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SEPTEMBER 12, 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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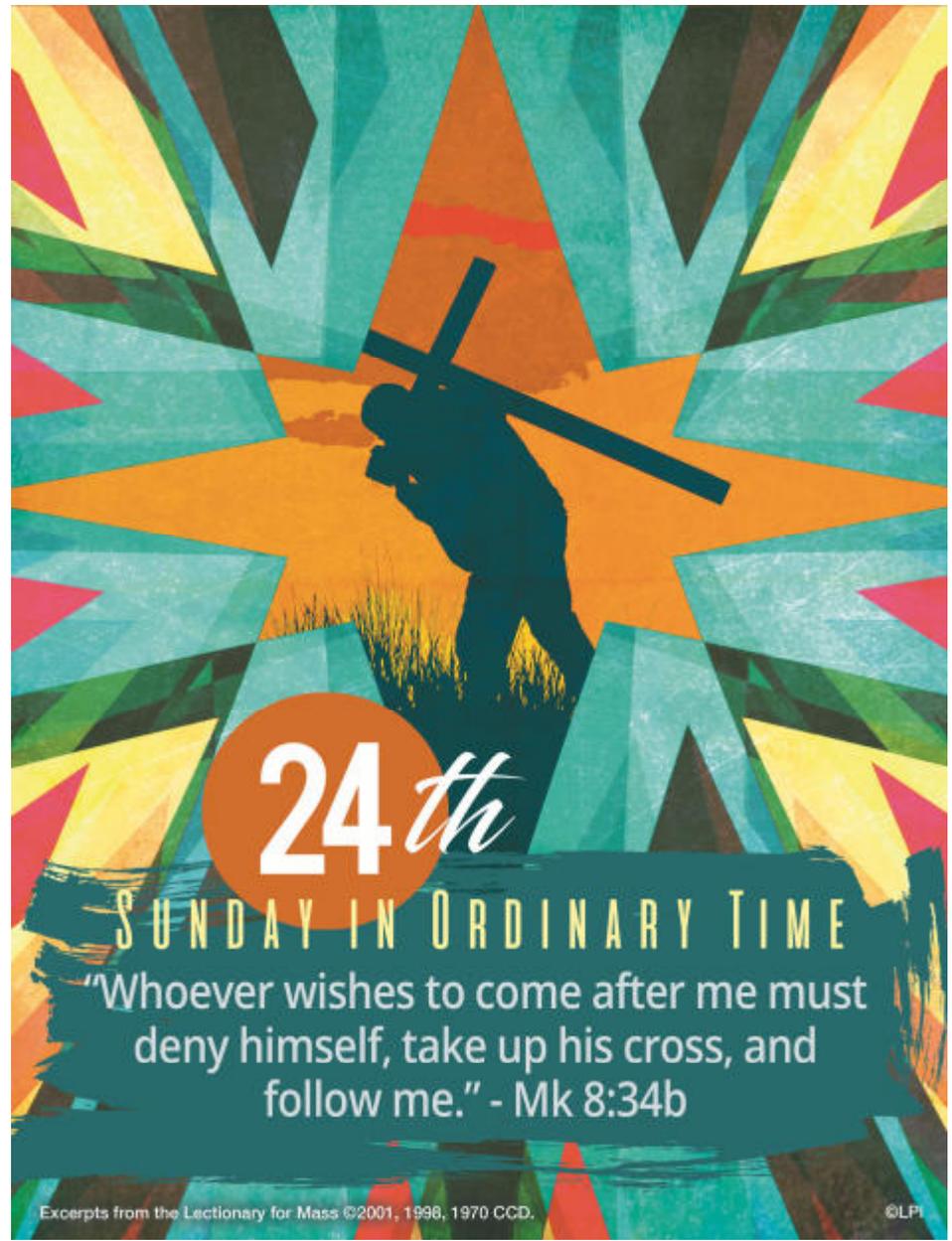
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Mission Statement
We, the community of Divine Mercy Parish, profess and proclaim Christ crucified, risen and alive in His Church. We invite all to a life of discipleship through worship, ongoing formation, merciful witness, and service which actively 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 13th

8:30 AM †Ruthie Everett
†Charles Edmunds
†Carol Straley

Tuesday, September 14th

8:30 AM †Ann Robertson
†Msgr. Patrick Caverly

Wednesday, September 15th

8:30 AM (SI) Betty Gaulin

Thursday, September 16th

8:30 AM †Mary Canter

Friday, September 17th

8:30 AM †Dr. Abelardo Lacano
†John Koplín

Saturday, September 18th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM †Jenny Reitz
4:30 PM †Jim Galluzzi
†Suder & Jones
Families
†Mickey Phaneuf

Sunday, September 12th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Ed Rossi
†Rev. John McCormick
9:30 AM †John W. Kurtz
†Bea Kappes
11:30 AM †Ruthie Everett
†Mildred Canning

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Observances of the Week of September 12, 2021

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

Gospel:

And he asked them,
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)

Contact Information

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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: 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.

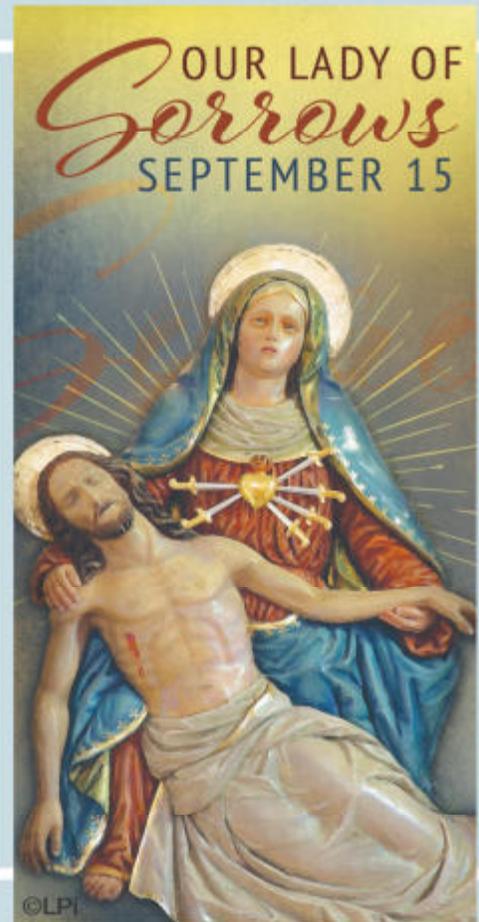
WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

GOSPEL MEDITATION

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Despite his suffering, the prophet Isaiah insisted "the Lord God is my help." In what way do you need the Lord's help today?

SECOND READING

James sees faith alone as insufficient for Christians. He even asserts: "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." Could you do the same?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?



WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary.

Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come.

God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.



Taizé 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.**

When We Sing, We Pray Twice

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.

All children who love to sing are invited to join the Divine Mercy Children's Choir! Starting September 15th we will meet in the church every Wednesday to practice from 7:15—7:45 p.m. (following Faith Formation class)



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Contact MCC Admissions for more information, admissions@melbournecc.org or 321.727.0793 X108.



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Assessment: \$223,707

Pledged to Date: \$204,366

Envelopes: 450

Percentage to our goal: 91%

Remaining balance: \$19,341

As of: 9/3/2021

PET BLESSING

All creatures great and small are welcome

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

In the Courtyard

Social Distancing will be in place.

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9-12 graders will have youth group immediately following the blessing in the new youth room. All are welcome to check out our new room before you leave

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Taking up your cross and following Jesus is the focus of today's Gospel. Some of our crosses are heavier than others. The cross of poverty is very heavy for those experiencing it, wondering where the next meal will come from, how to pay the rent, utilities or medicine. Those who help others carry their cross will be rewarded. Your continued generosity to the poor box and food chest is helping carry the cross for those in need. Thank you.

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

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

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.

For more information contact:

Julie Mallak, Mallak@cfl.rr.com or 321-725-4374.



Altar flowers this weekend are in loving memory of:

Peter Fredericks

*With Love,
His Girls*

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

Henry Minot

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

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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

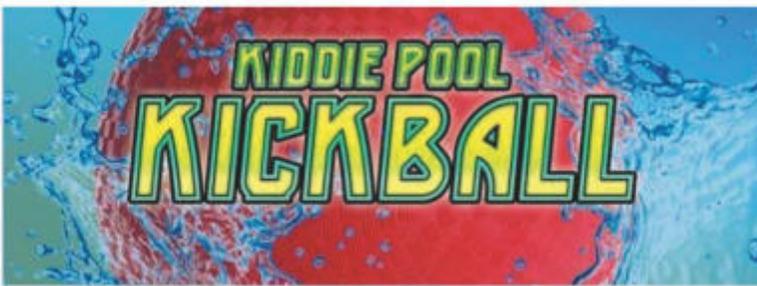
Dear God, you are so amazing. Thank you for healing the deaf man. Help me to use my ears and my voice to praise you.

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

TONIGHT 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.

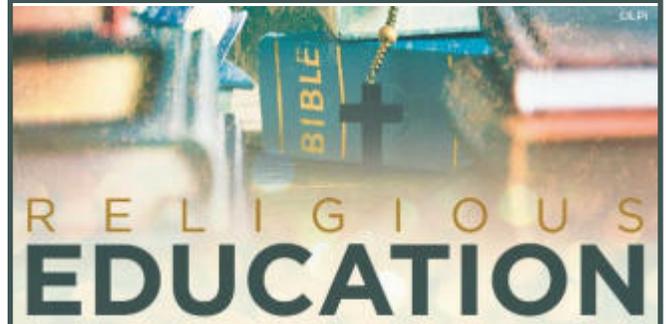
Parents, we are always looking for a few volunteers to help as well.

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 6th grade has begun. Classes meet every Wednesday evening from 6 - 7:15 PM.

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

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

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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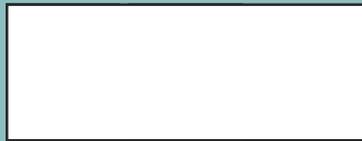
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