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*FEBRUARY 13, 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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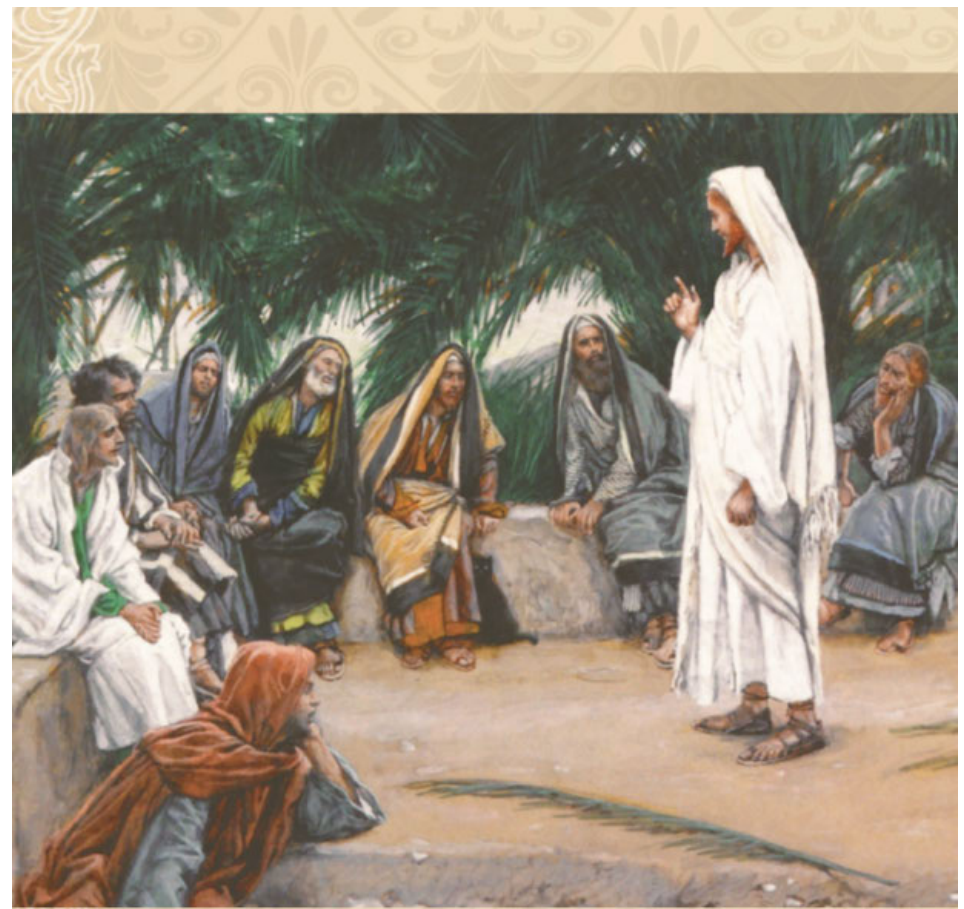
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*6th Sunday*  
 IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
 and when they exclude and insult you,  
 and denounce your name as evil  
 on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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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, February 14th*

8:30 AM †Ruth Burke  
†Dorothea Buckley  
†Walenty Chrostowski

### *Tuesday, February 15th*

8:30 AM †Rev. Antonio Pons  
†Jacob Lee

### *Wednesday, February 16th*

8:30 AM †Joe Buckles  
(SI) Tabitha Buchanan

### *Thursday, February 17th*

8:30 AM †Dorothea Buckley  
(SI) Fernando  
Mendoza (Happy  
Birthday)

### *Friday, February 18th*

8:30 AM (SI) John Bonavito

### *Saturday, February 19th*

All living and deceased members of  
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:30 AM †Marilyn Barrett  
4:30 PM †Richard Gentile  
†Resia Pierre-Louis  
(SI) Daniel, Sean, Carla  
& Carline Bisker

### *Sunday, February 20th*

All living and deceased members of  
Divine Mercy Parish and:

8:00 AM †Rev. Patrick Malone  
†Emerson Allen  
†Consuelo Mendoza  
9:30 AM †John & Marleen  
Kovalchik  
†John Glenn Kovalchik  
†Consuelo Mendoza  
(SI) Betty Berrisford  
(Happy Birthday)  
11:30 AM †Mae Stearns  
†Consuelo Mendoza

## Readings for the Week of February 13, 2022

**Sunday:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26  
**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21  
**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26  
**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33  
**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34—9:1  
**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13  
**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/  
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### February 13, 2022 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What has been the most difficult challenge you faced in your life? Many difficult human experiences can “turn up the heat” in our lives, causing us to question the why of things or even fall into despair. Some people just somewhat passively accept what life brings, even death, and chalk difficult experiences up to happening “because they do.” They seemingly endure and move on. Taking life at face value, there really is no ultimate meaning to things. It’s easier to ignore that inner prompting calling us to understand why. It’s there whether we admit it or not. To question or not to question — that is the question! People sometimes give up the God search because it causes too many questions. Once we open the door to the possibility of God’s existence, then all of the awkward, challenging, and tragic pieces of life have to find their place.

It gets messy. But the search is so important to living. We can easily dry up and become arid, abandoning any hope for purpose and meaning because it’s too difficult and non-rational at times. In searching for answers to the how and why of life, human beings also embark on a search for God. When one finally stumbles upon the real living tangible presence of God, then that discovery allows life’s ironies and tensions to be held side by side with the all-encompassing totally unconditional, unmerited love of God! Then when life’s heat gets turned up, difficulties and challenges abound, dryness and heartache become the norm, the soul remains in joyful repose. There is no fear.

The beatitudes celebrate life’s ironies and tensions, holding them all together in the Kingdom of God. Poverty, hunger, weeping, being insulted and hated are not things we would normally associate with being God’s friends. But they are! In fact, those who experience these uncomfortable realities of life are actually better off than those who do not. This is what makes Jesus’ message so intriguing! Don’t give up questioning. Questioning the apparent inequities and polarities of human experience will certainly challenge one’s faith. But it’s the only way to deepen it.

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12:00-1:00

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## SUNDAY'S READINGS

### FIRST READING:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

### PSALM:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

### SECOND READING:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,  
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.  
(1 Cor 15:16-17)

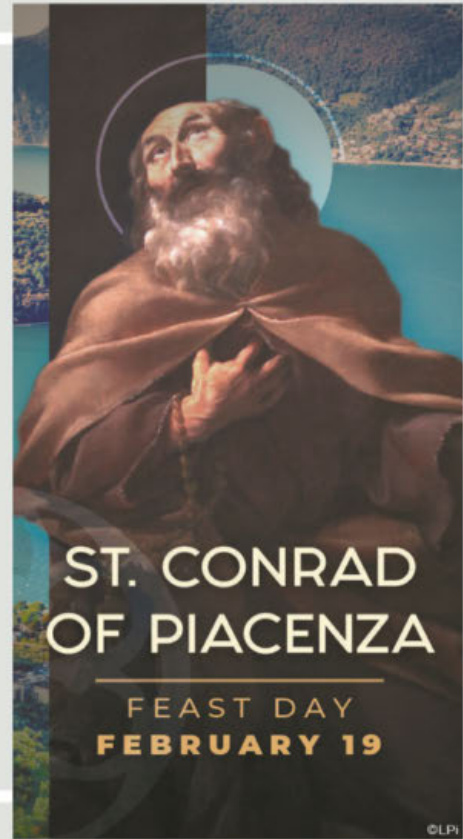
### GOSPEL:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

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### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day  
Monday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,  
Bishop; Valentine's Day  
Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order



## Saint of the Week

The history of St. Conrad of Piacenza is quite fascinating. A member of one of the most noble families of Piacenza, he was known for his utmost honesty. One day while out hunting with friends, he thought he saw some game in an area of brush and ordered his attendants to set fire to the brush in order to scare it out of hiding. Unfortunately, the dry brush quickly ignited, and fire started to spread. Soon, the surrounding area was engulfed in flames.

Unfortunately, a known arsonist happened to be in the same area as the fire. This man was later imprisoned, tried, and condemned to death for the damage. But on his way to his execution, St. Conrad of Piacenza, full of guilt, stopped the proceedings and confessed to the fire. To make res-titution for the damages, Conrad had to sell all his belongings, which reduced him to poverty. Soon after, he decided to retire to a hermitage, where he became a hermit of the Third Order of St. Francis, and his wife entered the Order of Poor Clares.



## 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

Chad Little

Michael Cherup

Melissa Beers

John Bonavito

Sarah Clemons

Teresa Cherup

Jason Darnell

Curtis Anderholm

Claire Ingino

Sharon Beers

Tabitha Buchanan

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, February 14th

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church  
10:00 AM Anne's Angels—St. John Neumann Room  
7:00 PM 1 Corinthians Bible Study—Dome

### Tuesday, February 15th

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

### Wednesday, February 16th

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church  
10:00 AM 1 Corinthians Bible Study—Dome  
1:00 PM Senior Games—St. John Neumann Room  
6:00 PM Religious Education—Ministry Building  
6:00 PM EDGE—Youth Room  
7:15 PM Children's Choir Practice—Church

### Thursday, February 17th

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

### Friday, February 18th

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church

### Saturday, February 19th

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church  
3:30 PM Confessions—Chapel  
4:30 PM Vigil Mass—Church

### Sunday, February 20th

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

8:00 AM Coffee and Sweet Treats  
8:30 AM Blood Bus until 1:30 PM  
8:30 AM RCIA  
6:00 PM Youth Group

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Today's Gospel speaks of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people. This may seem a little overwhelming so it is a good time to quote St. Teresa of Kolkata – "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one". One can of soup, vegetables, tuna, one box of cereal, one jar of peanut butter or one dollar to the poor box added with others feeds many. No gift is too small. Thank you.

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

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.

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



## Mass Attendance and Offertory Collections

Weekend of 2/5—2/6/2022

4:30 PM Mass - 198 \$3,522

8:00 AM Mass - 112 \$1162

9:30 AM Mass - 201 \$3,286

11:30 AM Mass - 243 \$3,472

Delivered to Office - \$3,780

Online Collections - \$9,204

Total for Weekend - \$24,426

## 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



## OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

### **Our Catholic Appeal 2022—A Time For Reflection**

Over the past few weeks, we have prayed about, thought about, and talked about the ministries supported by **Our Catholic Appeal**. Now it is time for all of us to share a portion of our treasure, so these ministries can continue.

If you received your 2022 **Our Catholic Appeal** packet in the mail and made your pledge, thank you. If you have not yet made your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so today. By supporting the ministries of our Diocese, every parish, including our own, is better equipped to carry out the work of Christ. Our parish contribution goal is **\$208,102**. Once we achieve our goal, the majority of the additional funds will be returned to our parish to support our own special needs.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

You can give online by visiting

[www.ourcatholicappeal.org](http://www.ourcatholicappeal.org)



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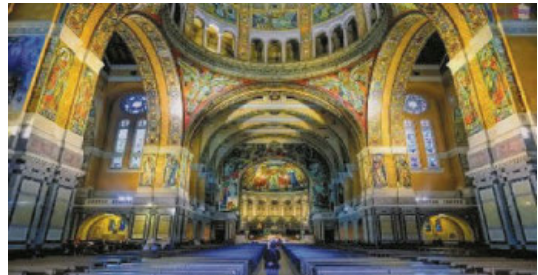
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**Saturday February 19, 7:30 AM - 12:15 PM**

**All Men are Invited! - Sign up at [Live4More.us](http://Live4More.us)**

**Holy Name of Jesus Parish Hall, Indialantic**

## Pilgrimage to the Shrines of the Alps June 20-29, 2022



Join Father Peter Corden, 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.

You may join an informational meeting **via Zoom** at **2 p.m. on Sunday, February 20th**

For more information contact:

Julie Mallak, [Mallak@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Mallak@cfl.rr.com) or 321-725-4374.

## **BIG RED BUS IS COMING**

Donate Blood when the Florida's OneBlood Bus visits Divine Mercy **FEBRUARY 20th - 8:30am to 1:30pm** in the parking lot

**Appts Encouraged**



**Please remember to eat breakfast before donating**

**Thank you for giving the gift of LIFE!**



## **NATIONAL COALITION for HOMELESS VETERANS**

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Homeless Veterans in Brevard County. The group is so grateful for the assistance of Divine Mercy parishioners and community and ask that only bedding be donated at this time - sheet sets, comforters, bed shirts, twin size/gender neutral, along with twin size pillows. Thank you.

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Please contact: [chrisbobneilson@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisbobneilson@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## **Divine Mercy's Council of Catholic Women Hosts**

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**Friday, February 25th 9am to 2pm at the Dome**

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# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

## KID'S CORNER



### Sharing the Gospel

One day in heaven, God will reward you for all the loving things you do. When you clean up the dishes without being

asked, God sees. If other people are mean to you because you love Jesus, God sees. God will be so happy to see you in heaven!

### Prayer

Dear God, help me love you with my whole heart. Help me do things that will make you smile.

### Something to Draw

Draw yourself playing with a classmate who does not have many friends.

### Mission for the Week

Are any of your neighbors lonely? Go out of your way to show Jesus' love to those people.



## DRAW

Draw yourself playing with a classmate who does not have many friends.



**Religious Education Classes** for grades Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet every Wednesday evening from 6 - 7:15 PM.

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

**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

### Preparation Classes for Sacraments are as follows:

Confirmation - February 27

First Communion Prep— March 27

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

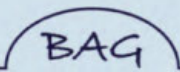
Registration packets for all grades can be picked up in the Narthex after all Masses. Registration is also available on the parish website: [www.divinemercychurch.org](http://www.divinemercychurch.org).

### FORMED—

FORMED is a website full of excellent Catholic content. Log in to [divinemercyfl.formed.org](http://divinemercyfl.formed.org)

If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Mary Frances Coburn in the Parish Office.

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