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OCTOBER 10, 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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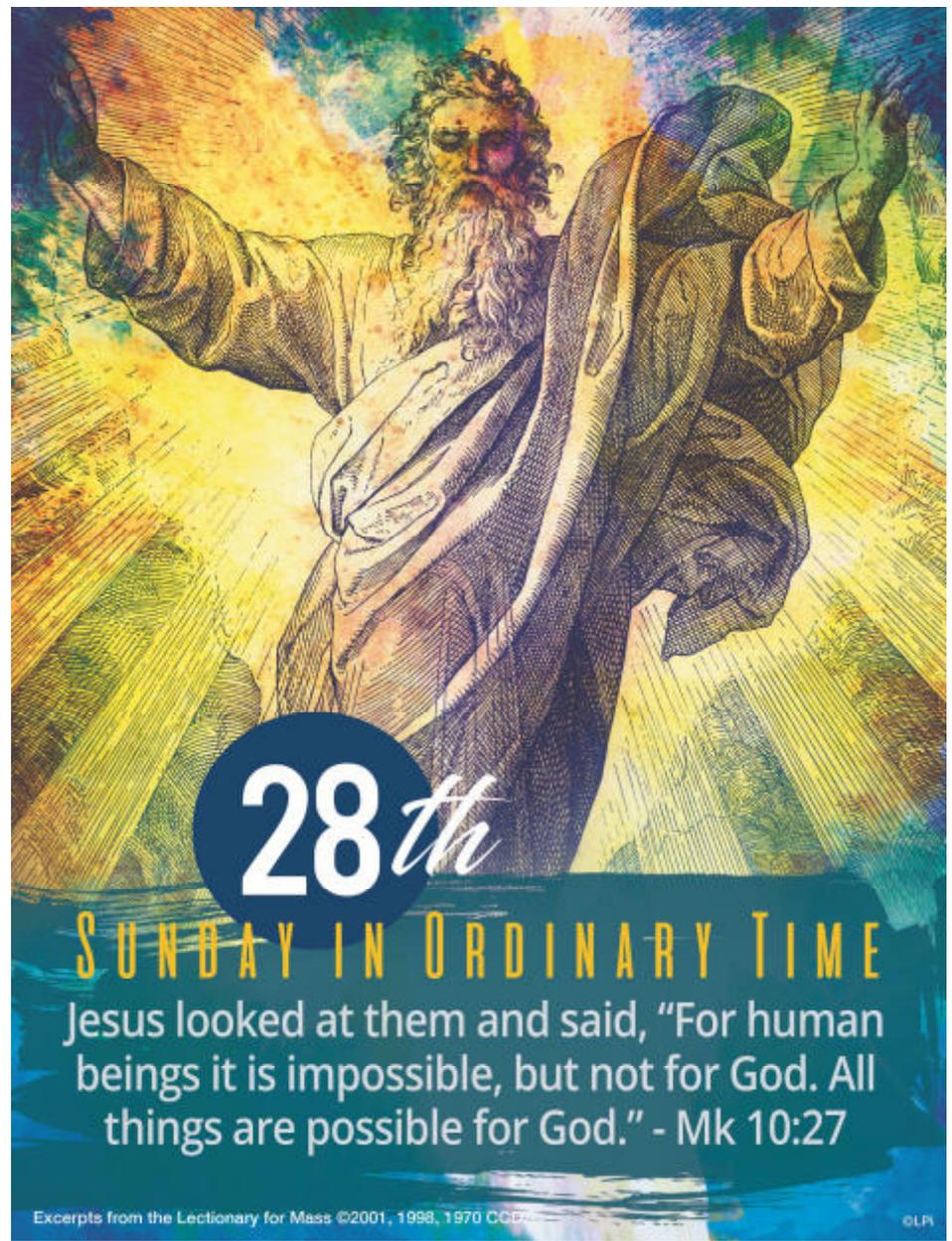
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Mission Statement

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, October 11th

8:30 AM †Caroline Sokoloski
†Rhoda Craig
†Msgr. Paul Kamide

Tuesday, October 12th

8:30 AM †Bill Faron

Wednesday, October 13th

8:30 AM †Edward & Helen Miller
†Rev. Louis Dunleavy
†Rev. Bernard Hickey

Thursday, October 14th

8:30 AM †Walter Schreier

Friday, October 15th

8:30 AM †Tom & Marty
Kurowsky

Saturday, October 16th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM †Laura Miller
4:30 PM †Christopher Herman
Eckstein
†Jim Beardall

Sunday, October 17th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Ruthie Everett
9:30 AM †Henry Minot
†John W. Kurtz
†Katheryn S. Festa
11:30 AM †Rose Pastore
†Laura & Tom
McPartland (72nd
Wedding Anniversary
Remembrance)

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Readings for the Week of October 10, 2021

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45
or 10:42-45

Observances of the Week of October 10, 2021

Sunday: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day
Tuesday:
Wednesday:
Thursday: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM
Next Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading:

I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne,
and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her. (Wis 7:7-8)

Psalms:

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)

Second Reading:

No creature is concealed from him,
but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must render an account. (Heb 4:13)

Gospel:

"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." (Mk 10:21)

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

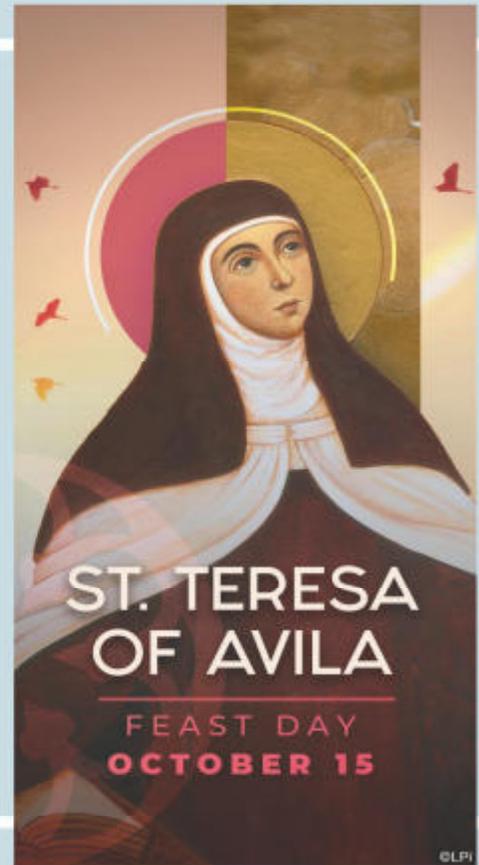
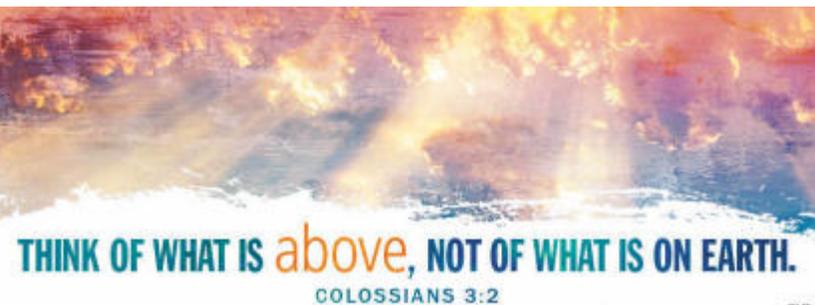
GOSPEL MEDITATION

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

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Saint of the Week

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.

WORSHIP AND MEDITATION

Live the Liturgy

Inspiration for the week

Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love.



SEARCH Lifeteen Retreat

Sunday, October 31
8:00am-4:30pm
At Divine Mercy
Catholic Church
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This one-day retreat will be presented by Lifeteen Atlanta and is for all 9-12 graders. St. John's, St. Mary's, and Our Saviour's youth will be joining us for this retreat. Our Saviour will provide breakfast and lunch, as well as snacks. Please bring canned goods for a food pantry as your ticket or a donation. This is a new opportunity that Lifeteen is offering for the first time, and we were able to procure this opportunity for our teens. A missionary team of young adults will lead all activities and are looking forward to this day with our teens. Bring a friend and come "Search" with us.

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knights of Columbus—5th Sunday Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary at 4:00 pm on Saturday, October 30th and at 11:00 am on Sunday, October 31st (before Mass). All are invited to join.

Christmas Singing

Fancy a bit of singing this Christmas?

Please join the Divine Mercy Chorale just for this special season!

Rehearsals-Tuesday evenings 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in the church. No auditions required.

Please contact Carol Ponder for more details.

carol@divinemercychurch.org

Trunk or Treat

All families are invited to join us for a Trunk or Treat in our church parking lot on Wednesday, October 27th at 6:30 pm. This is sure to be a fun family evening! Thank you to our Faith Formation program for hosting

Our Catholic Appeal Update

Assessment: \$223,707

Pledged to Date: \$214,445

Envelopes: 461

Percentage to our goal: 96%

Remaining balance: \$9,262

Percent of Parishioners Participating: 39%

*Save
the
Date*

Fr. Romil will be celebrating 30 years in the priesthood on October 26th. The previous weekend (Oct 23/24) we will have a small meet and greet reception after all Masses in the dome. Happy Anniversary Fr. Romil.

HOPE

Homeless Outreach Program & Education

HOPE, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Central Florida, focuses on engaging young people and encouraging them to care for the homeless.

The leadership team presents on the corporal works of mercy before extending an invitation to take action through a service project that will benefit the homeless.

Divine Mercy Catholic Community
Divine Mercy Youth Room (Old Library)
Sunday, October 24, 2021
6:00-8:00 pm

For more information contact John Rivas at john.rivas21@gmail.com

Although this event is for our high schoolers, if you would like to help contribute we are collecting these items only: travel toothpaste, toothbrushes, and gallon ziplock bags. The Diocese will provide everything else.



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Jesus says "go and sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven, then come and follow me". At that time, people probably didn't have the many possessions we all have now and the thought of selling it all and giving the proceeds away makes your head hurt. Rethink the message – do you have time to help by joining Saint Vincent de Paul or other organizations that provide assistance, do you have possessions that you no longer want or need that could be donated? There are different ways to follow Christ, choose the one that works for you and you will have treasure in heaven. Thank you for your continued generosity

Food Requests: The food pantry is requesting donations for our Thanksgiving Baskets. 90+ baskets will be delivered on

Nov 21-22. The items needed are canned Corn, canned Green Beans, canned Cranberry Sauce, boxed Stuffing, boxed Instant Potatoes, canned Yams, and cans or jars of Turkey Gravy. Donations to purchase Turkeys, Pies, and Rolls. Donations to SVdP may be placed online or in the collection basket. As always we are thankful for your support and generosity to SVdP in the past and in this upcoming Thanksgiving Season.



HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

Our Religious Education families and DMCC Community will be collecting the following items for homeless veterans throughout this school year. If you are able to donate any of the following please bring them Wednesday evenings during Religious Education (6:00-7:15 pm) and they will be delivered where they are needed. If you have any questions please contact Christine Neilson at

chrisbobneilson@yahoo.com

*Bedding: Sheet Sets, Comforters, Bed Skirts, Twin Size/Gender Neutral *Pillows: Twin Size *Bath Towels: Gender Neutral

*Kitchen Towels *Pots and Pans: Various sizes with lids

*Bakeware Pans *Plastic Food Storage Containers *Cleaning Supplies: Windex, Dish Soap, Clorox clean up spray, Toilet cleaner, Bleach, Swiffer Wet Jet Liquid and Pads, Fabuloso, Pledge, etc..

*Laundry Detergent and Dryer Sheets *Gift Cards: Grocery & Gas

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

KID'S CORNER



Sharing the Gospel

The man in today's Gospel reading thought he was pretty good. He had been careful to obey most of God's rules. But he forgot the most important rule of all—love God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. When Jesus asked the man to give away all he owned, the man went away sad. He loved money more than he loved God.

Prayer

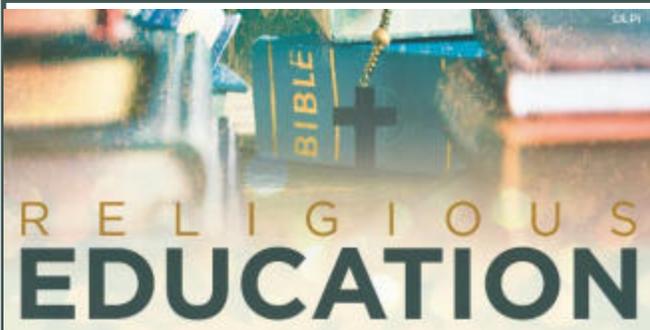
Dear God, help me to love you more than all the gifts you have given to me.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of things that are very special to you.

Mission for the Week

Make a list of things that are special to you. If God asked you to give away your favorite toy or game to someone who's poor, could you do it? Be honest with God, and ask him to help you love him more than anything.



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

(HOPE event and Search Retreat this month—more info on the previous pages)

Preparation Classes for Sacraments are as follows:

First Reconciliation - October 17 and December 5

Confirmation - November 14, January 16, February 6, February 27

First Communion - February 20 and March 27

These are all Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 in the Dome for parents and students.

Registration packets for all grades can be picked up in the Narthex after all Masses.

Registration is also available on the parish website:

www.divinemercurychurch.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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