

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Active and contemplative. At work and at rest. These are dynamics we all face in our lives, and if we're honest, we might not always balance perfectly! In this Sunday's Gospel, our daily tensions play out in two sisters. Mary "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." Martha, on the other hand, is "burdened with much serving." This, as it turns out, is not necessarily "the better part."

All of us reading this have some sort of labor we engage in. We have different trades or careers. We have responsibilities as family members, some of which may take up most of our time. In the time of Scripture, showing hospitality to guests was one of the most important values in society. Our work is important. Jesus himself spent decades as a carpenter. So what's the problem with Martha? Martha is burdened, anxious, and worried. Not only that, but she resents her sister's choice. "Tell her to help me," she demands of Jesus.

How easy it is to get very busy doing good things. We need to provide for our families and plan for retirement. We need to make sure children are clothed, fed, and educated. Our committees, ministries, and sports schedules need to stay on track. However, without a balance of work with rest, without contemplation in the midst of our action, we will miss the point. While many parts are required for our life in the world to function, the better part is our relationship with God. This week, make time in your busy schedule to sit at Jesus' feet. Maybe this is 20 minutes with Scripture, participating in a daily Mass, or a quiet walk alone in the park. Receive what Christ wants to speak to you.

Sunday Collection

July 13/14, 2019 collection \$2,231.00

Calling All Vendors Flea Market!!!

Only \$25.00 per table! (Please make check payable to Divine Mercy Parish). For questions or to reserve your table call Rina at 646-584-3340 or Ivette at 917-446-9581. Flea Market will take place on Sunday, October 20th, in Msgr. Vetro Hall, 26 Olive Street between Powers and Devoe Streets, from 10 am to 4 pm.

16° domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La hospitalidad de la que tanto se habla en estos tiempos en la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos se manifiesta en la Liturgia de hoy. Decimos que las comunidades deben de trabajar en una hospitalidad radical para que los miembros de la comunidad se sientan bienvenidos y atraídos a las asambleas dominicales. Podemos reflexionar en dos caras de la hospitalidad: La primera de vista a Dios y la segunda de los que nos rodean y visitan. La hospitalidad debe ser parte esencial de cada cristiano, algo así como un estilo de vida cotidiano. En la Primera Lectura, Abraham se muestra hospitalario y atiende a sus tres visitantes con rapidez y alegría. No escatima en esfuerzo y trabajo. Es como una urgencia para quedar bien ante los visitantes. ¿Somos así de hospitalarios con los que nos visitan?

En el Evangelio donde Jesús visita a Martha y María, la hospitalidad parece dividida en dos partes. Una que atiende y se pierde en mil cosas por quedar bien ante el Señor Jesús al grado de reclamar por ayuda. "Señor, ¿no te importa que mi hermana me haya dejado sola para atender?". (Lucas 10:40). Y la otra que se sienta para escuchar y saborear la amistad y la intimidad del Señor. ¿Qué te parece? ¿A cuál de estas dos perteneces tú? Tradicionalmente se a interpretado que ambas son buenas, pero necesitan balance. Marta que se afana en la actividad y María en contemplar. La enseñanza de Jesús, sencillamente, es que lo primero es Escuchar la Palabra. Por eso Jesús dice: "María ha elegido la mejor parte, que no le será quitada". (Lucas 10:42). ¿Cómo es mi encuentro con Cristo Jesús mi amigo?

Readings for the week of July 21, 2019

Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21--15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28
Friday:	Ex 20: 1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

A Message from Fr. Tom

Last week's Gospel gave us the summary of the Law and the Parable of the Good Samaritan. The most fundamental commands of God are to love the Lord your God above all things—and to love one's neighbor as yourself. Then Jesus gave us the Parable of the Good Samaritan and explained to us what loving our neighbor demands. The love of neighbor—compassion and charity—especially for those who live on the periphery of society—must be connected to the reception of God's commands. Being a true neighbor is not defined by who *we* say is our neighbor—but rather; *have those in need* said they have found in *us* the compassion, and that defines being an authentic neighbor? Today, in the story of Martha and Mary we have a continuation of the explanation of the two greatest commandments. This Gospel explains the first half of the summary of the Law—the Love of God with all our being. How does one love the Lord their God with all their heart, strength, soul and mind? We love God by sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to him.

Consider asking the following question: Is the Christian faith for me an encounter with the living God? If this is really true, this realization is always accompanied by a sense of holy awe and gratitude. We witness new life coming forth from places we did not expect. Furthermore, do we recognize the action of God's grace in our daily lives? Have we come to discover God using us in some surprising or providential manner? This theme we find in our first reading when life is promised Abraham and Sarah despite their advanced age. Lastly, we identify with Christ. The Christian is called to totally identify with Christ. In the most difficult of moments and that is in the crosses that we carry each day. We ask God to help us to listen to His Son Jesus and receive His word.

Congratulations and Thank You Generations of Faith and ACA 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.

I realize that there are many people who have recently moved to the neighborhood and may not know what these campaigns are all about—or why they are important. These campaigns assist the on-going ministry in the diocese which includes seminary formation, aid to retired priests, religious education, youth ministry, aid to parishes, aid to immigrants, support of Catholic Charities within the diocese—to name a few. In all of the mentioned areas, we must recognize that our parish has received and that it is only fair to give something in return. Consider the following:

Retired Priests—thank you Fr. Andrew Varano for your 60 years of priestly service.

Seminary Formation—Welcome newly ordained Fr. Pedro Angucho Lopez to DMP.

Religious Education & Youth Ministry—DMP continues to receive grants each year to support these ministries.

Aid to Parishes—we received a 3 million dollar loan from the diocese to complete the on-going work that is for all to see and in our three churches.

Aid to Immigrants—our diocese is recognized as having one of the finest migration offices in the country—and we do not accept any government money to influence or control our programs!

Catholic Charities—CC has directly assisted our parish food pantry, helped DMP assist homeless people and made available low income housing in our area.

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**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)

Despite the heat, the need for our pantry service continues. We try to meet the needs of people many of whom have never sought assistance before and though not in danger of outright hunger are “food insecure”.

Your continued generous contributions of cash or groceries means our neighbors do not have to choose between food and rent. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Specific items needed: **Coffee & Tea**
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

Memorial Gifts - Divine Mercy Parish

*Memorial Gifts are a wonderful way to honor
and remember your loved ones.*

Please come to the Rectory (or call) for information and available dates.

The following Memorial Gifts are available for the week:

Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp
Altar Candles Blessed Mother Candles
 St. Joseph Candles

Memorials can be made in remembrance of or in honor of a loved one.

ST. NICKS ALLIANCE

What is St. Nicks Alliance? We are an outcome-driven nonprofit community development organization serving low-to moderate-income North Brooklyn residents. We work to cultivate a community where all can succeed.

What does St. Nicks Alliance do? Our mission is to transform lives of low-and moderate income people through employment, education, housing, and health care. We carry out the mission within the context of building a sustainable community for all people through the arts, environmental advocacy, and urban planning.

Elder Care Programs at St. Nicks Alliance Assisted Living - Senior Housing - Home Care – Swinging Sixties Senior Center.

Contact Sharissa Barnett, Community Outreach Manager 917-620-1308 for more information.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Francis of Paola Church

Saturday, July 20, 2019

5:00pm Joan D’Arienzo by Scotti Family

Sunday, July 21, 2019

8:00am Rose Passaro by Anolfo Family
11:30am Assunta & Vito Bianco by daughter
 Gaetana

Monday, July 22, 2019

7:45am Frances Vitale by Augustina
 Di Giovanna

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

7:45am Joseph Di Giovanna by daughter

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

7:45am Paul De Martino by Family

Thursday, July 25, 2019

7:45am John San Pietro by Scotti Family

Friday, July 26, 2019

7:45am Giovanna & Generoso Morelli

Saturday, July 27, 2019

7:45am Open Intention
5:00pm Wanda Zadwarny by Mary Gentile &
 Family

Sunday, July 28, 2019

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mr. & Mrs.
 Francesco D’Arrigo & Family
11:30am Joan D’Arienzo by Family

Come Join Us

Adoration Monday in St. Francis of Paola Church from 11 am to 1 pm.

St. Cecilia’s Chapel located at 84 Herbert Street is open weekdays following the 8:30 morning Mass until approximately 3:00 pm.

The Wednesday Prayer Group will continue to meet on Wednesdays from 3 pm to 4 pm, in the St. Cecilia’s Chapel.

Adoration Monday through Thursday in St. Cecilia’s Chapel from 9 pm to 10 pm.

Pray for Vocations

JULY 21, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, July 21, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, July 28, 2019

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Pray For the Sick:

Dolores Mulcahey, Sister Miriam Daniel Pendar, C.S.J., Con Shanahan, Ernie Gentile, Phil Capano, Jackie Elsasser, Lucy Porcelli, Ana Marie Moreno, Michelle Torres

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Grazia Ferro, Lucy Leone, Carmella Caiafa, Olinda Helen De Santo

The Saint Theresa Guild Presents
“European Masquerade”

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.

Magnificat

Energize your faith and renew your spirit this fall on a Magnificat pilgrimage.

France

September 14-26, 2019

The Holy Land

September 7-18, 2019 and October 5-16, 2019

For more information contact Magnificat, PO Box 822, Yonkers, NY, 10702 or magnificat@magnificat.com.

Registration deadlines are quickly approaching.

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, July 21, 2019

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, July 22, 2019

8:30am Rev. Kaare Osorio (22nd Anniversary)

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

8:30am Carlos C. Velasquez

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

8:30am Mrs. McGarry by Carmel Seymour

Thursday, July 25, 2019

8:30am Sheila Conlon

Friday, July 26, 2019

8:30am Willie Tenaglia

Saturday, July 27, 2019

8:30am Frank Chesnicka

Sunday, July 28, 2019

9:30am Giuseppina Arlistico by Children

Deceased Members of the Zerilli Family

7:00pm Open Intention

Food or Clothing Donations

Please note that Divine Mercy Parish does not accept any donations of clothing items. They are simply too difficult to process.

There are special organizations prepared to handle such items and they should be contacted directly.

One that comes to mind:

St. Mary's Church 230 Classon Avenue

Brooklyn, N.Y. 11205 Tel: (718) 529-6070

In addition, we do not accept donations of perishable food items (e.g. bread, cheese, sandwiches). We cannot process these items and they will be thrown away. Often times they have been sitting outside or in the rectory vestibule for many hours or days and it creates a health hazard for anyone who eats something sitting around unrefrigerated for any period of time. Please use your common sense and spread the word about this issue.

We will accept nonperishable items for our food pantry and those donations may be dropped off directly in the food donation basket in St. Cecilia's Church and St. Francis of Paola Church.

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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