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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19-20

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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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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

This month the prayer chain can be reached by contacting Vicki Briesacher by call or text at 321-917-2554. 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 5/13 - 5/14/2023

4:30 Mass: Attendance - 263.....	\$2,407
8:00 Mass: Attendance - 170.....	\$1,677
9:30 Mass: Attendance - 223.....	\$1,815
11:30 Mass: Attendance - 257.....	\$1,708
Mailed to the Office -	\$1,475
Online Giving -	\$6,647
Collection Total	\$15,729

PRAYER AND READINGS



Monday, May 22

8:30am (SI) Jim Frizzell

Tuesday, May 23

8:30am †Elizabeth Rose Mele

Wednesday, May 24

8:30am †Mitchell Cameron
Solien
†George & Mary Herrick

Thursday, May 25

8:30am †George & David Herrick

Friday, May 26

8:30am †Irene Frances Rose

Saturday, May 27

8:30am (SI) Bill Holmes
4:30pm †Francis B. Nicholas
†Joseph A. Brown
†Jim Galluzzi

Next Sunday, May 28

8:00am †Warren Dutton
†Allen Smith, Jr.
9:30am †Papa Smith
†Ed Ruth
11:30am †Frank Coburn
†Winifred Murphy

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

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday, May 22

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 23

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 24

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 25

St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 27

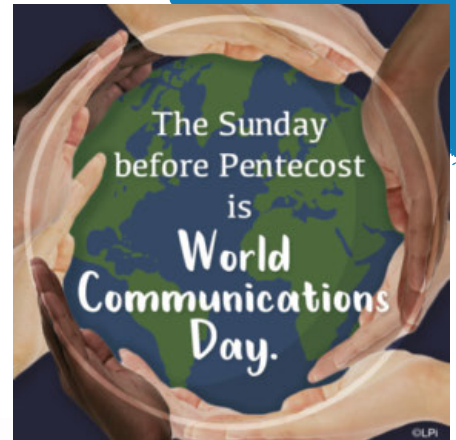
St. August of Canterbury, Bishop

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



Sunday Readings

First Reading

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (Acts 1:14)

Psalm

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 51)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." (Jn 17:1)

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Altar Flowers



Altar Flowers this weekend are generously gifted by our Divine Mercy Council of Catholic Women

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Food Assistance - Food Distribution

If you, or someone you know, is in need of food assistance the St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing food in our parking lot on Friday, May 26th from 10 AM - 11:30 AM.

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

Retreat at Sea with Holy Name of Jesus

Celebrate Christopher Columbus and the Catholic Roots of America on a cruise retreat with Fr. Matthew Newcomb, Parochial Vicar at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, October 6-9. The trip is sponsored by the Bishop Verot Knights of Columbus #5845 and Live4more Ministry, and all are welcome to participate in this excursion. A retreat guide will be provided, and vigil Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier in Nassau. For reservations and details contact Gerry Blanchard at 321-676-6040 – gtt@globaltours.com. \$100 deposit is due by June 7. Passports are not needed and all are invited.

Did you know that SVdP has a Free Perishable Food Drive that is distributed in the Divine Mercy parking lot for anyone needing food assistance. Watch the electronic board in front of Divine Mercy for more details. Recycled grocery size paper bags can be donated for this drive and shopping bags.

Week at a Glance

Monday, May 22nd

- 8:30 AM Daily Mass—Chapel
- 10:00 AM Anne's Angels - St. John N.
- 10:00 AM Bible Study - St. John Paul II
- 7:00 PM Bible Study - St. John Paul II

Tuesday, May 23rd

- 8:30 AM Daily Mass—Chapel
- 5:30 PM BINGO
- 5:30 PM Grieving w/ Great Hope
- 6:00 PM Chorale Practice

Wednesday, May 24th

- 8:30 AM Daily Mass - Chapel
- 1:00 PM Senior Games

Thursday, May 25th

- 8:30 AM Daily Mass - Chapel
- 10:00 AM Martha's "Team B" - Church
- 5:30 PM Adoration (until 6:30) - Church
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Choir Practice

Friday, May 26th

- 8:30 AM Daily Mass—Chapel
- 10:00 AM SVDP Food Distribution

Saturday, May 27th

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

Sunday, May 28th

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



HELPLINE: (321) 459-2060

Office open:

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

Food Requests:

**Pasta, Tomato Sauce,
Baked Beans**

Today we celebrate the Ascension and we are reminded that Christ's work on earth continues through His disciples. You may ask, who are His disciples? We all are, when you give to the poor box and food chest you are a disciple of Christ. When you pray for those in need and the Vincentians that work to assist those in need you are a disciple and continue to do his saving work, thank you for your discipleship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CORPUS CHRISTI

Looking ahead... this year for Corpus Christ, June 11, we will be celebrating with a Eucharistic procession after the 11:30 Mass. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life and the feast of Corpus Christi is a celebration of Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. We will celebrate by processing with the Eucharist to multiple altars on campus. More information to come, but please plan to attend this special celebration.



STELLAR - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Stellar – Shine Jesus’ Light -June 12-16 From 8:30 – Noon

Kids explore how Jesus shined hope, love, forgiveness and joy to the world – and how we can do the same with his power. Expect a week full of faith discoveries, memorable music and epic adventures that help kids grow in friendship with Jesus! Children from 4 years old through entering 4th grade are invited to this exciting week. Cost is \$30 per child.

Teen helpers from rising 7th graders on up are needed. Helpers over 16 must be fingerprinted through the Orlando Diocese.

Contact Mary Frances Coburn maryfrances@divinemercychurch.org to volunteer.

Register online at divinemercychurch.org or pick up a registration form at the Kiosk.



ALIVE IN YOU RETREAT

This retreat is for rising 8th graders - 12th grade : June 20-25, 2023

We are taking teens who want to experience the power of serving in a community that needs help. Each day, teens and chaperones will go to a work site and provide help to this community. At night, the group will experience praise and worship. This time in fellowship with other Catholic teens and serving is a fulfilling opportunity for our youth and Church. We want to take at least 5-10 teens to camp this year. We raised funds to help offset costs and are happy to offer scholarships or reduce fees across the board based on need.

Includes: Meals, Lodging, Guest Speakers, Musicians, Alive in You t-shirt, backpack, water bottle, and a rosary bracelet. Camp Fee is \$420.00 each person - Complete flyer is available on the church website and any questions can be answered by Mrs. Gayle.

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Congratulations to all our First Communicants that received their Sacrament on May 6, 2023



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Thank you for continuing to prayerfully consider how you may support our parish in this year's appeal.

Our parish contribution goal is **\$216,952**.

Raised to date (5/16/23): \$156,521

Left to raise: **\$60,430**

of gifts: 349

Participation: 33.2%

We would like to encourage sending your pledge directly to the Diocese by either mailing your pledge envelope to them, or by visiting the payment portal online at:

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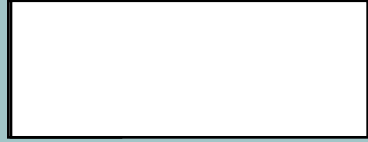
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