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*SEPTEMBER 5, 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, September 6th*

8:30 AM †Kathleen Pino  
(SI) Catherine & John  
Aquino (healing)

### *Tuesday, September 7th*

8:30 AM †Jerry Purdy

### *Wednesday, September 8th*

8:30 AM †Nancy Givans

### *Thursday, September 9th*

8:30 AM (SI) St. Vincent DePaul  
Society

### *Friday, September 10th*

8:30 AM (SI) Missy Brown

### *Saturday, September 11th*

All living and deceased members of  
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM †Ruthie Everett

4:30 PM †Suder & Jones  
Families  
†Dick Moyer  
†Jim Beardall

### *Sunday, September 12th*

All living and deceased members of  
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Ruthie Everett

9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz  
†Angelo Menichino

11:30 AM †Anne Mraw  
†Victor Douglas

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offered for a special intention please  
contact the Parish Office.*

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## Readings for the Week of September 5, 2021

**Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
or 1:18-23  
**Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49  
**Next Sunday:** Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

## Observances of the Week of September 5, 2021

**Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Labor Day  
**Tuesday:**  
**Wednesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Thursday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest  
**Friday:**  
**Saturday:** BVM; Patriot Day  
**Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time' Grandparents' Day

## Readings for this Sunday

### First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,  
the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

### Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom  
that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

### Gospel:

"He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

## 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

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

### TAIZE PRAYER

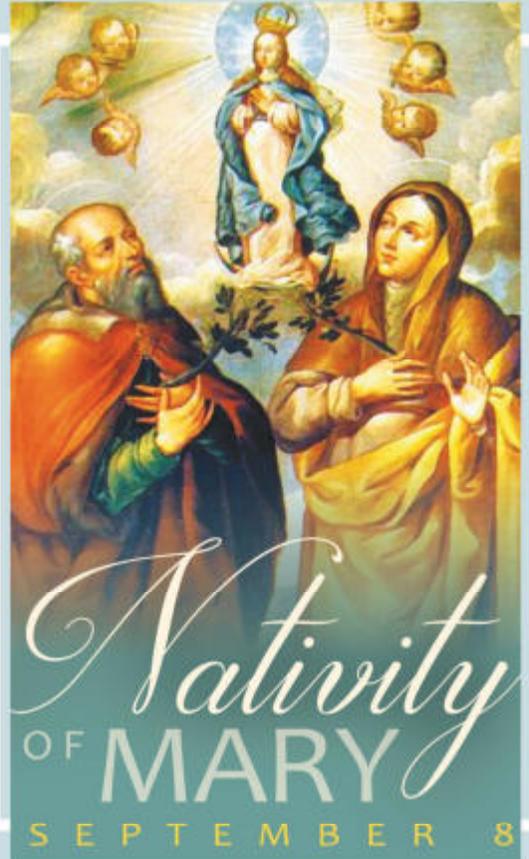
Taize Prayer is a simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Repetitive songs, prayerful silence, and short readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.

Please come and join us in experiencing this wonderful time of prayer on the evening of **Wednesday, September 29 at 6:15 p.m.**



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## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

The prophet Isaiah spoke of the importance of being strong of heart when it comes the ways of God. Why do you think this is such an important virtue?

### SECOND READING

James encouraged believers to view the rich and poor from God's perspective. Why do you think people struggle with this divine point of view?

### GOSPEL READING

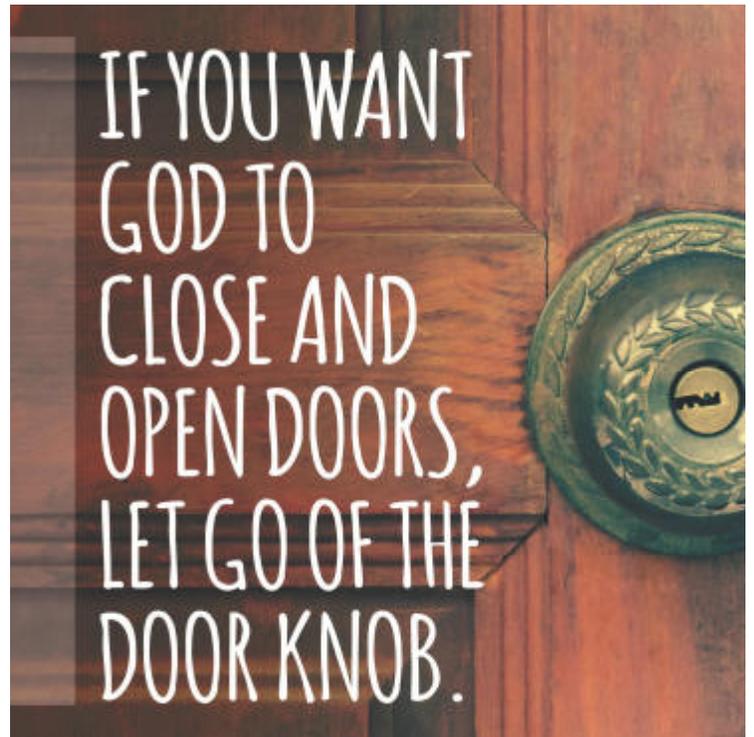
In today's reading, we hear how Jesus healed the deaf man with a speech impediment at the request of the “people” close to this man. Who do you know in your life who needs healing from Jesus?

## WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

### *Live the Liturgy*

#### Inspiration for the week

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.



#### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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



#### 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Children's Choir*

Attention all children who love to sing! You are invited to join the Divine Mercy Children's Choir! We will meet in the church every Wednesday to practice starting September 15th from 7:15-7:45 pm (following faith formation class) The choir is open to all children 2nd through 8th grade. Every child who enjoys singing is welcome. Auditions are not required. Information and registration forms can be found at the kiosk or online at the church website. There is no fee to join. The choir will sing at 11:30 Mass on the first Sunday of every month.



### OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

Assessment: \$223,707

Pledged to Date: \$199,647

Envelopes: 445

Percentage to our goal: 89%

Remaining balance: \$24,060

As of: 8/23/2021

## PET BLESSING

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Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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This week on September 9 we celebrate Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society Of Saint Vincent de Paul. In the Gospel today we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak". We are unable to perform those miracles but like Frederic we can use our ears to hear the cries of the poor, our eyes to seek and find the forgotten and our hearts to bring God's love to the poor in our community. Thank you for your donations to the poor box and food chest that make this possible.

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

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



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

**June McMillan**

7/30/1945—8/18/2021

**Margaret DeMasse**

12/22/1919—8/15/2021

**Norman Lowry**

11/16/1940—8/22/2021

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

September 14, 2017 – Msgr. Patrick Caverly

September 19, 2016 – Very Rev. John McCormick

September 23, 1986 – Rev. Louis Bamundo

September 27, 1995 – Rev. Charles Schneider

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

## KID'S CORNER



### Sharing the Gospel

Imagine what it would be like to be deaf-unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?

### Prayer

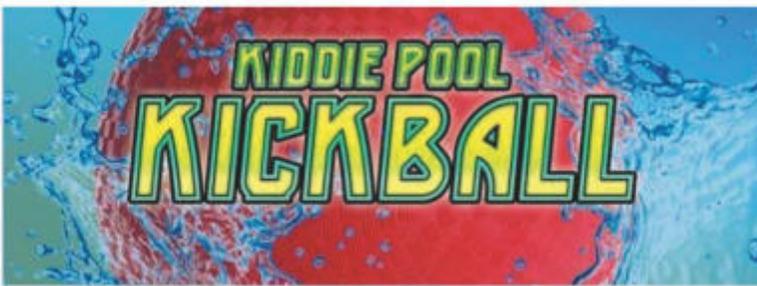
Dear God, you are so amazing. Thank you for healing the deaf man. Help me to use my ears and my voice to praise you.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of all the things you like to listen to.

### Mission for the Week

Go to the library and find out how to say "Jesus loves you" in sign language. On the way home, pretend you cannot hear or speak.



## Youth Ministry Kiddie Pool Kickball Kickoff

**September 12th from 6-8 pm**

We will have a fun game of kickball, some food and fellowship.

Please bring a towel and prepare to get wet.

All 9-12 graders are welcome to join us.

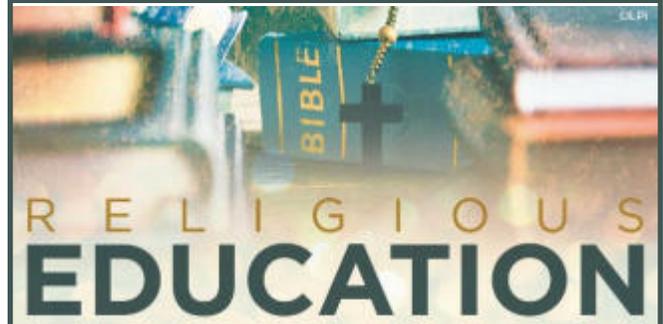
Parents, we are always looking for a few volunteers to help as well.

Please bring a friend, make sure you have a registration form on file for this year or bring it with you. Forms are on our Church website, under faith formation or at the information station in the Narthex.

Basic Kickball but bases are Kiddie Pools, and the paths are Slip N Slides -two fouls and you are out, ball must go past pitcher -

Each team gets 3 outs and the game will last for 5 innings -A kicker is out when the fielding team touches a "base"/ kiddie pool with a ball before the kicker arrives, or if he is hit with a thrown ball below the shoulders while running the bases -A kicked ball caught by a fielder before hitting the ground will also result in an out -

Everyone participating in the tournament MUST have a registration packet on file for 2021-2022



**Religious Education Classes** for grades Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will begin this 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is called **Edge** and those sessions also meet on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7:15PM beginning September 8.

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

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](http://www.divinemercychurch.org).

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