
**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38  
**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7  
**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15  
**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23  
**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33  
**Next Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

## Observances of the Week of July 4, 2021

**Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day  
**Monday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal  
**Tuesday:** St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr  
**Wednesday:**  
**Thursday:**  
**Friday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs  
**Saturday:** BVM  
**Next Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Readings for this Sunday

### First Reading:

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!  
And whether they heed or resist

— for they are a rebellious house —

they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

### Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

### Second Reading:

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,  
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. (2 Cor 12:9)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to them,

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place  
and among his own kin and in his own house.” (Mk 6:4)

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## 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

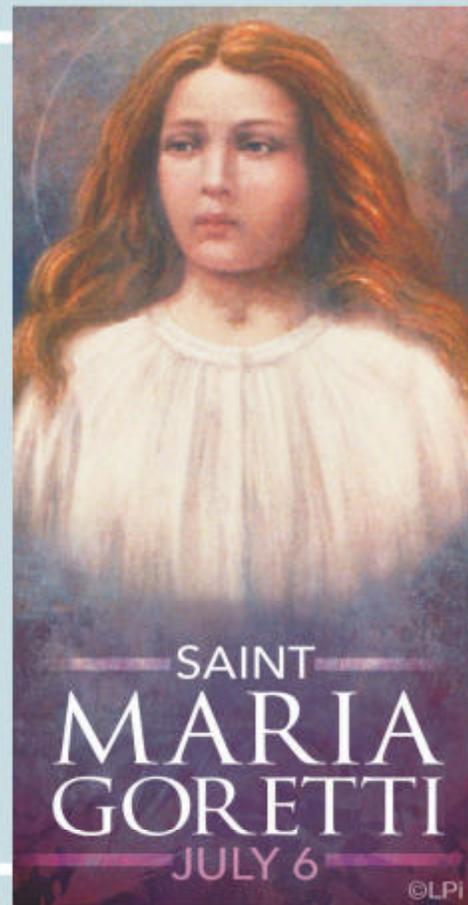
## GOSPEL MEDITATION

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Today's reading is an excerpt from the prophetic call Ezekiel received while in exile in Babylon (Ez 1:1-3:27). The Lord commissioned Ezekiel to go and confront the "rebellious house" of Israel. How do you imagine the Israelites received Ezekiel's message?

### SECOND READING

Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?

### GOSPEL READING

Jesus was "amazed" at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus expected a different response. Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus?



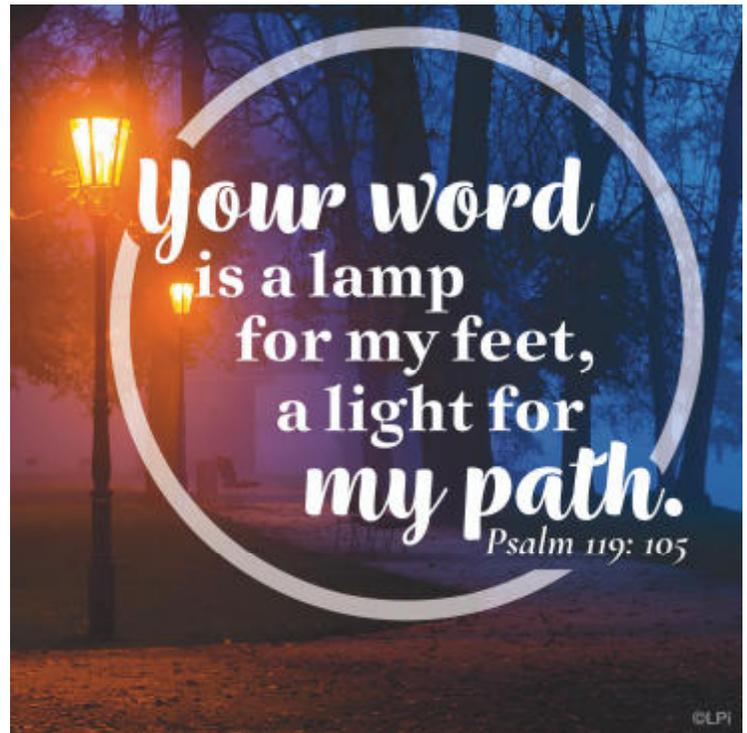
## WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

### *Live the Liturgy*

#### Inspiration for the week

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him.

Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.

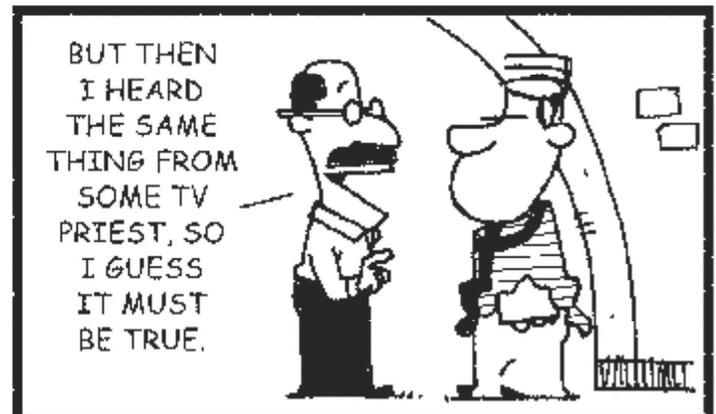
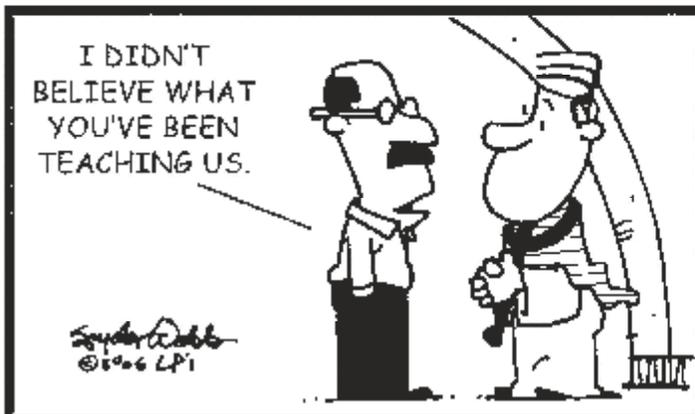


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#### 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Prayer Live Streams*

Just a reminder: We live stream, every day at 3:00 p.m. the Chaplet prayer and 6:00 p.m. the Angelus prayer. Please take a few minutes each day to join us as a community to pray. The stream goes to Facebook, Youtube, and the church website.

### *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

### *Saturday Daily Mass*

Beginning Saturday, July 10th we will resume our Saturday Daily Mass schedule. We will have Daily Mass offered every day Monday—Saturday at 8:30 a.m. in the church. Please join us as we begin our days with the Lord.

### *Our Catholic Appeal*

We began Our Catholic Appeal campaign this February and would like to thank all who have already so generously contributed. We still have quite a bit more needed to reach our goal. If you have not already given we are asking that you prayerfully consider helping us reach our assessment.

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

### **FORMED—**

FORMED is a website full of excellent Catholic content. Log in to [divinemerchchurch.org/formed](http://divinemerchchurch.org/formed)

### *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.



Please pray for the souls of our Parish Family who have gone home to the Lord and for their families who are mourning:

**Janet Biesecker**  
9/30/43—5/10/21

**John Canavan**  
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This week end we celebrate the greatness of our nation and our freedoms. The Gospel speaks of the mighty deeds wrought by His hands. If we think about it, the two go together. Without our faith in His mighty deeds we could be without the things we take for granted such as the freedom to worship as we choose. Some of our neighbors are having difficulty enjoying this holiday, Their power may be cut off or food is scarce and there may be other worries. Your gifts to the food chest and poor box help us to help them. Thank you!

**Food Requests:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal & Canned Fruit

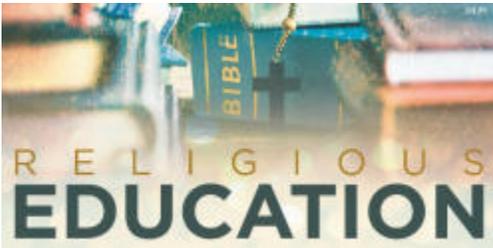
**Reminder:** When donating food items, please check expiration dates and be sure food is current.

**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.

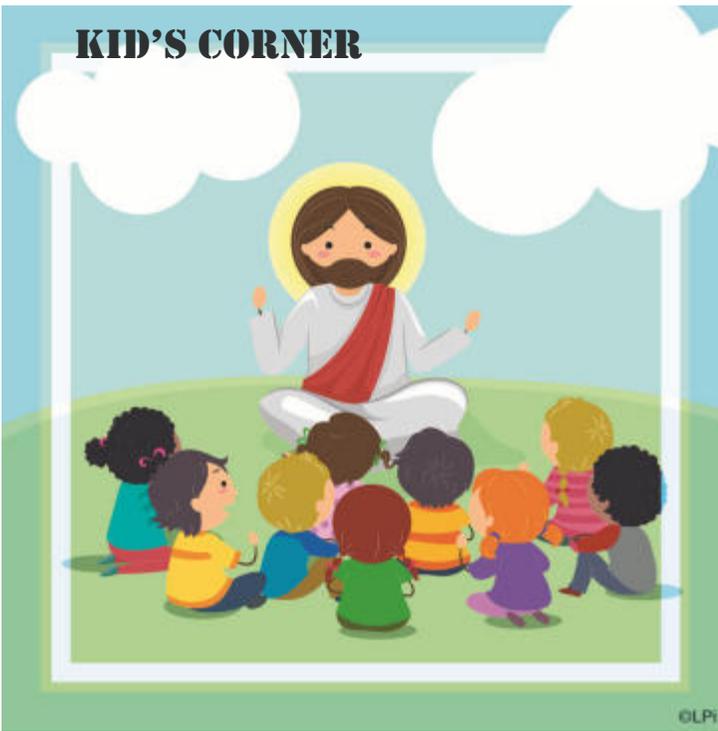
**Church Etiquette:** We remind you of the importance of coming to church on time and not leaving church early. Mass ends after the final blessing has been given.

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



If you are looking to have your child baptized in the church please contact Mary Frances Coburn in the parish office  
(321) 452-5955 or [maryfrances@divinemerchurh.org](mailto:maryfrances@divinemerchurh.org)

### KID'S CORNER



#### Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever felt left out? Jesus did. In today's Gospel, Jesus visited his relatives and old friends. These were the people he grew up with, the people who knew him the best. All of a sudden Jesus was not acting like he used to. They heard that Jesus was healing people, raising people from the dead, and telling evil spirits to leave. Jesus was even teaching about God's kingdom, like he really knew what he was talking about! Well, Jesus' old friends and neighbors did not like it one bit. How sad for them. God's own Son wanted to help them, but they didn't want it.

#### Prayer

Dear God, help me to listen to you and to accept the help that you want to give me. Amen.

#### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus visiting his old friends.

#### Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.



**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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