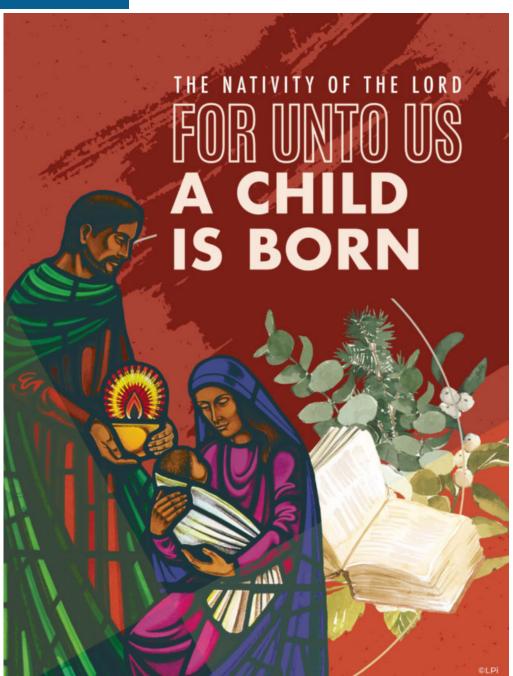
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Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday | 8:30am Tuesday | 8:30am Wednesday | 8:30am Thursday | 8:30am Friday | 8:30am Saturday | 8:30am

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4:30pm Sunday | 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Confession

Saturday | 3:30pm Other | By Appointment

Adoration

Thursday | 5:30pm - 6:30pm First Friday | 9:00am - 1:00pm

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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thurs | 9:00am - 4:00pm Closed for Lunch | 12:00pm -1:00pm Friday | 9:00am - 12:00pm

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

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"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. 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.

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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.



DIVINE MERCY COMMUNITY PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Our Prayer Chain can be reached by calling or texting 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.

STEWARDSHIP FOR 12/10 - 12/11/2022

4:30 Mass: Attendance - 186	\$1,538
8:00 Mass: Attendance -136	\$1,559
9:30 Mass: Attendance -229	\$2,039
11:30 Mass: Attendance -262	\$1,877
Mailed to the Office	\$1,152
Online Giving	\$8,307
Collection Total	

PRAYER AND READINGS



Monday, December 26

8:30am

†George Gibison (SI) Jennifer

Tuesday, December 27

8:30am

†Sophie Blasczyk †Stephen Bergeson †Helen Farrell †William Doerzbacher

Wednesday, December 28

8:30am

†Irene Rose †Dorothea Buckley

Thursday, December 29

8:30am (SI) Bernadette

Friday, December 30

8:30am †Margaret & Frank Miller

Saturday, December 31

8:30am

†Andre & Jeannette

Testa

†Ed & Helen Miller

4:30pm

†Ruby Livingston

Next Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary

†Theresa & Judy Miller 8:00am

9:30am †Patricia DeMark

†Joe Buckles

†Hunter Buckles

11:30am

†Bob & Betty June

Clark

†Lewis & Ritchie

Cicirelli

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a special intention please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday, December 26

St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday, December 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-

Wednesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday, December 29

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-

Friday, December 30

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday, December 31

St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday, January 1

Mary, The Holy Mother of God, **National Migration Week, New Year's** Day, World Day of Peace

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21



Sunday Readings

First Reading

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

Psalm

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Ps 96)

Second Reading

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all. (Ti 2:11)

Gospel

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." (Lk 2:10-11)

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Altar Flowers



If you would like to contribute to the beauty of our altar we are now accepting donations of any amount to our flower fund. You may also purchase an arrangement for a specific weekend in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or special occasion. Contact the parish office for more information. Thank you.

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holiday. We will be closed on December 23rd and remain closed until we reopen on January 3rd. Thank you.

Ann's Angels - Not Meeting

The Ann's Angels group will not be meeting on December 26th or on January 2nd. Regularly scheduled meetings will resume on January 9th.

Text to Give

Have you signed up to take advantage of the ease of online giving yet? It's as easy as sending a text! Text the amount you would like to give to the number 321-677-7027. You can give once or set up recurring payments!

Men's Camping Retreat with Fr. Leo Hodges

Would you like to join a group of men on a noble spiritual quest from the afternoon of February 3 through the early afternoon of the 5th? Cabins and food 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 for more information.

Coffee and Sweet Treats Break for Holiday

We will be taking a small break from Coffee and sweet treats after Sunday Masses. Last weekend was the last Sunday until it returns on Sunday, Jan. 8



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@divinemercychurch.org

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 26th

Parish Office Closed

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church

10:00 AM NO Anne's Angels - St. John N.

Tuesday, December 27th

Parish Office Closed

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church
4:00 PM SVDP Meeting
6:00 PM NO Chorale Practice
Wednesday, December 28th

Parish Office Closed

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church **1:00 PM** Senior Games

6:00 PM NO Religious Education/EDGE

Thursday, December 29th

Parish Office Closed

8:30 AM Daily Mass - Church

10:00 AM Martha's "Team A" - Church
 5:30 PM Adoration (until 6:30) - Church
 7:00 PM NO Contemporary Choir Practice

Friday, December 30th

Parish Office Closed

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church
Saturday, December 31st
8:30 AM Daily Mass - Church
3:30 PM Confessions - Chapel
4:30 PM Solemnity Vigil - Church

Sunday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary

8:00 AM Solemnity of Mary Mass - Church
9:30 AM Solemnity of Mary Mass - Church
11:30 AM Solemnity of Mary Mass - Church
6:00 PM NO Youth Group (High School)

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



HELPLINE: (321) 459-2060 Office open:

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

Food Requests: Christmas Baskets- See page 5 A blessed Christmas to all, as Vincentians we pray – "may we share the joy of Christ with everyone, may we bring the hope of Christ to those most in need, may we bring the peace of Christ to our family and the world." Your generosity made it possible to help our neighbors in need, bringing them hope and joy, we share their appreciation with you.

Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



From Fr. Kenny, Fr. Romil, Fr. Farrell, Fr. Larry, Deacon Jack, and all the Parish Staff: We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study will begin the week of January 16th/18th and will run for 10 weeks. The Bible Study we will be doing is called "What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith" It will be held on Monday nights (in person or on Zoom) at 7PM or Wednesday mornings at 10AM from January 16/18 to March 20/22, 2023. To sign up and get information on ordering your book (ascensionpress.com) please get a registration form at the Information Kiosk or the parish office.



YOUTH GROUP - ROCK THE UNIVERSE

On Saturday, January 28th from 2 PM - 2 AM Cost is \$100/person and includes ticket and transportation. We will enjoy a night at Universal Studios in fellowship with our peers and get an opportunity to listen to Christian bands including Zach Williams, Matthew West, Anne Wilson, Dante Bowe, We are Messengers and Cain, as well as ride all the attractions. This is a special event and is additional to yearly passes. It is for Rock the Universe Pass Holders only. We plan to provide a bus for transportation if we have at least 30 teens attend. Please fill out your registration paperwork asap. Available online or at the Kiosk. Contact Ms. Gayle with any questions at littleg@divinemercychurch.org



ONEBLOOD BUS

The OneBlood donation bus will be in our parking lot on Sunday, January 8th. Please make sure to eat a good breakfast before donating. Making an appointment online is encouraged.



2ND ANNUAL FAMILY ORNAMENT TRADITION

We began a tradition last year, and we would love to continue this for years to come! For those that would like to, please bring an ornament for our Parish tree in the narthex and somewhere on that ornament write your family name. These family ornaments will hang on our tree for the remainder of Advent and Christmas. After the season (Jan 9) choose a different ornament (from a different family) to take home. Then pray for that family all year as another family prays for yours!



MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 14, 2023

Save the date - Saturday, January 14th, 2023. ~ Saturday, January 14th, 2023. Meet at Divine Mercy at 5:45AM and return by 5:30PM. Outdoor Mass at 9AM with Bishop Pohlmeier, followed by speakers, and the 1 mile walk through the city, followed by a few more incredible speakers, concluding with lunch. Signs and bus transportation provided. Limited seating. Sign up after Masses on 12/31, 1/1, 1/7 or 1/8.

SVDP FOOD REQUESTS

We will be welcoming a New Year and counting the blessings we have received from the Divine Mercy Parish. Please keep in mind that our requests for food for the community is not just on holidays. Food insecurity is an everyday occurrence! Please continue your food donations and help us reach out to those in need. Food bins will continue to be in place at the entrance to the church.

Wishing All Divine Mercy Parishioners and their families "A Happy & Blessed New Year 2023!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you to the following parishioners for their contribution to our Christmas poinsettias.

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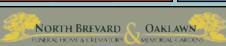


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