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JANUARY 16, 2022

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, January 17th

8:30 AM †Jacob Cox
(SI) Marg Cubero

Tuesday, January 18th

8:30 AM (SI) Ryan, Alycia &
Benjamin
(SI) Breanna & Kevin

Wednesday, January 19th

8:30 AM †Charles Chase

Thursday, January 20th

8:30 AM †Al & Grace Lund

Friday, January 21st

8:30 AM †George D'Heilly

Saturday, January 22nd

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM †Tom & Marty
Kurowsky

4:30 PM †Nancy Givans

Sunday, January 23rd

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Rev. Michael
Reynolds

9:30 AM †Jordan Noonan
Buckley

11:30 AM †Joan Kilmer
†Viola Ploutz
†Dolores Stephan

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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(321) 452-5955

Hours: M-Th: 9:00-4:00

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SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

PSALM:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

SECOND READING:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he
wishes. (1 Cor 12:11)

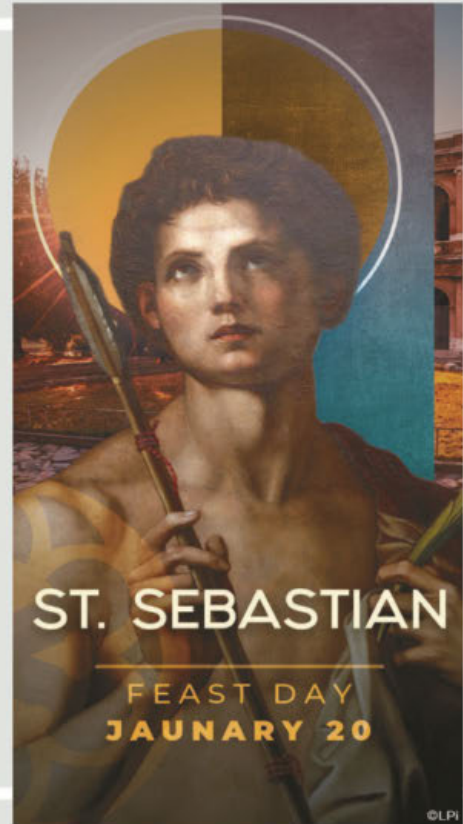
GOSPEL:

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him. (Jn 2:11)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot
Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent,
Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin



Saint of the Week

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

WHAT'S GOING ON



REMEMBER in your prayers

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” (James 5:16) Please pray one “Our Father”, one “Hail Mary” and one “Glory Be” for our fellow parishioners in need of our prayers.

Linda Pollino
Tabitha Buchanan
John Bonavito

Curt Anderholm
Chad Little

Claire Ingino
Susan Person

Michael Cherup
Teresa Cherup

Please call the Parish Office at 321-452-5955 should you wish to add yourself or a loved one to our prayer section of the bulletin.

OUR WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 17th

8:30 AM Daily Mass
10:00 AM Anne's Angels

Tuesday, January 18th

8:30 AM Daily Mass
6:30 PM Chorale Practice

Wednesday, January 19th

8:30 AM Daily Mass
1:00 PM Senior Games
6:00 PM Religious Education
6:00 PM EDGE
7:15 PM Children's Choir Practice

Thursday, January 20th

8:30 AM Daily Mass
10:00 AM Martha's
6:30 PM CCW Meeting (Social Hall)
7:00 PM Contemporary Choir Practice

Friday, January 21st

8:30 AM Daily Mass

Saturday, January 22nd

8:30 AM Daily Mass
3:30 PM Confessions (CHPL)
4:30 PM Vigil Mass
4:30 PM St. Vincent De Paul Quarterly Fund Drive

Sunday, January 23rd

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM Masses

8:00 AM St. Vincent De Paul Quarterly Fund Drive—ALL MASSES
8:00 AM Coffee and Sweet treats after ALL Masses
8:30 AM RCIA
6:00 PM Youth Group

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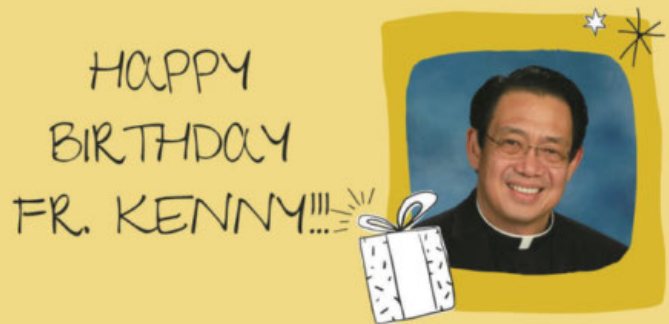
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples at the wedding feast of Cana with the enhancement of the wine. It was a gift to the couple at the request of His mother. Every day, if we look around, we can see signs of His gifts to us. We are so blessed. Your donations to the poor box and food chest are gifts to those in need and express your faith. Thank you.

Food Requests: Pasta, Tomato Sauce, Baked Beans

Did you know that the SVdP Pantry reaches out to our neighbors with more than just food? We also provide toiletries and some clothing to those in need. Can you donate new socks or clean tee shirts for homeless men or women? We also need shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Hotel sizes are great! For the sake of the environment, how about recycling paper bags and shopping bags with us. All can be placed in our food bins.



Mass Attendance and Offertory Collections

Weekend of 1/8—1/9/2022

4:30 PM Mass - 147 \$2,952

8:00 AM Mass - 142 \$1,489

9:30 AM Mass - 163 \$1,537

11:30 AM Mass - 205 \$2,966

Delivered to Office - \$5,569

Online Collections - \$8,024

Total for Weekend - \$22,537

DIVINE MERCY COMMUNITY PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Our Prayer Chain can be reached by calling Julie Dunn at 321-432-8548.



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.

WHAT'S GOING ON

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



REMINDER...

Please remember to update your email address with the Parish Office if it has changed within the last year. Tax statements will be emailed shortly.



Sometimes things can go very wrong in a marriage.

Retrouvaille is a program to help heal and support married couples experiencing difficulties, couples broken, lonely and hurting. It's also for couples who have separated or divorced and want to try again. Our next program begins in Winter Park **January 28-30, 2022**. Not counseling or group therapy. For more information and registration, call **352-274-4614**. **All calls and names held in strictest confidence.** We invite you to visit our website at Retrouvaille.org



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

Stephen Bergeson
5/27/1958—12/27/2021

Mary Storm
10/5/1924—12/24/2021

Dorothy Buckley
1/23/1939—12/28/2021

MEN'S CAMPING RETREAT w Fr. Leo Hodges

Would you like to join a group of men on a noble spiritual quest from the afternoon of January 21 through the early afternoon of the 23rd. Tents provided and hot water too, all that is needed is a beginner's mind and a willing spirit. For more information, please contact Fr. Leo Hodges at frleo@standrew-orlando.org, or contact Tom Crowell at [\(321\) 432-3342](tel:(321)432-3342) for more information.

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Sharing the Gospel

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to do everything you say. I know you can do anything.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the wedding servants listening carefully to Jesus.

Mission for the Week

What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.



Sunday, February 6

8:00am-6:00pm

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retreat** will be
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Lifeteen Atlanta and

is **for all 8th graders**. Cost is \$85. This is a requirement for Confirmation. A missionary team of young adults will lead all activities and are looking forward to this day with our teens.

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Religious Education Classes for grades Kindergarten through 6th grade 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

Preparation Classes for Sacraments are as follows:

Confirmation - January 23, February 27

Confirmation Retreat—Sunday, February 6th

First Communion Prep— 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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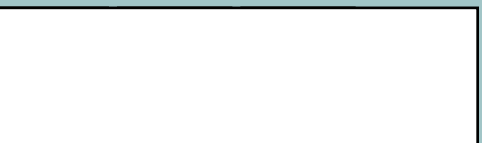
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