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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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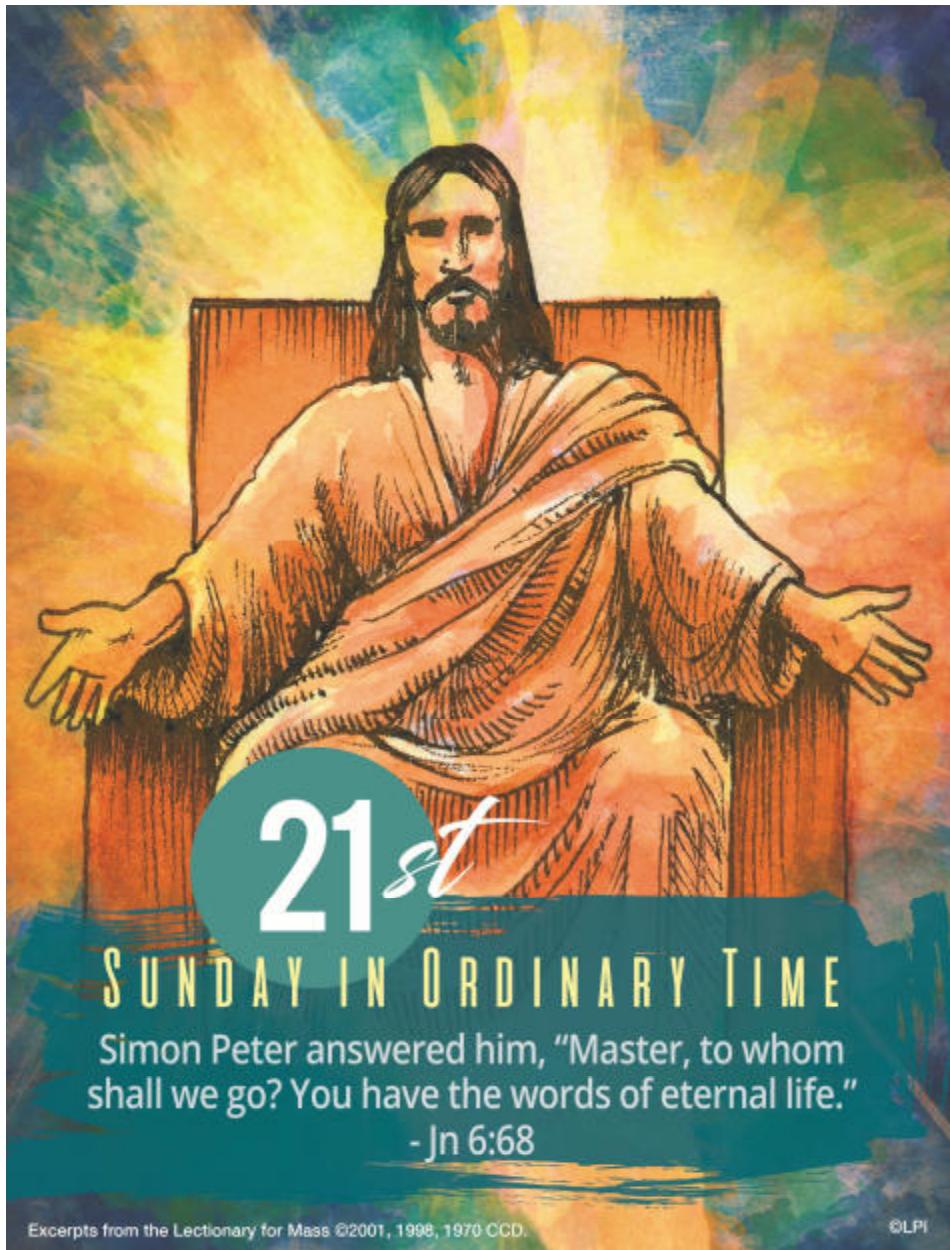
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AUGUST 22, 2021



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 23rd

8:30 AM (SI) Richard Beebe
(healing)

Tuesday, August 24th

8:30 AM (SI) Margaret Crockett
(healing)

Wednesday, August 25th

8:30 AM †Edward Fahey
(SI) Michael Artusa
(healing)

Thursday, August 26th

8:30 AM †Rev. Bromis Benesevich
†Joseph Giovanelli

Friday, August 27th

8:30 AM (SI) Sandy Mozart
(healing)

Saturday, August 28th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM (SI) Tom Tombler
(healing)
4:30 PM †Rev. Michael J. Hannon
†Geri Reynolds
(SI) Gar & Sally
Zimmermann (healing)

Sunday, August 29th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM † Jim Beardall
(SI) Tony Pino (healing)
9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz
†Dennis Buckley
†John Canavan
11:30 AM †Ruthie Everett
(SI) Michael Artusa
(healing)

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

Readings for the Week of August 22, 2021

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Observances of the Week of August 22, 2021

Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Tuesday:	St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Wednesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. Monica
Saturday:	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

Gospel:

Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go?"

You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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

Contact Information

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F: 9:00 - 12:00

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WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

SECOND READING

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

GOSPEL READING

Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

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TASTE AND SEE

God's goodness.

Psalm 34



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



21ST 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

Rosary Before Masses

We will now be praying the rosary in the church before all Masses. If this is something that you think you would like to volunteer to lead before one of the weekend Masses please contact the parish office. This is a great opportunity to spend some reflective time before we begin the celebration of Mass.

Altar flowers this weekend are in celebration of:

**Gar & Sally Zimmermann's
50th Wedding Anniversary**



Our 8:30 Mass on Saturday, September 11 will be a special Mass to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Attack on our Nation and to pray for the victims of 9/11.



Please join us to pray for our nation on this day of solemn remembrance.

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Children are or soon will be back in school – food is important for their bodies and brains to work. Your donations to the food chest and poor box make it possible for families in need to send their children off with a healthy breakfast and come home to a nutritious evening meal. They are our future and helping them grow and learn helps everyone. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Food Requests: Granola Bars, Canned Fruit, Juice

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



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Assessment: \$223,707

Pledged to Date: \$198,547

Envelopes: 443

Percentage to our goal: 89%

Remaining balance: \$25,160

As of: 8/16/2021

Pilgrimage to the Shrines of the Alps



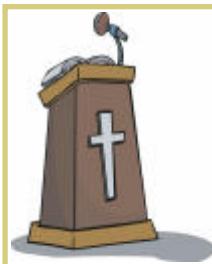
June 20-29, 2022

Join Father Peter Cordeno, Holy Name of Jesus Parish Parochial Vicar, on a 10-day pilgrimage from Orlando to Switzerland. Visit Zurich, St. Gallen, Lucerne, Interlaken, Zermatt, Lausanne, Annecy, & Geneva.

Highlights include Abbey of St. Gall, Church of St. Frances de Sales, Black Madonna at Einsiedeln Abbey, Lake Lucerne boat trip, Matterhorn, Mt. Pilatus, Alpine cogwheel train ride, Abbey of Saint-Maurice, & Basilica of the Visitation.

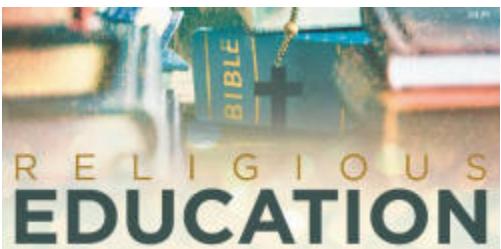
An information meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room, HNJ Life Center, 3060 Hwy A1A, Indialantic, 321-773-1630. You may also join the meeting via Zoom.

For more information contact:
Julie Mallak, Mallak@cfl.rr.com or 321-725-4374.



Do you feel called to proclaim the word of God at Mass? Comfortable speaking publicly? We need you! Lectors are needed for our 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses. If interested contact Carol Ponder in the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY



KID'S CORNER



(321) 452-5955 or maryfrances@divinemercychurch.org

Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus compared himself to manna, and said that he was sent from heaven, many of his followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.

Prayer

Dear God, give me the faith to trust Jesus always. Amen.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself next to Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.



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.divinemercychurch.org.

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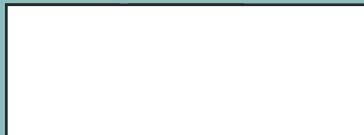
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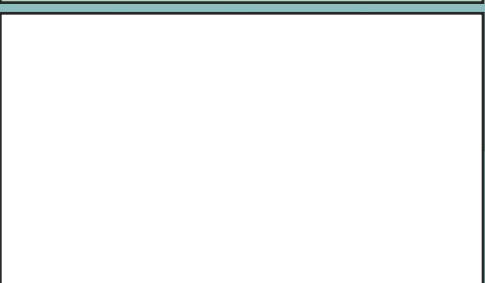
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