

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever seen a celebrity? Have you ever met a political representative? Did the encounter leave you with newfound acting or musical abilities? Did it give you a grasp of the intricacies of the latest city ordinance or controversial law? Talents, expertise, and skill are hard-won traits, not rewards that spread by contact. Our life of faith is also not so easy.

"We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets!" In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus notes that it requires moral strength to enter the kingdom of God. It's not mere proximity to righteousness that saves. Rubbing elbows with the righteous is not the same as being truly holy ourselves. Unfortunately, we can have this attitude in many areas. It's easy to see who may seem "first" in the eyes of the world. This occurs in our workplaces and among our public figures. It can also happen in our schools, local parishes, and the larger Church. For some of us, the temptation to have the popularity and prestige rub off on us can be fairly strong. If only we are in the right place with the right people, surely others will associate us with what they possess!

But salvation is worked out in each individual life. It is our task not merely to show up, but to be transformed. And the truly transformed may not be everyone we expect. "People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south... some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." Some who seem first in reputation now may be last in the kingdom of God. Others who appear now on the furthest fringes of society - but better imitate the lowly holiness of Jesus - will be first in his kingdom. What are your concerns? Proximity and reputation? Or prayerful righteousness?

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### Sunday Collection

August 17/18, 2019 collection was \$2,712.00.

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### Change of Mass Time For St. Nicholas

Starting September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Wednesday night Mass at St. Nicholas, 26 Olive Street, will be celebrated at 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendar and spread the world.

## 21er Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Recuerdo, cuando niña, mis padres me decían la siguiente frase: "Esfuézate por siempre hacer las cosas bien." Así sea lo más simple, debe ser bien hecho, aunque te tardes poquito más. Esforzarse significa que lo que se hace debe tener como motivo principal hacer el bien a ti mismo y a los demás. La sociedad en que vivimos nos mueve a hacer todo con prisa y esto motiva a que en ocasiones no haya esfuerzo. Si preguntáramos a los atletas profesionales que es lo que los llevo al éxito en las diferentes carreras que eligen, nos dirían en su respuesta que el esfuerzo es lo que los ha llevado al éxito.

Seguir a Jesús en su camino a Jerusalén no es fácil; la puerta es angosta, estrecha y para entrar en ella hay que esforzarse. Es decir, para estar dentro del Reino de Dios se debe de trabajar duro. El Papa Francisco nos dice que:

El camino de la salvación, según explica el Señor, prevé el traspaso de una puerta. ¿Cuál? Jesús mismo es la puerta. Lo dice Él en el Evangelio de Juan: "Yo soy la puerta" (Jn 10, 9). Él nos conduce a la comunión con el Padre, donde encontramos amor, comprensión y protección. Pero ¿Por qué esta puerta es estrecha?, se puede preguntar. ¿Por qué dice que es estrecha? Es una puerta estrecha no porque sea opresiva; sino porque nos exige restringir y contener nuestro orgullo y nuestro miedo, para abrirnos con el corazón humilde y confiado a Él, reconociéndonos pecadores, necesitados de su perdón. Por esto es estrecha: para contener nuestro orgullo, que nos hincha. La puerta de la misericordia de Dios es estrecha, pero ¡siempre abierta de par en par para todos!" Ciudad del Vaticano (lunes, 22-08-2016, Gaudium Press)

¿Cuál puerta eliges?

Readings for the week of August 25, 2019	
Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday:	Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 [1]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mk 6:17-29
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 [cf. 11b]/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

## A Message from Fr. Tom

Our hearts continue to be shocked and sickened by the senseless mass shootings in Texas and Ohio. To add to this—doctor assisted suicide is now legal in the State of New Jersey. New York cannot be far off. Our society is in deep trouble. My people wake up!! In the Brooklyn Tablet of August 17<sup>th</sup>, Bishop DiMarzio touched upon three points concerning the subject of gun laws in our society. I encourage everyone to contact our political representatives and convey the following points to them (President, Senators and Congressman). In my view, they are a wise plan of action. And as always, we implore the divine grace of God to also bring about change and conversion in the hearts of all people. So that, we may be a nation that is just and responsible for the common good of all its citizens:

1. A call for a ban on all assault weapons;
2. Uniform background checks on all gun sales on a national level, which must include private sales and sales at gun shows;
3. The mental health of purchasers must be considered. Red flag laws can be put into effect to warn law enforcement officials about people who exhibit instability which could put the community at risk;
4. Continue to make acts of reparation and atonement for the conversion of our nation on a host of issues that defend and secure the sanctity of life at all stages.

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## Calendar Meeting

All Groups, Organizations, Associations, Clubs and Societies are invited to a calendar meeting, on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the basement of St. Francis of Paola Rectory.

This calendar meeting is for the use of our facilities for parish activities here at Divine Mercy, for the upcoming calendar months of September 2019 through June 2020.

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## Remember Your Loved Ones

We have Memorial Gifts: Bread & Wine, St. Joseph Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Candles, and Blessed Mother Candles available for the week in the months of October, November and December.

Stop by the Parish Office for available dates

## Registration for

## Religious Education has begun

The office at 206 Skillman Avenue is open every day from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Special office hours will be on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, and Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. If you need to schedule an appointment for a different time please call the Faith Formation office at 347-521-0068 or email us at [faithformation@dmbk.org](mailto:faithformation@dmbk.org)

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## An invitation to all catechists who serve or have served at St. Francis:

We'd like to welcome you back with a luncheon at 206 Skillman Ave. on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> after the 11:30 am Mass. If you cannot commit full time for the coming school year, please consider volunteering as a sub, or just be in touch so that I can thank you for your service. Please contact Wanda at the Faith Formation office 347-521-0068 or by email: [faithformation@dmbk.org](mailto:faithformation@dmbk.org).

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## VIRTUS TRAINING

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 we will be presenting Protecting God's Children Training at 5 pm at 206 Skillman Ave. All volunteers need to take this course and must agree to a background check. You may register directly online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

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## Would you like to share your faith with our young people?

Additional volunteers (in many capacities) are always needed to help with our Faith Formation program. Please contact Wanda (347-521-0068) for more information. God Bless You!

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## A message from Amelia Castro Religious Education Coordinator

The registration for Religious Education Program is in progress. Please bring the Birth and Baptism Certificates for each child to be registered. Please come to St. Nicholas Church Auditorium after 10:30 am Mass.

21ST 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)*

Lord Jesus, we know that all goodness and blessings come from you. Please make us more aware of the many gifts we have been given. Show us how we can share with others and give us the courage and the generosity to help our community be a more loving, sensitive, caring and generous place to live. Amen

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

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – August 25, 2019  
SANCTUARY LAMP**

Joan D’Arienzo by Karin, Mark & Annika

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Anna Fusco by Anna & Joe Fusco  
Dominic Fusco by Anna & Joe Fusco

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES**

Antonia Cipriano by Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Colombo  
Nancy Kowal by Anna & Joe Fusco

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**The Saint Theresa Guild Presents  
“European Masquerade”  
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](mailto:arm718@aol.com).

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**St. Francis Golden Age Club**

The St. Francis Golden Age Club will return on  
Monday, September 9, 2019 at 12:30 pm.

BINGO at 1 pm.

Coffee and cake will be served.

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

**Saturday, August 24, 2019**

5:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

8:00am Giuseppi, Ersilia & Famiglia by Mario  
Falce

11:30am Chelsea DeCaminada by DeMarino  
Family  
Kutschmenda Family by Matty  
St. Lucy in Thanksgiving by Luis &  
Martha de los Rios

**Monday, August 26, 2019**

7:45am Ariella Rahimov: Get Well by Family

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

7:45am Mary & Michael Anolfo by Anolfo  
Family

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

7:45am John Daniele by Connie & Nick  
Papapietro

**Thursday, August 29, 2019**

7:45am Martinez Family by Rosie & Toney  
Martinez

**Friday, August 30, 2019**

7:45am Joan D’Arienzo by Rose & Cathy  
De Marino

**Saturday, August 31, 2019**

7:45am Thomas & Angelina Pasquariello by  
Ada

5:00pm Anthony, Jennie & Frank Torre by Torre  
Family

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

8:00am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish  
11:30am Vincenza & Francesco Federico by  
Angela & Raffaele Federico

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AUGUST 25, 2019

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

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

10:30am Open Intention

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

7:00pm Open Intention

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

10:30am In Thanksgiving

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**Pray For the Sick:**

Con Shanahan, Phil Capano, Jackie Elsasser, Lucy Porcelli, Ana Marie Moreno, Sister Miriam Daniel Pendar, S.C.J., Jacqueline Meneel, Nancy & Vincent Gonzalez, James Colasanti, Valarie Bruno, Michael Dick

**Pray For the Recently Deceased:**

Joseph Rinaldi, Margaret "Peggy" Mc Guinness, Jovef Janicki, Cono Babino, Charles Altadonna

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**St. Cecilia's Seniors**

**Mark This on Your Calendar**

St. Cecilia's Seniors will reopen on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. We will gather from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. There is an annual registration fee of \$10.00. Bingo will be played and cake and coffee will be served. New members are welcome.

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**Evening Adoration**

Monday—Thursday 9 pm to 10 pm St. Cecilia Chapel. All are Welcome

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**Red Mass**

Catholic Lawyers Guild of Queens County cordially invites you to attend the celebration of our Annual Red Mass-

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6 pm

Celebrant Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio

at the Immaculate Conception Center, 7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, New York 11362. Please RSVP by September 12, 2019. Buffet to follow Mass. Donation \$40.00.

For additional information contact Zenith T. Taylor 718-268-1300 or Donna Furey 347-448-2549

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

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

9:30am Barbara Sinkevitch

7:00pm Open Intention

**Monday, August 26, 2019**

8:30am Michael Dick: Living Intention Get Well

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

8:30am Open Intention

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

8:30am For the Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, August 29, 2019**

8:30am Open Intention

**Friday, August 30, 2019**

8:30am Sal & Sara De Gruccio

**Saturday, August 31, 2019**

8:30am Rae Pacifico

**Sunday, September 1, 2019**

9:30am Carl Bedigian

Michael Dick: Living Intention Get Well

Rosary Society

7:00pm Open Intention

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**Thank You**

We have received the following thank you note from Sister Miriam Daniel Pender, C.S.J.

Dear Father Vassalotti and Parishioners of St. Cecilia's.

I am very grateful to all of you for the Masses, prayers and get well wishes that I received at the time of my surgery. I am sure that your prayers and thoughtfulness helped to make my surgery a success. God Bless You.

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**Calling All Vendors**

Only \$25.00 per table

For questions or to reserve your table at our Flea Market call Rina at 646-584-3340 or Ivette at 917-446-9581.

Flea Market will take place on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, in Msgr. Vetro Hall, 26 Olive Street between Powers and Devoe Streets, from 10 am to 4 pm.

*(Please make check payable to Divine Mercy Parish).*

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### **RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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