

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever heard that the Gospel is radical? In our times, we hear that word and think of fundamentalists, radical activists, or extremists - people who go beyond limits to achieve their goals and may not consider themselves bound by normal propriety or morality. Their ethos might not be so different from James and John in today's Gospel. "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" This isn't so foreign to some of the stories of the Old Testament. Yet Jesus rebukes them. He won't be exacting in the way his contemporaries expected. There will be no radical rain down of fire and brimstone. Jesus is radical in another way: the call to discipleship.

"The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." These can be difficult passages to read. These are not normal things to hear! It can be easy for many of us to avoid the exacting nature of the Gospel, which might not be what we think it is. James and John wanted to set the bar high for others on the outside and to punish those who didn't meet that standard. Jesus sets the bar high for his disciples, those who say they want to follow him. He may be using some hyperbole, but it's only to send a clear message. This is a radical call, one that has a cost. To truly put God and others first, before ourselves, will involve sacrifice. How is Jesus asking you to be radical today?

Sunday Collection

June, 22/23, 2019 was \$3,093.00

St. Nicholas Church Fundraising Raffle Winner

On June 23, 2019 the raffle of the basket with a Louis Vuitton ladies bag and wallet was drawn and the winner is Mrs. Alejandra Moreno with ticket # 3225218.

Congratulations!

The profit of \$1,045 will go towards the fund to celebrate the coming St. Nicholas Feast -2019. Thank you all for your support. God bless you!

St. Nicholas Church Activities Committee

13º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

En la Liturgia de este domingo, escuchamos que hay dos invitaciones para seguir a Jesús. Es decir, que encontramos dos escenas de vocación. En la Primera Lectura es la invitación al profeta Eliseo, discípulo de Elías. Eliseo abraza la invitación con agrado. En el Evangelio, se narra que alguien le dijo: "Maestro, te seguiré adondequiera que vayas". (Lucas 9:57). La respuesta de Jesús es fuerte y advierte que no tiene ni donde recostar su cabeza. Luego invita a otro y a otro, pero la respuesta es la misma. Tienen muchas cosas que hacer. No hay tiempo de seguirle. Parece que el Reino de Dios, no es de sus prioridades. Siempre hay muchos peros: debo primero enterrar a mis difuntos, despedir a la familia, consolidar lo económico, terminar los estudios y en fin tanta cosa.

Buscar el Reino de Dios implica seguir a Jesús en todo lo que hacemos, y esto no es un camino fácil. Sobre todo, en estos tiempos tan agitados y llenos de incertidumbre, donde existe el engaño y la mentira. El Evangelio, es tiempo presente e invita a tener las manos y el corazón libres para poder anunciar siempre la Buena Nueva. Por eso, San Pablo da un buen consejo dice que: "Hay que dejarse guiar por el Espíritu Santo". Es el que nos da la libertad y nos libera de la esclavitud, de la flojera y la apatía por el Reino. Recordemos, que, el Reino es el mayor tesoro donde poner el corazón. ¿Qué estás dispuesto a hacer por el Reino de Dios actualmente? ¿Dónde vez el Reino de Dios latente en tu parroquia?

Readings for the week of June 30, 2019

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [cf. 5a]/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62
Monday:	Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 [3a]/Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [3a]/Mt 9:14-17
Next Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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A Message from Fr. Tom

Jesus emphasizes the primacy of commitment to the reign of God—all else is secondary. He calls each one of us to follow him in freedom. Freedom is not license. Freedom may not at times even be the following of our conscience—after all our consciences may be poorly formed. Christian freedom is not a freedom from things but rather to be for something. Freedom as the Christian *should* understand it is a freedom that enables us to draw closer to God to discern and accept His will and enter “into a relationship with him which is living and constant” as Cardinal O’Connor used to say often to his seminarians and priests. What does this mean practically? When life’s trials come—God comes as well. He is present to help us and to orient our suffering and testing as a means of deepening our relationship with Him. Christian freedom is a freedom of the spirit. This freedom places one at the service of others out of love for the glory of God.

Mark in your Calendar/The First Weekend of Each Month in Divine Mercy Parish

1.) I continue to encourage you to take advantage of the First Saturday Devotion. As part of the Fatima promises, Mary the mother of Jesus invites us to make the following four (4) spiritual exercises on the first Saturday of five consecutive months:

- Attend Mass
- Pray the five decades of the Rosary
- Reflect for 15 Minutes on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary
- Go to Confession within 7 days prior or after the First Saturday

For the person who makes this devotion Mary promises to be with that person at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation. What a deal!

- 2.) Become a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society: Attend Nocturnal Adoration on Saturday, July 6th in St. Cecilia’s Chapel from 8pm to 9pm.
- 3.) Join us for a social on Sunday, July 7th after the 7pm Mass in St. Cecilia’s Rectory. We will offer this on the first Sunday of every month

Congratulations and Thank You/Generations of Faith and AC Please Participate!!!

As you can see from the following information, we have successfully made our goal for both the Generations of Faith and Annual Catholic Appeal. As

your pastor, I am deeply grateful—God Bless you and thank you. Please continue to fulfill your pledges, and I hope these words will encourage two important steps:

- 1.) If you have not already made a pledge to either campaign please do so.
- 2.) Please register with Divine Mercy Parish. This means that you will receive envelopes for weekly donations to help to keep our parish going. This also helps me—your pastor—to advocate on behalf of the parish when the diocese sees the numbers of registered members.

What is Generations of Faith?—the G of F Campaign is an extraordinary 5 year campaign introduced in our parish in January 2016 to assist in three main areas: (1) assistance to parishes; (2) youth ministry; (3) aid for retired priests.

Parish Goal:	\$375,000.00
Donors:	188
Pledged:	\$461,920.00
Paid:	\$349,829.92

What is the Annual Catholic Appeal?—the ACA is proposed annually to parishes typically during Lent. It has as its purpose to assist the on-going charitable activities of the diocese that cannot be funded by one special collection during the course of the year. These services include: (1) Religious Education; (2) Support of our seminary; (3) Aid to Catholic Charities; (4) Aid for migration services.

Parish Goal:	\$35,750.00
Donors:	116
Pledged:	\$39,088.00
Paid:	\$25,532.17

ADORATION

Evening Adoration has returned to St. Cecilia’s Chapel MONDAY—THURSDAY 9PM to 10PM

THE TABLET

As you may have noticed, we will now be offering the weekly Diocesan Paper “The Tablet,” in a dedicated kiosk or rack. We encourage you to subscribe to this paper for home delivery by mail. These forms are on the vestibule tables. When you pick up a copy of the Tablet in church, please pay for your copy. Place one dollar (\$1.00) in the PAY HERE slot for each copy taken. We will no longer be handing out these papers for free. You are expected to pay for each issue.

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**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish**

“For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt 25:35-36)

It is only through your continued generosity and compassion in supporting our food pantry through donations and volunteer service that we are able to assist so many in our community. Simply put, without your support the pantry could not exist.

Specific items needed: **Canned fruit**
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – June 30, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Louis & Tessie Brando by daughter Teresa Puccio & Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Joseph, Sam, Rocco & Michael by Teresa Puccio & Family

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BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Filomena Tomaino by Carol Carannante
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Change of Parish Office Hours

The summer hours for the Parish Office are as follows:

Monday	9am to 4pm
Tuesday	9am to 8pm
Wednesday	9am to 8pm
Thursday	9am to 8pm
Friday	9am to 4pm
Saturday	9am to 5pm

Starting Monday July 1, 2019 through September 3, 2019.

Can you help

Our parish is seeking a volunteer who is skilled in technology and social networking to manage and update our parish website. Please leave your name and number at the parish office (718-387-0246).

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, June 29, 2019

5:00pm Sts. Clementi & Costanza by Medici Family

Sunday, June 30, 2019

8:00am John Porcelli by Nancy & Vincent Gonzalez

11:30am John H. Pelletier by Sister Rose
In Honor of St. Nicholas by Mary Martino & Family
Angela Scannapieco by Annette Bergamo & Family

Monday, July 1, 2019

7:45am Joan P. D’Arienzo by Rose Martello

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

7:45am Aniello De Sarno by Family

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

7:45am Teresa Scotti by Family

Thursday, July 4, 2019

7:45am Aida Mongello by Fr. Tom Vassalotti

Friday, July 5, 2019

7:45am Sally Borgia by Loretta Pizza

Saturday, July 6, 2019

7:45am Rafaela Pacifico by Dennis Torre & Sonia Rivera

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, July 7, 2019

8:00am Giuseppe D’Arrigo by Mr. & Mrs. Francesco D’Arrigo & Family

11:30am Raffaella Pacifico by Loretta & Frank Pizza

Looking for an opportunity to give back?

Board service at the Academies of the Diocese of Brooklyn by people like you is a critical part of our success

Do you have expertise or skills in Finance, Development, Leadership, Education, Marketing, Facilities Management? Consider applying them at a Catholic Academy! Contact Brother Ralph J. Darmento, F.S.C. at rdarmento@diobrook.org. to learn about the rewards of Board Service.

JUNE 30, 2019

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church**

Sunday, June 30, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

7:00pm Pedro Espinal

Sunday, July 7, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick:

Linda Newby, Betty Gifford, Sister Clare Agnes Conforti, Dolores Mulcahey, Sister Miriam Daniel Pendar, C.S.J., Con Shanahan, Ernie Gentile, Phil Capano, Jackie Elsasser

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Valentina Zacchia, Frances Vitale, Ann Luisa Piro, Grazia Ferro, Lucy Leone, Carmella Caiafa

Peter's Pence Collection,

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

**The Saint Theresa Guild Presents
"European Masquerade"**

Rescheduled Date: Saturday, **Sept. 14, 2019**

Time: 6:15 pm

Food, Wine, Dessert, Live Entertainment by the Evan Arntzen Trio & Fabulous Prizes!

Where: St. Francis of Paola Auditorium
200 Woodpoint Road

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

Tickets are available at the Parish Office, or by calling Marie Perrotto 718-389-1073 or Annette Marino 646-361-8467 – arm718@aol.com.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church**

Sunday, June 30, 2019

9:30am Norah McCormick

Carmela Trezza

McCauley Family

7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, July 1, 2019

8:30am Joseph, Ersilia Falce & Family by Mario Falce

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

8:30am Carmella Trezza by Rosary Society

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

8:30am Antoinette Cherubino by Francesca Grosso

Thursday July 4, 2019

7:00pm Cono & Frances De Gruccio

Friday, July 5, 2019 – First Friday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, July 6, 2019

8:30am Joan D'Arienzo by Sonia Rivera & Dennis Torre

Sunday, July 7, 2019

9:30am Maureen Pastina

John Curcio

Jo and Ed Collins

Eamon and Ray McGinn

Carmela "Millie" Trezza by Roseann, Dom, Sofia Randazzo

Paul D. Martino - Happy Birthday by Family

7:00pm Open Intention

Mission Appeal Weekend

Fr. Bienvenu Tsanga will be in our parish on the weekend of July 13/14 to participate in the Annual Missionary Cooperation Plan. Fr. Bienvenu is from the Diocese of Obala a Roman Catholic Diocese in Cameroon, Central Africa.

The Diocese of Obala, though rich in faith and culture, is challenged and threatened by absolute poverty. Being a young and poor rural diocese, they are struggling with meeting the basic economic needs of their diocese: feeding the poor, building orphanages, churches, ect. Please be generous in your giving. God Bless.

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

Andrea.Haro@nypd.org

Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm

CTKK Summer Camp

CK Kids is proud to announce their partnership with Queen of the Rosary to offer a convenient summer camp opportunity! Christ the King has over 25 years of summer camp experience and is now offering transportation from the Queen of the Rosary campus.

July 5th August 12th, for Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 14. \$300 per week. Transportation to and from Queen of the Rosary and lunch are included.

For more information: WWW.CTKNT.ORG, or 718-366-7454 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village NY., 11379