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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

And Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:19

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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

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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.

Sarah Clemons
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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 12/17 - 12/18/2022

4:30 Mass: Attendance - 182	\$3,512
8:00 Mass: Attendance - 167.....	\$1,578
9:30 Mass: Attendance - 225.....	\$1,985
11:30 Mass: Attendance - 266.....	\$2,057
Mailed to the Office -	\$2,050
Online Giving -	\$9,279
Collection Total	\$20,461

PRAYER AND READINGS



Monday, January 2

8:30am (SI) Maria Prado

Tuesday, January 3

8:30am (SI) Kathy Wolf

Wednesday, January 4

8:30am (SI) St. Vincent DePaul Society

Thursday, January 5

8:30am †Ed & Helen Miller
†Bryan Miller

Friday, January 6

8:30am †Michael J. Waters

Saturday, January 7

8:30am †Tom & Marty
Kurowsky
4:30pm †The deceased
members of the
Balthazor and Lake
Families
†Terry Smith

Next Sunday, January 8

8:00am †Dolores Stephan
9:30am †Ed & Helen Miller
11:30am †Ruthie Everett

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

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

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

Monday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of
the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Friday, January 6

St. André Bessette, Religious
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday, January 7

St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

Next Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Sunday Readings

First Reading

“So shall they invoke my name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them (Nm 6:27)

Psalm

May God bless us in his mercy. (Ps 67)

Second Reading

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman. (Gal 4:4)

Gospel

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Lk 2:16)

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Altar Flowers



Thank you to all who helped contribute to the beauty of our Altar this Christmas season.

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.

50/50 Raffle Winner

Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle winner Tom Wheaton! The total amount sold was a whopping \$9,830 which means our Youth Group and Mr. Wheaton each receive \$4,915! Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

Grieving with Great Hope

Join us for a 6-week "Grieving with Great Hope" Workshop from January 13th to February 17th. This prayerful, practical and personal Grief Support program will aid in your understanding of your grief and to help you move forward while honoring your loved ones. If you wish to join, please sign up at the Kiosk after Mass or call the parish office at 321-452-5955. If you have any questions, please call Liz Carmen at 321-604-0152 .

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 2nd

Parish Office Closed

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church

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

Tuesday, January 3rd

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church

6:00 PM Chorale Practice

Wednesday, January 4th

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church

1:00 PM Senior Games

6:00 PM **NO** Religious Education/EDGE

Thursday, January 5th

8:30 AM Daily Mass - Church

10:00 AM Martha's "Team B" - Church

5:30 PM Adoration (until 6:30) - Church

7:00 PM CCW Board Meeting - St. Faustina

7:00 PM Contemporary Choir Practice

Friday, January 6th

8:30 AM Daily Mass—Church

Saturday, January 7th

8:30 AM Daily Mass - Church

3:30 PM Confessions - Chapel

4:30 PM Vigil Mass - Church

Sunday, January 8th

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

Coffee and Sweet Treats after all Masses

Special Collection - Seminarians

8:30 AM OneBlood Donation - until 1:30

6:00 PM **NO** Youth Group (High School)

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Office open:

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

**Food Requests: Peanut
Butter, Jelly, Cereal &
Canned Fruit**

As we begin a New Year we celebrate Mary, Mother of God. Like Mary may we accept the challenges that God gives us in our everyday lives and think of the challenges of those living in poverty. Our gratefulness for your generosity in the past year is beyond words and it is with hopeful prayerfulness that it will continue in the new year.

Thank you and have a blessed New Year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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" "What We Believe" presents and explains the essential teachings of the Catholic Faith in a readable, approachable way. In it you will discover: *What Catholics really believe * Who Catholics are and how we are called to live * The blessings of creation, redemption, and newness of life in the Holy Spirit *The profound gift of the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of our Faith *How to imitate Christ through prayer, through personal conversion, and through love for others. *And more ! 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. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Religious Classes for grade Kindergarten through 6th grade are held on 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 – 7:15 PM. **LifeTeen** is the Program for 9th through 12th grade students and they meet every Sunday evening from 6 – 8PM.

First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in second grade. Confirmation is celebrated in eighth grade. Attendance in the religious education program is required to receive the sacraments.

Sacrament Schedule 2022-2023

Confirmation – March 17 – 7:00 PM

First Communion – Saturday, May 6 at 10:00AM

Registration packets for all grades can be picked up at the Kiosk after all weekend masses.

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

A handwritten-style "thank you" message in a cursive font, with "thank" in grey and "you" in orange, set against a white background with a yellow brushstroke effect.

I would like to take this time to extend my deepest appreciation for the countless people who generously give of their time, talent and treasure to make Divine Mercy the amazing parish that it is. Your willingness to build the Kingdom here in Merritt Island and beyond is an inspiration to me.

A special word of thanks to all who prepared our church and liturgies this Christmas Season:

Father Romil, Father Farrell, Father Larry, and

Deacon Jack Alexander

Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans

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The Gardening Angels

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All of those who contributed to the music for the Masses

May God Bless you for your generosity and faithfulness to the parish.

Please know that you and your loved ones are in my daily prayers.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kenny

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