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AUGUST 1, 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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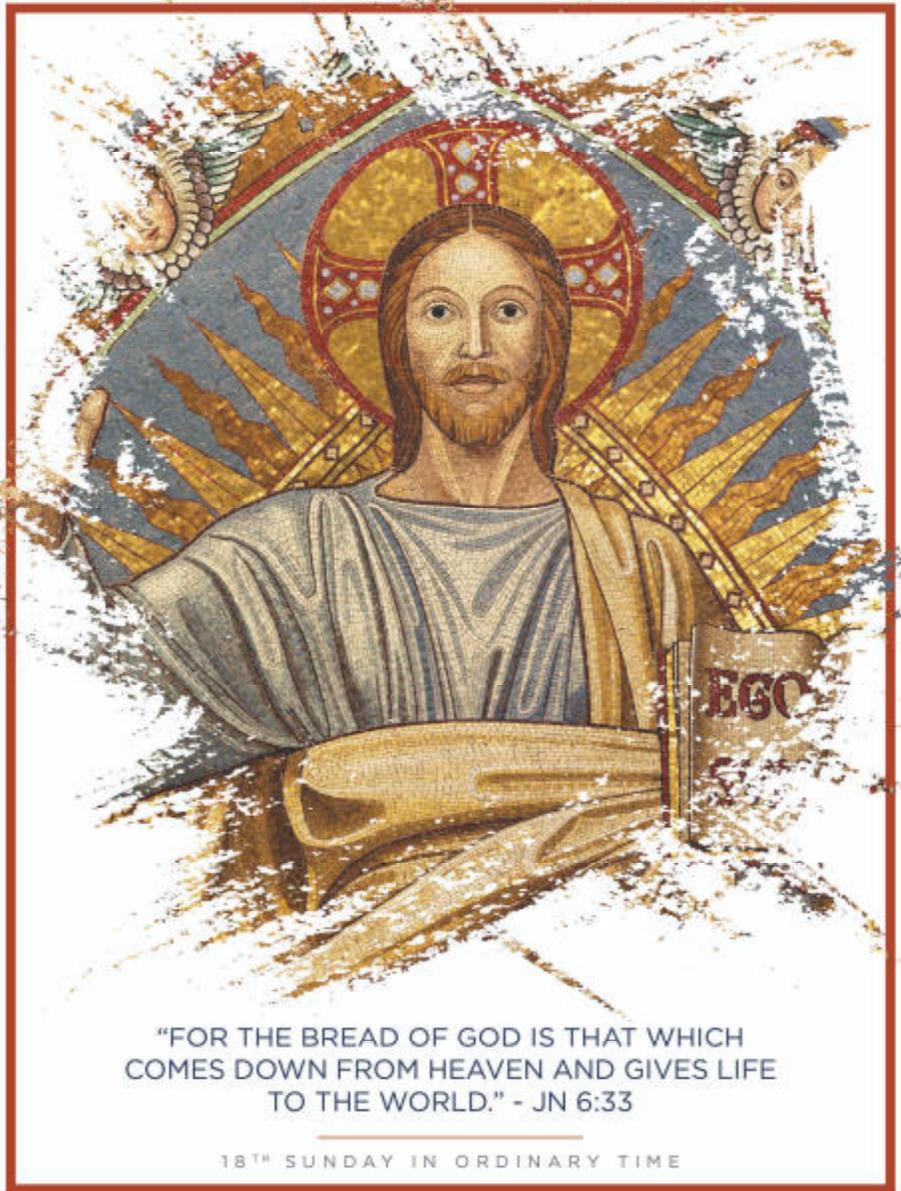
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"FOR THE BREAD OF GOD IS THAT WHICH COMES DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND GIVES LIFE TO THE WORLD." - JN 6:33

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, August 2nd

8:30 AM †Margaret Keleher

Tuesday, August 3rd

8:30 AM †Scott Manley
(SI)Edgar A. "Gar"
Zimmermann, Jr.
(Happy Birthday)

Wednesday, August 4th

8:30 AM †Donna Gasecki

Thursday, August 5th

8:30 AM (SI) Joanne (healing)

Friday, August 6th

8:30 AM †Jimmy Sciarelli

Saturday, August 7th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM †Richard Kraus

4:30 PM †Helen Buehler
†George Shea
†Reynaldo Santos

Sunday, August 8th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †John Canavan

9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz

11:30 AM †Harriet Carpenter
†Robert Sanko
†Thomas, Marion, &
Barbara Wheaton

Readings for the Week of August 1, 2021

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

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23
[4a]/ Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday: Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Observances of the Week of August 1, 2021

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest;
BVM

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.

Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion;

thus I will test them,

to see whether they follow my instructions or not." (Ex 16:4)

Psalm:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

Second Reading:

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds,

and put on the new self,

created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. (Eph 4:23-24)

Gospel:

"I am the bread of life;

whoever comes to me will never hunger,

and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

Contact Information

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(321) 452-5955

Hours: M-Th: 9:00-4:00

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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

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their "grumbling" by sending bread from heaven. When you have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

SECOND READING

Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should "put away" the bad parts of "your former way of life." How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today the introduction of Jesus' extended "bread of life" discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate "manna" (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: "I am the bread of life." How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you?

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.

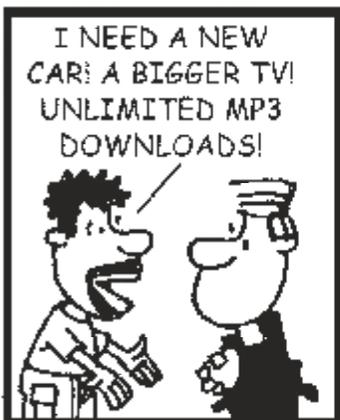


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Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



18TH 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



There will be Adoration this Friday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the church.

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a special intention please contact the Parish Office.



Altar flowers this weekend are in loving memory of:

Robert (Pat) Patskoski
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~~~~~PILGRIMAGE~~~~~

Pilgrimage to Shrines of the Alps

June 20-29, 2022

All are invited to join the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community on a 10-Day pilgrimage to Switzerland! Join faithful Friar Peter Corden, Brother Knights, and guests as we travel from Orlando to Switzerland! Visit Zurich, St. Gallen, Lucerne, Interlaken, Zermatt, Lausanne, Annecy & Geneva. Highlights include Abbey of St. Gall, Black Madonna at Einsiedeln Abbey, Lake Lucerne boat trip, Matterhorn, Lindt Chocolate Factory, Alpine train ride, Abbey of Saint-Maurice & Basilica of the Visitation. For more information contact Lynn Mallak at LMallak51@gmail.com or 321-536-5943

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Thank you to all who supported our Quarterly Fund Drive last weekend. We can not help those in our community without your generous support.

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

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

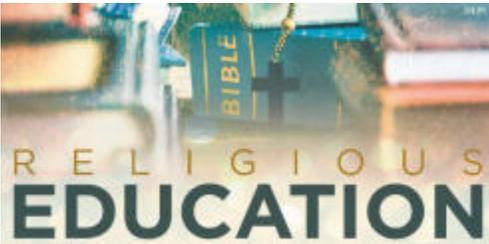


COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE RESUMING THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 15TH! LOOKING FORWARD TO ONCE AGAIN GATHERING IN FELLOWSHIP!

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. Orientation is designed to provide information and answer questions about the program for those who might be interested. Attendance only indicates an interest and is not a commitment for entry 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 More information is also available on the website. Confirmation of registration will be emailed upon receipt of registration followed by a Zoom link.

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

Just one day earlier, Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today's Gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn't understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven you will never be hungry or thirsty again.

Prayer

God, fill me up with love for Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw Jesus holding your hand in heaven, next to a pretty river.

Mission for the Week

If you believe in Jesus, you can look forward to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!

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