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JULY 25, 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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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 26th

8:30 AM †Milton Villanueva

Tuesday, July 27th

8:30 AM †Jim & Gloria Harpel

Wednesday, July 28th

8:30 AM (SI) Joanne (healing)

Thursday, July 29th

8:30 AM †Angelo Russo

Friday, July 30th

8:30 AM †Marlene

Saturday, July 31st

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

4:30 PM †Pat Patskoski

†Susan Price Spalding

Sunday, August 1st

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Cecile Vordermark

†Bea Kappes

9:30 AM †Aurelio Cruz

†John W. Kurtz

11:30 AM †Robert (Pat) Patskoski

†Zaida Worthley

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intention please contact
the Parish Office.***

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Readings for the Week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Observances of the Week of July 25, 2021

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Martha
Friday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

"For thus says the LORD,

'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" (2 Kgs 4:43)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

One body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

Gospel:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed them to those who were reclining,
and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)



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

St. Oscar Romero said, “We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.”

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord’s grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life’s adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God’s creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!
Bread and wine transform into Christ’s Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.



REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Elisha was able to feed a crowd of a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves and some fresh grain. Why do you think God empowered Elisha to perform this feeding miracle?

SECOND READING

Paul taught the Ephesians that as believers we are called to live by the moral imperatives of humility, gentleness, patience, love, and peace. Which of these virtues do you think you do well?

GOSPEL READING

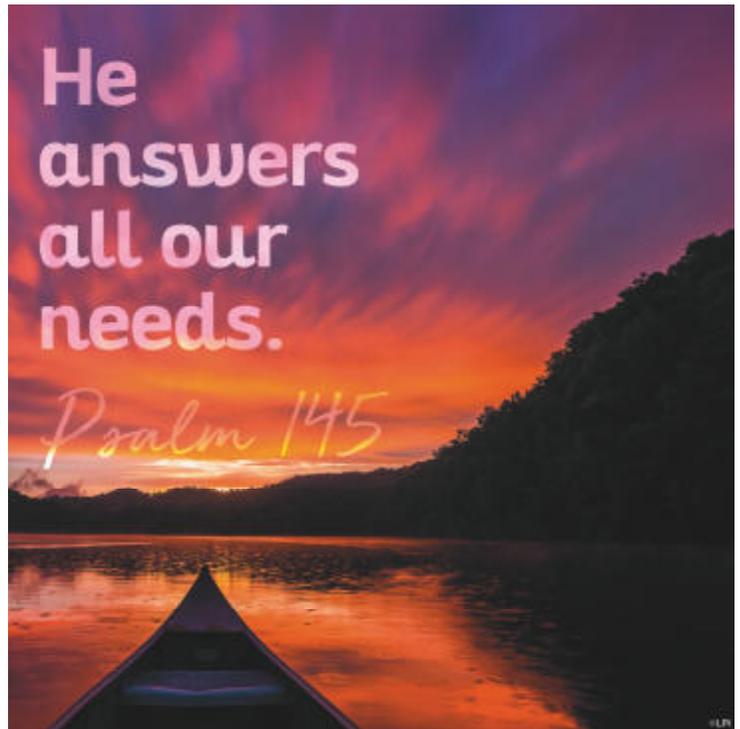
The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as “the Prophet who is to come into world” after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus?

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!

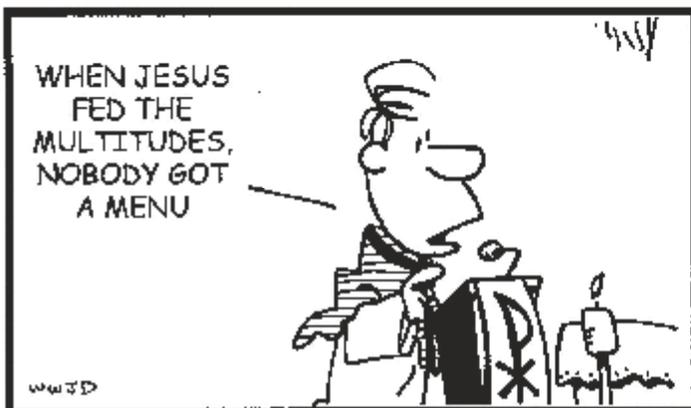


PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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



17TH 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

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

WE DID IT!!!! We were able to reach 100% of our goal to purchase the new Live Streaming equipment. We are so very grateful and extremely blessed with

such generous parishioners. We are hoping to have everything installed and ready by the end of August. Thank you!



Congratulations to Joseph Frey, one of the newest seminarians of the Diocese of Orlando!

Joseph has been a parishioner of Divine Mercy since 2014 along with his parents, Duane and Patrizia, as well as his brother Tommy. His formation begins in August at St. John Vianney Minor Seminary, which is located in Miami, Florida. Please pray for Joseph during his time of transition!



Altar flowers this weekend are in celebration of:

**Jerry & Robin Lake's
40th Wedding Anniversary**

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This weekend is our Quarterly Fund Drive and you may be thinking "didn't they just have a fund drive"? We have one every quarter of the year to maintain our ability to help those in need.

The need never goes away. There are many reasons that neighbors need help, too numerous to list here. Your weekly donations as well as gifts during the Quarterly Fund Drive make it possible for us to provide the assistance needed. We appreciate your donations as do the people we assist.

Thank you!

Food Requests: Granola Bars, Canned Fruit, Juice

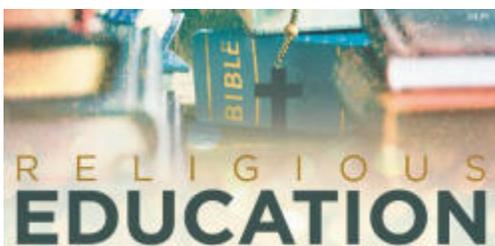
Reminder: When donating food items, please check expiration dates and be sure food is current.

ORIENTATION FOR THE AUDIRE PROGRAM

Scheduled for Saturday, August 14th from 9:00 AM—12:30 PM via Zoom. Audire is a 3 year formation program that trains people for the ministry of Spiritual Direction and provides listening and companioning skills which are beneficial to many ministries. Attendance only indicates an interest and is not a commitment for entrance to the program. Orientation is required prior to applying for the new term which will begin in September.

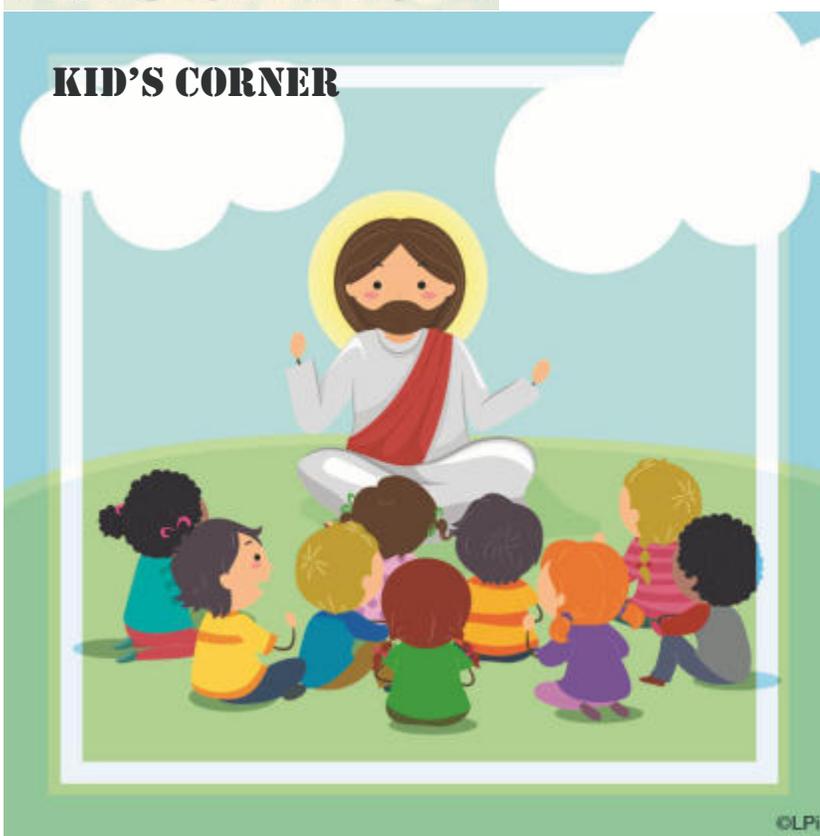
Registration can be done at www.audirespiritualdirection.org or by contacting Diane Francisco at 321-254-1876 or DRFran09@aol.com

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

Jesus seemed to be surrounded by crowds a lot, didn't he? That's because no matter where he went, he helped people, he healed them, and he taught them about God. In today's Gospel reading, one crowd was following Jesus all day, and now they were getting hungry for dinner. Instead of sending them back home, Jesus showed everybody's God's amazing power. Jesus took a boy's lunch and made more than enough food for everybody to eat.

Prayer

Dear God, help me always to remember that you have the power to give us more than we need. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of two fish and five loaves of bread.

Mission for the Week

The boy in today's Gospel shared his lunch. You can share food, too. Bring boxed and canned food to a food pantry in your neighborhood, and ask God to bless the people who eat it.

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