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Jack Alexander, Deacon

JULY 18, 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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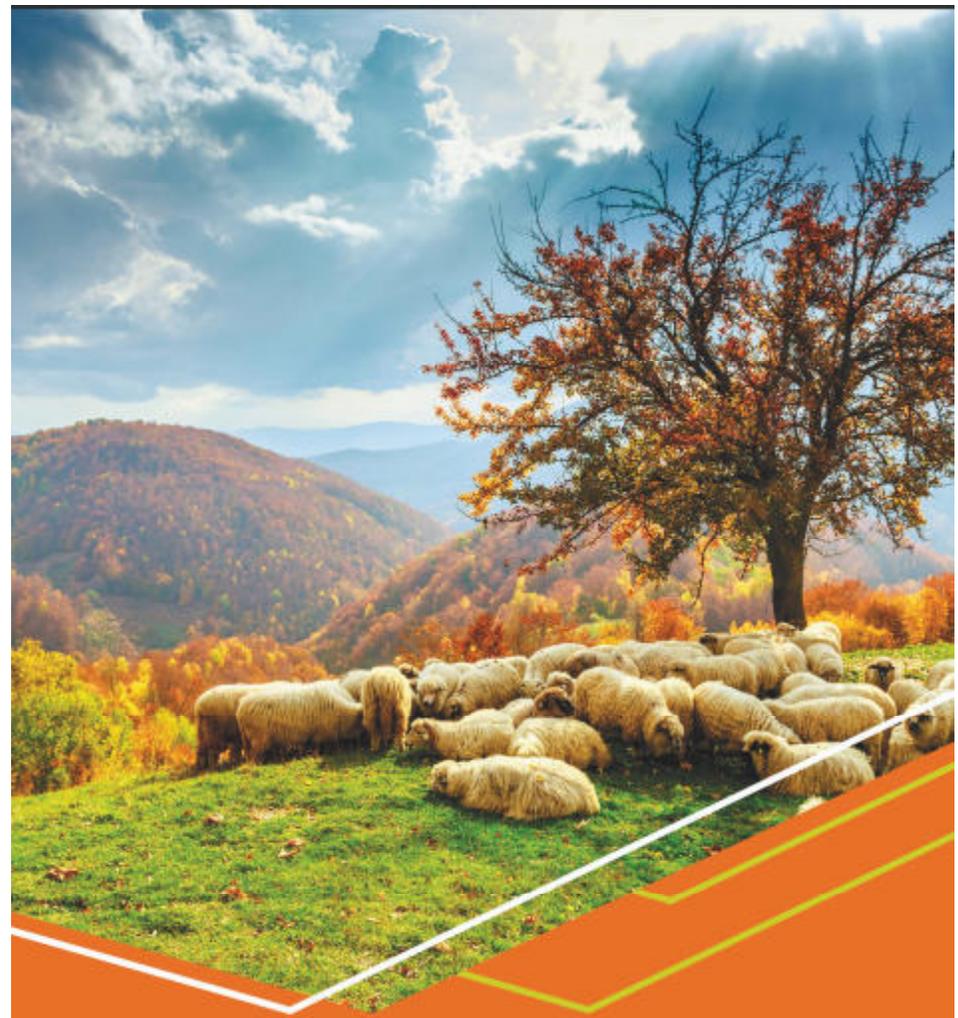
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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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 19th

8:30 AM †Ronald Pritts
†Walter Schreier

Tuesday, July 20th

8:30 AM (SI) Paul & Kathy Miller
(Happy Anniversary)

Wednesday, July 21st

8:30 AM †Gabrielle Hunter

Thursday, July 22nd

8:30 AM †Tim Corrigan
(SI) Joanne (healing)

Friday, July 23rd

8:30 AM †Louise Hunt
†Lorraine Harclerode

Saturday, July 24th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

4:30 PM †Robert Durand Byrd
(SI) Jerry & Robin Lake
(Happy 40th
Anniversary)
(SI) Joan Marie

Sunday, July 25th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Alma & Milton Kaye
9:30 AM †Beatrice Kappes
†John W. Kurtz
11:30 AM †Mark Albritton

Readings for the Week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Observances of the Week of July 18, 2021

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:
Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene
Friday: St. Bridget, Religious
Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhlef, Priest; BVM
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock
from all the lands to which I have driven them
and bring them back to their meadow;
there they shall increase and multiply. (Jer 23:3)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

In Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have become near by the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)

Gospel:

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved with pity for them,
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;
and he began to teach them many things. (Mk 6:34)

Contact Information

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Closed for Lunch: 12:00-1:00

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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

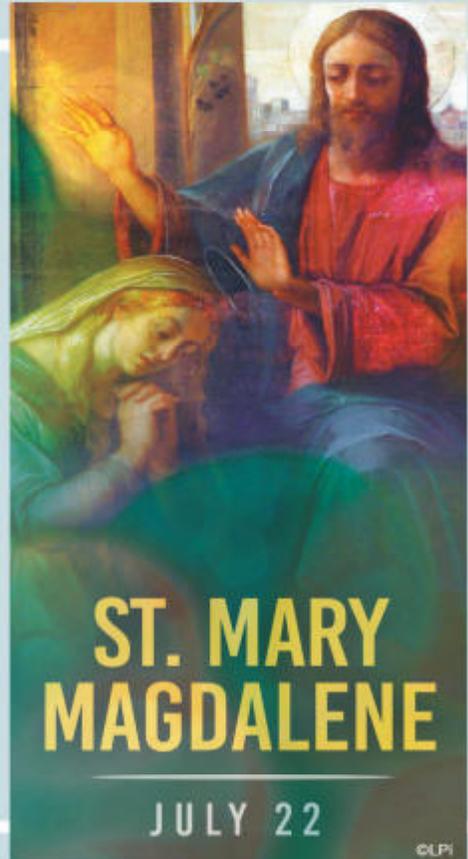
GOSPEL MEDITATION

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of God's negative reaction to "the shepherds" (false rulers) who neglected and mislead his "sheep" (the people of Israel and Judah). What characteristics make for an ideal leader?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Ephesians that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus established unity and peace for all believers. When have you experienced harmony in your faith community?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?



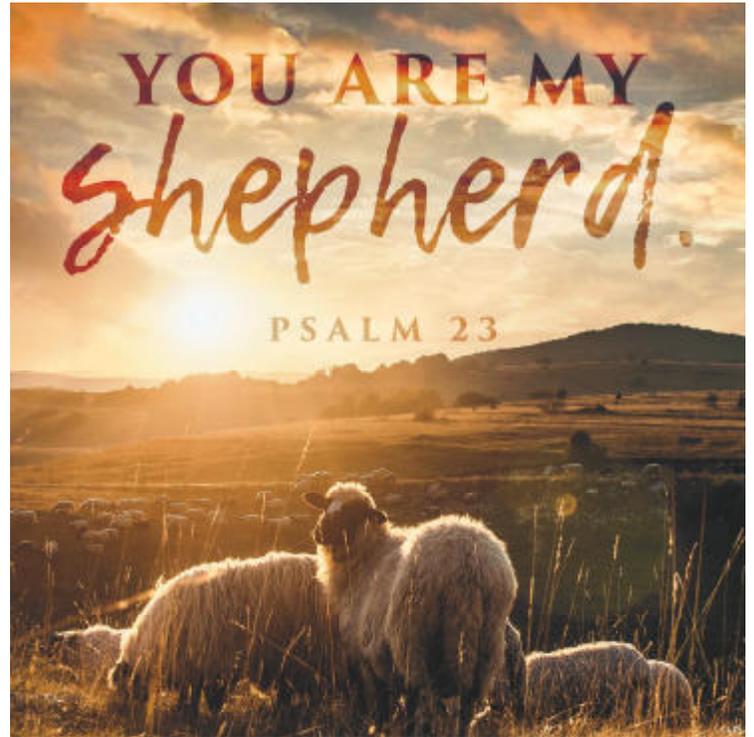
WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?

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



16TH 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@divinemercychurch.org

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.



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Assessment: \$223,707

Pledged to Date: \$192,577

Envelopes: 428

Percentage to our goal: 86%

Remaining balance: \$31,130

As of: 7/12/21



Fr. Romil's birthday is Wednesday, July 28th. Please feel free to send him your well wishes and keep him in your prayers as he celebrates the blessing of another year.



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

Margaret Hilmer
2/22/29—7/1/21

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In the Gospel today, Jesus tell his disciples to “come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile”. We all need that time by ourselves to reflect on our lives and our faith. Some of us will be able to take a vacation and rest awhile. For our neighbors in need, there is no vacation. It is often a day to day struggle just to meet their daily needs. Your generosity to the food chest and poor box makes it possible for us to help them.

Thank you.

Next weekend is our Quarterly Fund Drive.

Food Requests: Pasta, Tomato Sauce, & Baked Beans

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

Laughter is Good for the Soul....

The Kindergartener

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: “I'm drawing God!”

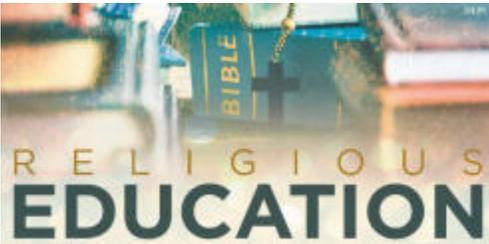
“But sweetie,” the teacher replied, “no one actually knows what God looks like.”

Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, “well, they certainly will in a minute!”

No Pushing

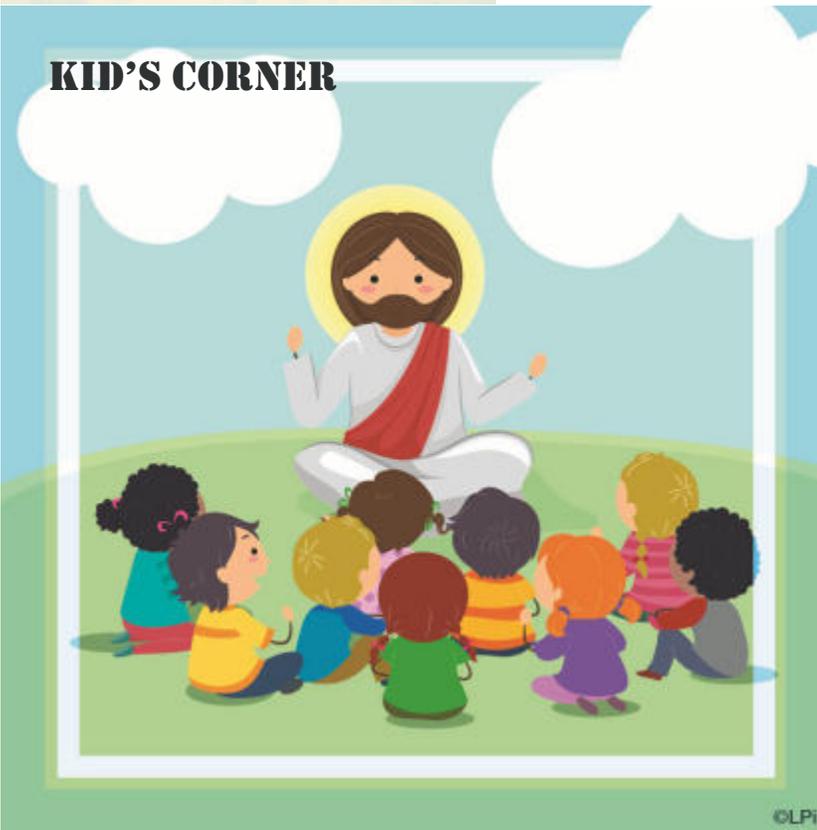
A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran, she prayed, “Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!” As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran, she once again began to pray, “Dear Lord, please don't let me be late ... But please don't shove me either!”

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

KID'S CORNER



Sharing the Gospel

Have you ever just wanted to be alone for a while? Jesus and his disciples knew what that felt like. They wanted to be alone to talk and rest, but crowds of people were surrounding them. Even when Jesus and his disciples tried to slip away unnoticed, people followed them anyway. They arrived only to find more crowds of people. This was certainly not the quiet time they had planned on. Being patient and kind, Jesus gave up what he wanted, and he began to teach the crowds.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that Jesus gave up what he wanted, just so he could help other people. Help me to follow his example. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Jesus surrounded by large crowds of people.

Mission for the Week

Spend some alone time with Jesus tonight. If you get interrupted because someone else needs help, that's okay. Go help, and then come back to your alone time with Jesus again.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

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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