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JULY 11, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: Mon - Sat | 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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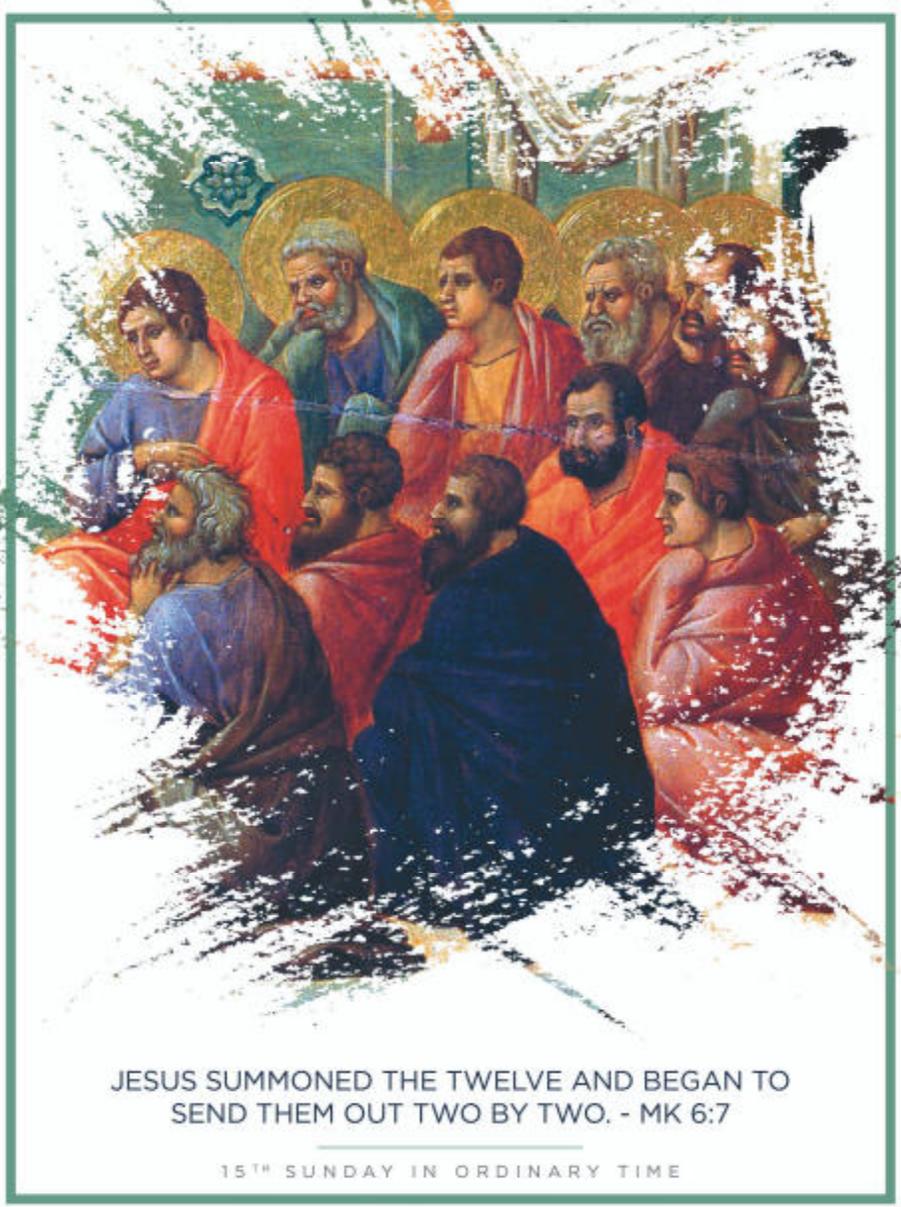
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Mission Statement

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 12th

8:30 AM †Richard Williams
†Don Brescia

Tuesday, July 13th

8:30 AM (SI) Anthony and Phyllis
Farrell (Happy
Anniversary)

Wednesday, July 14th

8:30 AM (SI)Joanne (healing)
(SI) Lee Pritts (Happy
Birthday)

Thursday, July 15th

8:30 AM †Frank & Margaret
Miller

Friday, July 16th

8:30 AM †Al & Grace Lund

Saturday, July 17th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

4:30 PM †Tara Harpel
†Jenny Reitz

Sunday, July 18th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Richard Kraus
9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz
†Guy Camomilli
11:30 AM †Joe DiRocco
†Harry Dove

Readings for the Week of July 11, 2021

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
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Observances of the Week of July 11, 2021

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Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
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Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me,
“Go, prophesy to my people Israel.” (Am 12:15)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,
to be holy and without blemish before him. (Eph 1:3-4)

Gospel:

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two
and gave them authority over unclean spirits. (Mk 6:7)

Contact Information

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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

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the “road less traveled.” Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.
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REFLECT

FIRST READING

The priest Amaziah was threatened by the visions of the Lord received by Amos that warned of Israel's destruction. Amos' defense is that he was chosen by God to prophesy. When has your faith been a threat to others?

SECOND READING

Paul speaks of the abundance of blessings we receive from God as believers in Jesus Christ. Paul asserts these blessings make us “holy and without blemish” before God. To whom in your life should you share this message of hope and redemption?

GOSPEL READING

During his public ministry, Jesus commissioned the Twelve Apostles to evangelize by preaching repentance and healing the sick and demon possessed. What do you see as effective tools for evangelization today?



WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives:

our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Society of SVdP Needs

SVdP is looking for a parishioner who has or had experience working as a social worker to act as a resource contact. Please contact Tom Bowler, president, at (860) 670-2180 Thank you.

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

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. You can give by mailing in your donation or by visiting <https://www.cfof.org/oca/give/>

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.

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 divinemerchyfl.formed.org



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

Aurelio Cruz
9/17/49—6/14/21

Bea Kappes
3/21/45—6/29/21

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Today's Gospel talks about how Jesus sent his Apostles out two by two. When our delivery teams take food or other items to those in need, they go in pairs. Home visits to assess what is needed most by a neighbor in need is done in pairs. This is our way of following the pathway set up by Jesus and continued by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generous donations to the food chest and poor box that makes this possible.

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

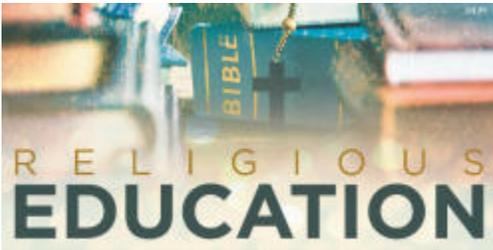
Reminder: When donating food items, please check expiration dates and be sure food is current.

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.

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@divinemerchchurch.org

A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make our Vacation Bible School, Rocky Railway, a success. Over 50 children and 40 volunteers were immersed in God's word, learning to recognize that God's power will pull us through no matter what is happening in our lives! Each day centered on a bible story and included skits, snacks, games, crafts, experiments and lots of music. This week would not have been possible without the support and enthusiasm of the adults and teens who shared their time and talents as well as all the parishioners who generously donated money, supplies and food.



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