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AUGUST 8, 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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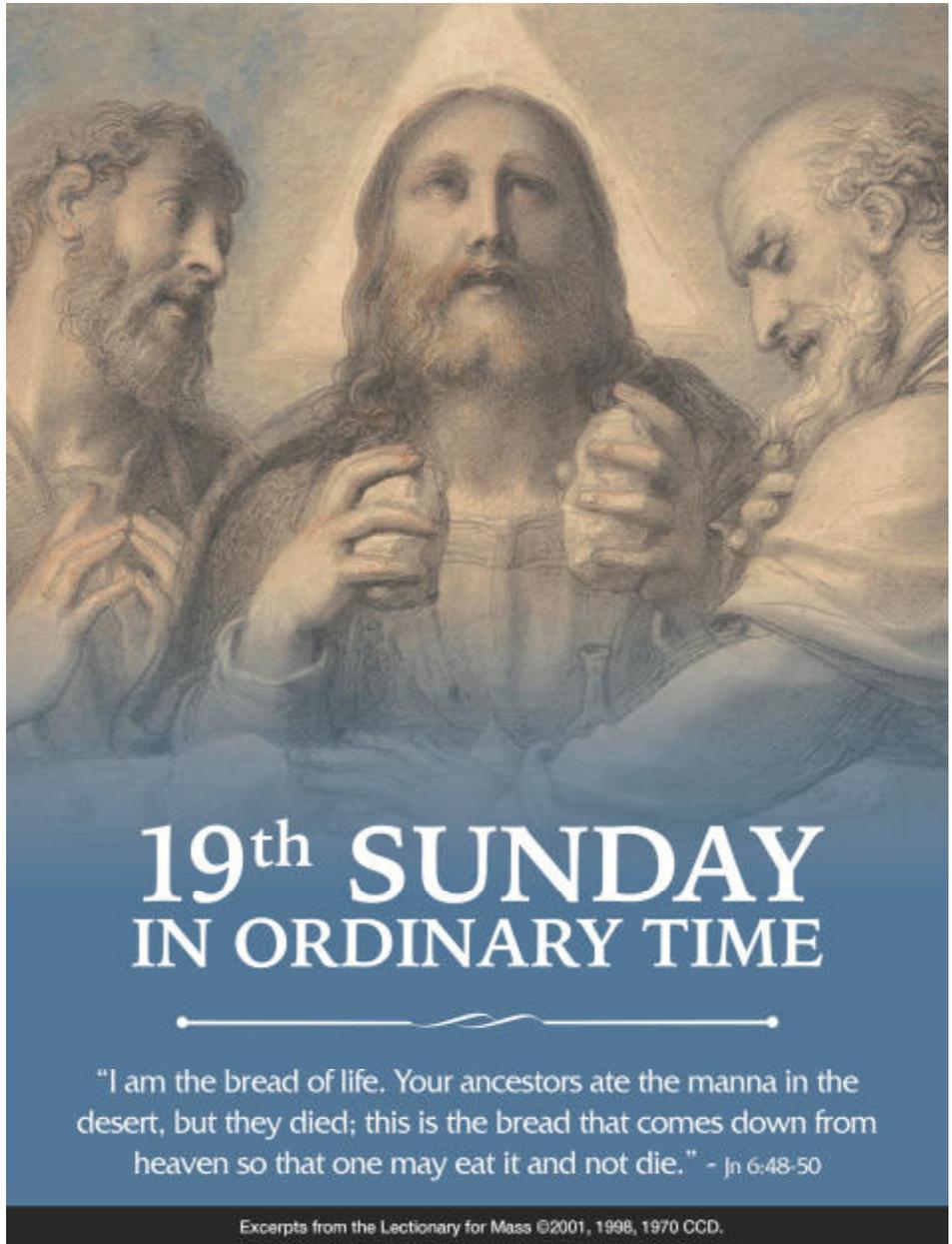
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**19th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

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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 9th

8:30 AM (SI) Marianne

Tuesday, August 10th

8:30 AM (SI) Joanne (healing)

Wednesday, August 11th

8:30 AM †Connie Infusino

Thursday, August 12th

8:30 AM †John Frentzel
(SI) Josh

Friday, August 13th

8:30 AM (SI) Bill & Barb Kernan

Saturday, August 14th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM †Laura Miller
(SI) Walter Miller

4:30 PM †Betty Flynn
†Steve Kelley
†Nelly Santos

Sunday, August 15th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Bea Kappes

9:30 AM †Nancy Givans
†Bill Harrington

11:30 AM †Robert (Pat) Patskoski

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intention please contact
the Parish Office.***

Contact Information

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Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021

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
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Observances of the Week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Wednesday: St. Clare, Virgin
Thursday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Friday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Next Sunday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

He got up, ate, and drank;
then strengthened by that food,
he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.
(1 Kgs 19:8)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)

Gospel:

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him,
and I will raise him on the last day.” (Jn 6:44)



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: Darlene Seberry,
Christine Dennison, Brad Gittings, Dorothy Scherff, Diana Walker, Nick Scherr, John
Roblin, Richard Beebe, Barbara & Joe Brown, and Norm Hausknecht.

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Elijah was exhausted and literally prayed for death. The Lord answered his prayer by sending Elijah food and drink for strength. How do you encourage others in your life who are spiritually drained?

SECOND READING

Paul held Christian communities to very high standards of conduct. How well do you think your faith community holds to these standards today?

GOSPEL READING

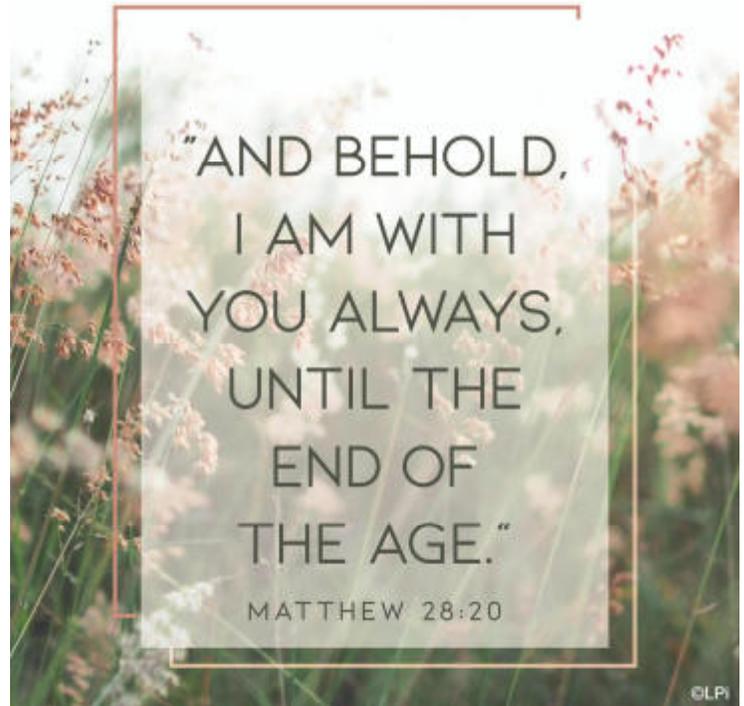
We hear today John's account of Jesus' rejection by his own people. The Jews struggled to think of Jesus as "the living bread that came down from heaven." What are some of Jesus' words that challenge you or cause you to struggle?

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.

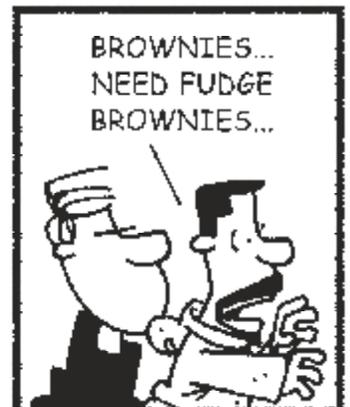


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Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee and Donuts

Coffee and Donuts will be resuming the weekend of August 15th. This is a wonderful ministry that allows for fellowship and growth of our church community. We are in need of volunteers. If you would be willing to give of your time to be a part of this ministry we can really use your help. Please contact Robin Lake in the Parish Office.

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



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Assessment: \$223,707

Pledged to Date: \$194, 077

Envelopes: 430

Percentage to our goal: 87%

Remaining balance: \$29,630

As of: 8/2/21



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

Edward Bell
2/9/44—7/16/21

Let us remember our deceased Diocesan Priests whose anniversary of their passing is during this month of August.

August 8, 2008 – Rev. Sean Shine

August 26, 1993 – Rev. Bronis Benesevich

August 28, 2013 - Rev. Michael Hannon



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The Bloodmobile will be here:
Sunday, August 15th
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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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. Registration can be done at www.audirespiritualdirection.org or by contacting Diane Francisco at 321-254-1876 or DRFran09@aol.com. Confirmation of registration will be emailed upon receipt of registration followed by a Zoom link.

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Those who receive this assistance are very grateful. Thank you for helping your neighbor in need.

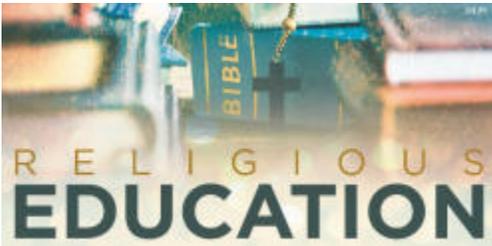
Food Requests: Meat, Fish, 1 lb Bag of Rice

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



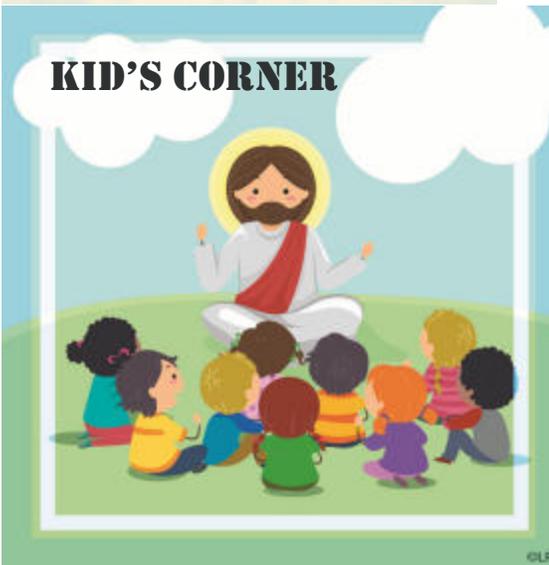
Beginning the weekend of Aug 14/15 we will be praying the rosary before all Masses. If you or your family would like to volunteer to lead the rosary, please contact the parish office.

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

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus compared himself to manna. A long time ago God's people ate manna in the desert, because there was no other food to eat. By sending manna falling from the sky every morning, God taught his people to trust him. Manna tasted good, and it kept them healthy. God took care of them and gave them all they needed. Then, hundreds of years later, God sent Jesus down from heaven, so people could have everlasting life with him.

Prayer

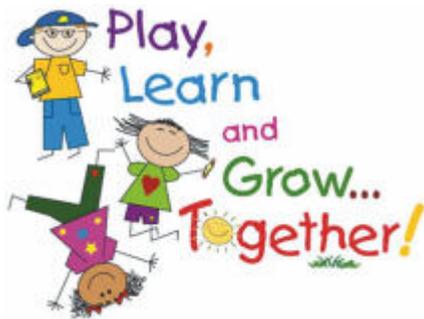
Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus down from heaven so that we can look forward to living with you forever in heaven. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of manna falling out of the sky.

Mission for the Week

The Hebrews often baked manna into little cakes. Ask your parents if you can make pancakes this weekend, and talk about how Jesus is like manna.



Religious Education Classes for grades Kindergarten through 6th grade will begin Wednesday, September 8 from 6 - 7:15 PM. Parents are asked to stay for the entire time and everyone will meet in the church.

Religious Education for 7th and 8th graders is called **Edge** and those sessions also meet on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7:15PM beginning September 8.

LifeTeen is the Program for 9th through 12th grade students and they meet every Sunday evening from 6 - 8PM beginning September 12.

First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in second grade. Confirmation is celebrated in eighth grade. Attendance in the religious education program is required to receive the sacraments.

Registration packets for all grades can be picked up in the Narthex after all Masses. Registration is also available on the parish website: www.divinemerchchurch.org.

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