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JANUARY 23, 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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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
 He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to let the oppressed go free.
 - Lk 4:18*

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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 24th

8:30 AM (SI) Tabitha Buchanan
(SI) Irene Rose

Tuesday, January 25th

8:30 AM †Jack McKay

Wednesday, January 26th

8:30 AM †Edward Madigan

Thursday, January 27th

8:30 AM †Rev. James F.
Edwards
†Scott Manley

Friday, January 28th

8:30 AM †Elsie McDowell

Saturday, January 29th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM †Hunter Buckles
†Joe Buckles

4:30 PM †William Fleig

Sunday, January 30th

All living and deceased members of
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Rev. Peter Quinn
†Bill Moran

9:30 AM †Patricia DeMark
†Catherine & Sal
Galletta

11:30 AM †Dorothea Buckley

Contact Information

Church Office:

(321) 452-5955

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

F: 9:00 - 12:00

Closed for Lunch:

12:00-1:00

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Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022

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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



Join other churches in the area for a one night event at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rockledge. Wednesday, February 2, 2022 from 7 pm—9:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 each. They can be purchased from our CCW in the dome after all Sunday Masses this weekend in the Dome.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

PSALM:

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

SECOND READING:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

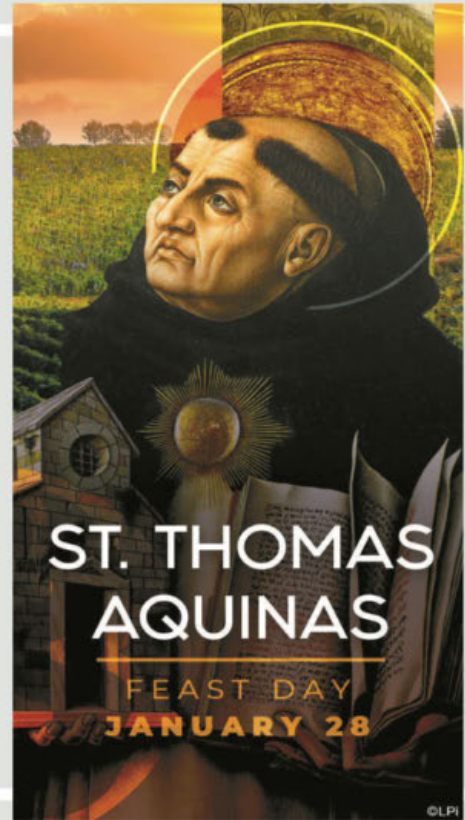
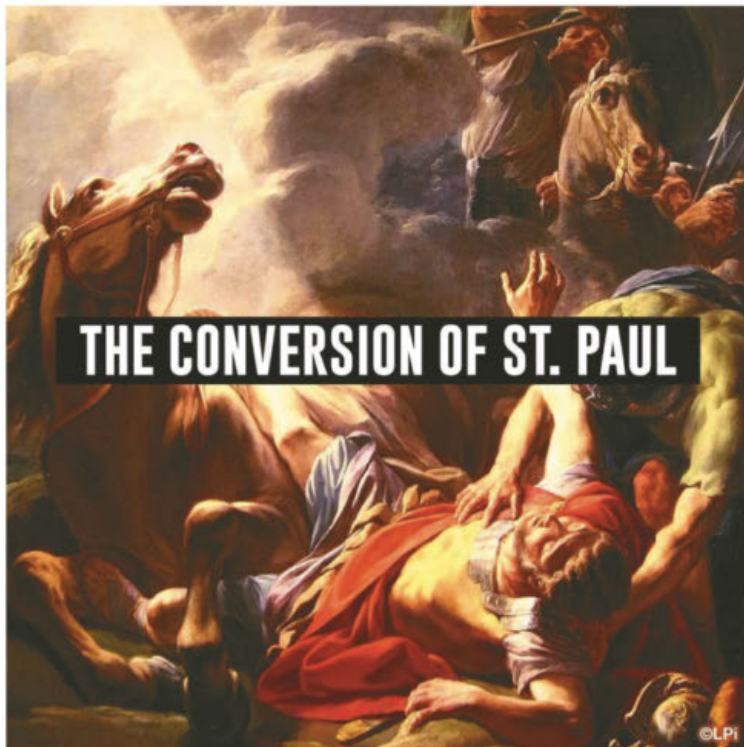
GOSPEL:

He said to them,
"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



Saint of the Week

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

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 24th

8:30 AM Daily Mass
10:00 AM Anne's Angels
7:00 PM 1 Corinthians Bible Study

Tuesday, January 25th

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

Wednesday, January 26th

8:30 AM Daily Mass
10:00 AM 1 Corinthians Bible Study
1:00 PM Senior Games
6:00 PM Religious Education
6:00 PM EDGE
7:15 PM Children's Choir Practice

Thursday, January 27th

8:30 AM Daily Mass
10:00 AM Martha's
7:00 PM Contemporary Choir Practice

Friday, January 28th

8:30 AM Daily Mass

Saturday, January 29th

8:30 AM Daily Mass
2:00 PM Rock the Universe—Youth Group—Bus Leaves
3:30 PM Confessions (CHPL)
4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 30th

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

8:00 AM Coffee and Sweet treats after ALL Masses
8:30 AM RCIA
1:00 PM Blessing of the SVDP Pantry
6:00 PM Youth Group

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It is the end of the first month of 2022, holiday bills are coming due and the usual stress of life is ever present. If we look to the words of the Gospel, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor”, our spirits should be lifted, God has anointed us!! What a privilege!! We can say thank you by contributing to the **Saint Vincent de Paul Quarterly Fund Drive** this weekend. No gift of food or money is too small. When combined with other gifts, it is enhanced like the wine at Cana.

Thank you!

Food Requests: Granola Bars, Canned Fruit, Juice

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.



Altar flowers this weekend are generously
gifted by:

Divine Mercy CCW

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.



Mass Attendance and Offertory Collections

Weekend of 1/15—1/16/2022

4:30 PM Mass - 158 \$2,077

8:00 AM Mass - 127 \$959

9:30 AM Mass - 160 \$1,714

11:30 AM Mass - 165 \$992

Delivered to Office - \$2,345

Online Collections - \$6,059

Total for Weekend - \$14,146

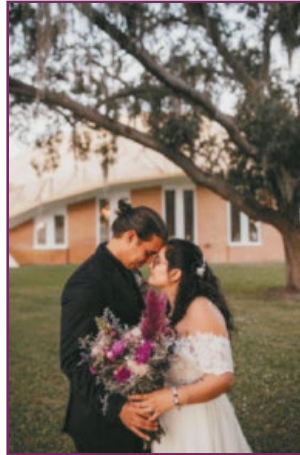
WHAT'S GOING ON

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

During the Second Sunday of the month we spotlight a different ministry. This month we are shining the spotlight on the Council of Catholic Women (CCW). The CCW acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. This Sunday they are in the dome serving coffee and sweet treats. Be sure to go over and say hi!



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



Congratulations to Carly Coburn and Markus Riegel who were married at Divine Mercy on December 9. May you have many blessed years together.



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.

MARTHA'S

The Martha's need help cleaning our church on Thursday mornings from 10 am - 12 pm. If you are able to help this ministry please call Robin in the Parish Office. *"Many hands makes light work"*



VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of help with Coffee and Sweet Treats after the 11:30 Mass

YOU CAN STILL ATTEND 11:30 MASS AND ALSO VOLUNTEER!

If you are able please contact Robin Lake in the Parish Office.



Children's Christmas Eve Mass

Thank you to the children and teens of the Parish for the wonderful job they did at mass on Christmas Eve. Thank you to Deacon Jack and Donna Alexander for their guidance and direction.



FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

KID'S CORNER



Sharing the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah wrote about Jesus a long time before he was even born. When Jesus read Isaiah's words, they described Jesus perfectly. Jesus did come to free people from sin, to help those in pain, and even to help blind people see.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to help us.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Isaiah, the prophet, writing about Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Look up Isaiah chapter 61 and read it with your family. Then read Luke 4:14-21. Jesus kept all of those promises!



Sunday, February 6

8:00am-6:00pm

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retreat** will be
presented by

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.

ROCK THE UNIVERSE—JANUARY 29, 2022

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PACKETS AVAILABLE ON CHURCH WEBSITE



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.

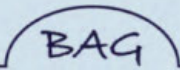
Registration is also available on the parish website: www.divinemercurychurch.org.

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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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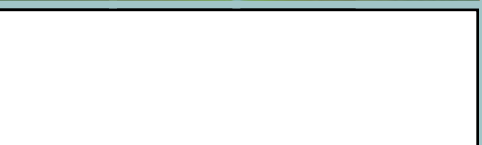
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