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AUGUST 29, 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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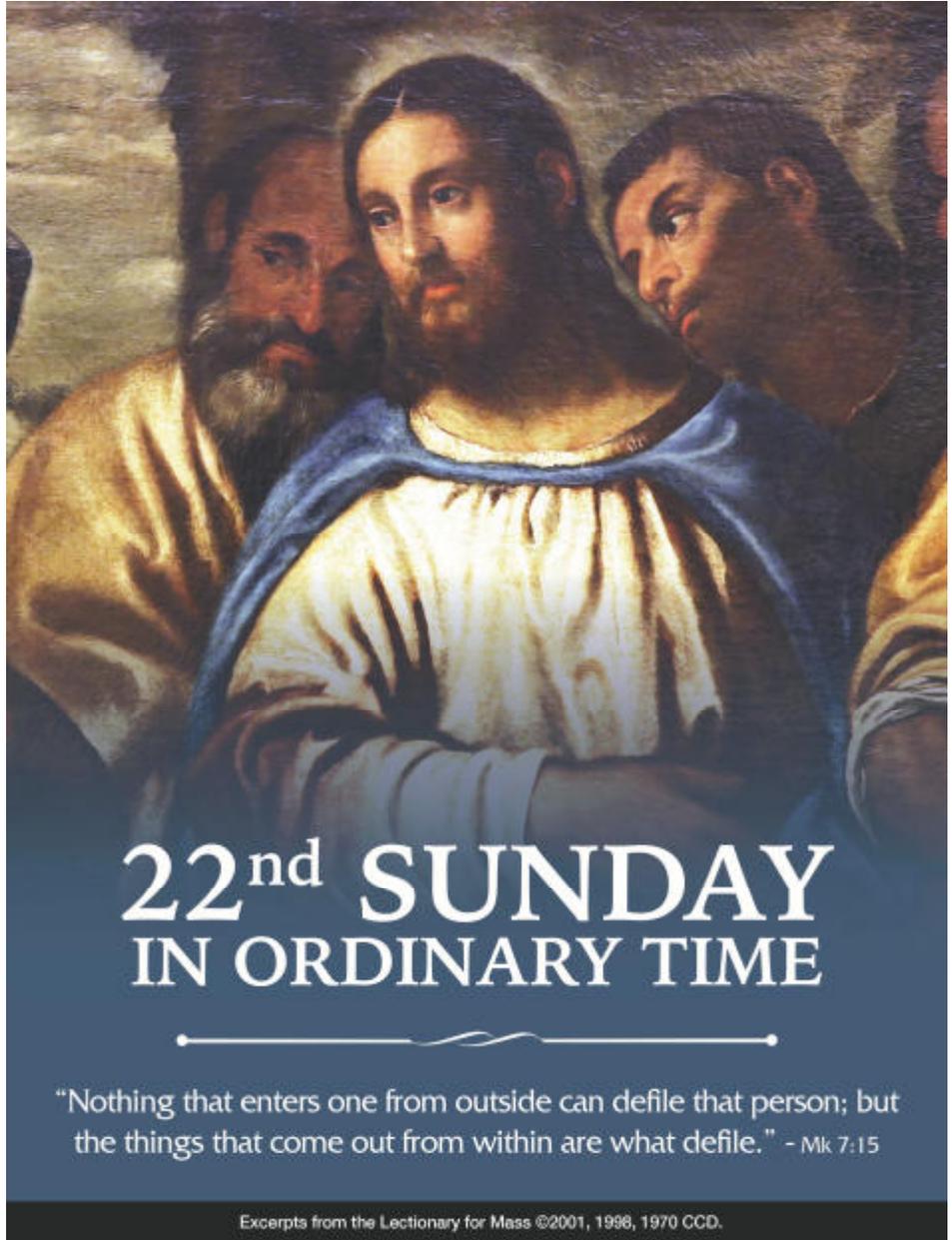
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**22nd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

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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 30th

8:30 AM †Robert Manahan
†Sybil Pino

Tuesday, August 31st

8:30 AM †Doug & Bonnie
Deweke

Wednesday, September 1st

8:30 AM †Marjorie Rock

Thursday, September 2nd

8:30 AM †Richard Williams
†Elizabeth Wisniewski

Friday, September 3rd

8:30 AM †David Taupier

Saturday, September 4th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM †Ronald and Duane
Pritts

4:30 PM †Suder & Jones
Families
†George Shea

Sunday, September 5th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Ruthie Everett

9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz
†Mary & Al DiGiacomo
†Phil Duncan

11:30 AM †William Saner
†Gloria, Christopher &
Jonathan Knipfing

Readings for the Week of August 29, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Observances of the Week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: BVM

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God,
which I enjoy upon you,
you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

Gospel:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

Contact Information

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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: Dorothy Scherff, Diana Walker, Nick Scherr, John Roblin, Richard Beebe, Barbara & Joe Brown, Norm Hausknecht, Tony Pino, Michael Artusa, Yahima Gonzalez Olivera, and Sarah Clemons.

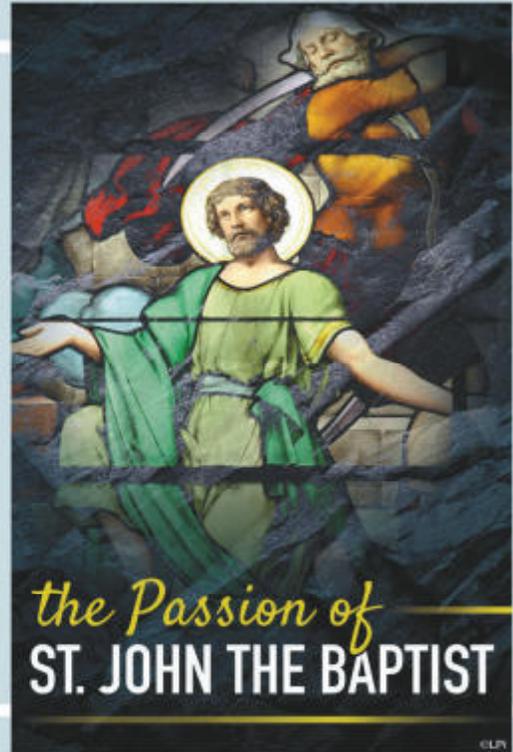
WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



REFLECT

FIRST READING

As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God’s commandments and statutes in order to become a “great nation.” Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?

SECOND READING

In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be “doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.” Why do you think this is wise advice?

GOSPEL READING

In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping “the tradition of the elders.” Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?

**HE MEETS US
WHERE WE ARE**



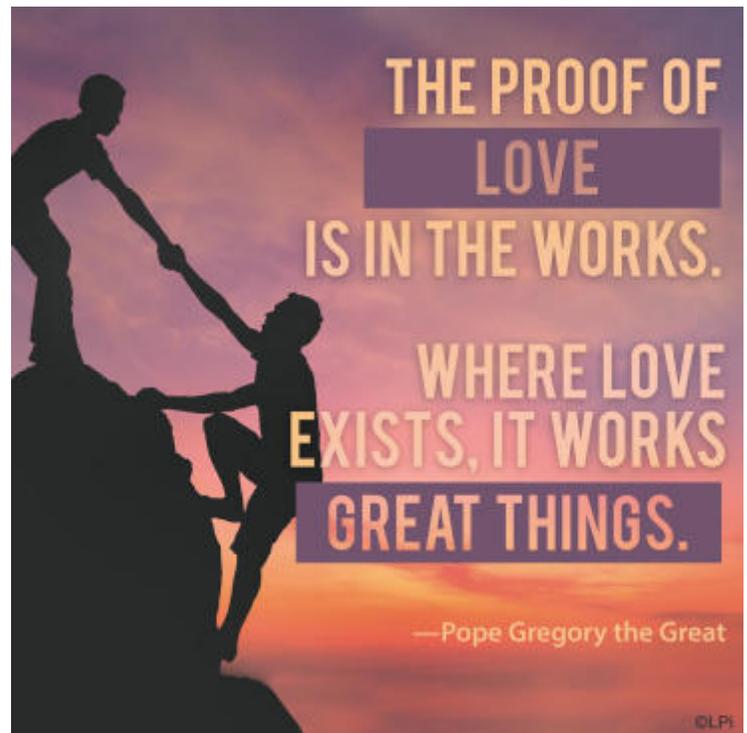
WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are “doing” everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.

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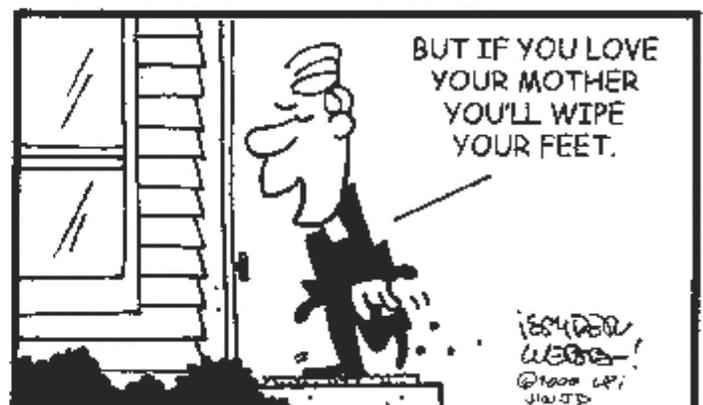


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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.



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

EWTN—NEW EPISODES

Tune in to brand new episodes of *The Catholic View for Women* on EWTN beginning Sunday, September 5. Each show airs at 11:30 p.m. ET Sundays and is rebroadcast at 5:30 a.m. ET on Mondays. Co-hosts include Catholic media personalities Janet Morana, executive director, Priests for Life,

EWTN Radio's Teresa Tomeo, host of *Catholic Connection* and Vanessa Denha Garmo, host of *Epiphany* on Ave Maria Radio. Topics for the new shows are on timely and important issues facing Catholic Women (and men) including, Raising A Child With Special Needs; Listening for God; Getting Healthy to Serve the Lord and much more. Find all topics and more information for each new episode on www.TheCatholicViewForWomen.com.



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

Armando Acosta
8/21/47—7/31/21

Thomas Malone
4/27/52—7/31/21

Jim Beardall
5/30/34—8/2/21

Jonathan Knipfing
4/27/84—8/5/21

Ruthie Everett
6/4/40—8/10/21

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Food Requests: Meat, Fish, & Peanut Butter

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



Altar flowers this weekend are in celebration of:

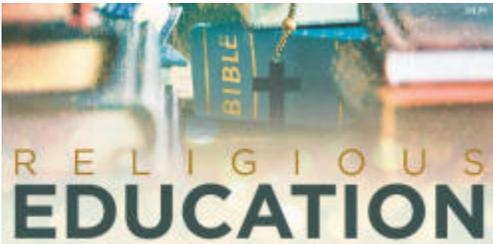
**Ted & Betty Chapa's
First Wedding Anniversary**

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.



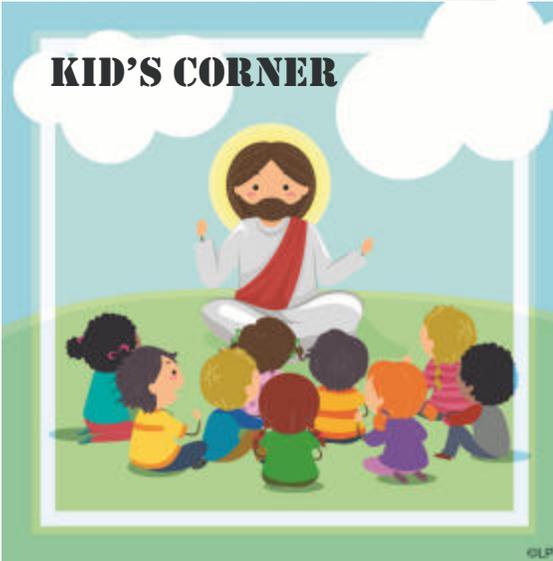
Please join us to pray for our nation on this day of solemn remembrance.

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

Wash your hands before you eat! Did you know that rule came from God, so that we would stay healthy? In today's Gospel, the Pharisees liked to wash their hands and follow God's rules, only because they liked to show off. Don't be like those Pharisees. When you follow God's rules, do the right thing out of love for God.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to keep my heart clean, full of love for you and other people.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself cleaning up the dishes after a meal.

Mission for the Week

The next time you wash your hands, thank God that he made rules to keep us all safe, healthy and happy.



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

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