

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Can you imagine if Jesus threw a party? From the wedding feast at Cana, we know he wouldn't let the wine run out. From this Sunday's Gospel, we know there would be quite a lively array of guests! We also knew who the most important people would be - everyone. Jesus advises throwing a party that turns everything upside down. Everyone should assume they're the least important attendee, and the guest list shouldn't include the neighborhood "who's who." Rather, we should go looking for "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" and hope they RSVP. Jesus describes a particular posture towards our own hospitality.

Parties are about the other people. "Do not recline at table in the place of honor." How often can small talk become a one-upmanship of job promotions, home renovations, and our children's achievements? We've all been to parties where being the most interesting guest is the highest achievement. Yet so often, we know the best party guests are the ones who listen well to our stories. Whether we are guests or hosts, we have the opportunity to look on others with humility and awe.

Parties are opportunities to serve. Jesus advises us to be careful who we invite "in case they might invite you back and you have repayment." Does Jesus literally mean we shouldn't invite our friends over? Of course not! But he does invite us to special consideration when we offer hospitality. When we invite people over to our home, what motivates us? Who we want to spend time with? Who we'd like to impress? These ultimately have only ourselves in mind. How about asking: Who could use some extra care right now? Who could benefit from a fun evening out? In other words, who can I serve?

Sunday Collection

August 24/25 2019 collection was \$2,815.00.

**Change of Mass Time
For St. Nicholas**

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

Mark your calendar and spread the word.

**22º Domingo del Tiempo
Ordinario**

Si recordamos, el domingo pasado el Evangelio terminaba con las siguientes palabras: "Unos que estaban entre los últimos son ahora los primeros, mientras que los primeros han pasado a ser los últimos." (Lucas 13:30). Hoy se escucha esto mismo, pero en una catequesis práctica. Se habla de una comida en casa de un fariseo. Me imagino que existía mucha tensión entre los invitados; Los fariseos espiaban a Jesús mientras que el observaba sus acciones. ¿Qué es lo que Jesús ve? Pues, nada más y nada menos, que la mayoría de los invitados buscaban los primeros lugares. ¿Te ha pasado alguna vez que te invitan y tienes que lidiar con codazos y alegatos de quien tiene el primer lugar? ¿Que bochorno se pasa si te regresan a otro lugar que no es el primero!

Hoy, Jesús, nos enseña como son las reglas de los buenos modales y la buena educación. Entonces y ahora, el Evangelio nos reta a no perder las reglas elementales de la buena educación que deben llevar a una reflexión profunda sobre la humildad y la sencillez. Todo lo que estorba para practicar el Evangelio debe ser sacado del entorno. La ambición, el orgullo, la falsedad y falta de juicio no entran en el plan de Dios y su Reino. ¿Quiénes son ahora los invitados más importantes a la mesa? ¿Es Jesús invitado de honor en mi vida? Reflexionemos durante la semana en las palabras del Evangelio: "Porque el que se ensalza será humillado y el que se humilla será ensalzado." (Lucas 14:11) Palabras de alegría y esperanza. Por consiguiente: ¡Hay que comenzar a practicar la sencillez de corazón!

Readings for the week of September 1, 2019

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
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

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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 17th, Bishop DiMarzio touched upon three points concerning the subject of gun laws in our society. These three points follow along with my appeal for us to make acts of reparation to atone for and foster conversion 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 purchaser 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.

Saturday, September 7th/First Saturday of the Month Marian Devotion

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

For the person who makes this devotion for five (5) consecutive Saturdays, Mary promises to be with that person at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation. What a deal!

- 1.) Become a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society: Attend Nocturnal Adoration on Saturday, September 7, in St. Cecilia's Chapel from 8pm to 9pm.
- 2.) Join us for a social on Sunday, September 1, after the 7pm Mass in St. Cecilia's Rectory. We will offer this on the first Sunday of every month

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.

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.

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!

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

**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)

Each week the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish show their love for God and neighbor by putting their faith into action through the good works of supporting our food pantry by donations and volunteering. “Thank You”

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

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – September 1, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Joan D’Arienzo by Carla Caniglia & Marlena LoCicero

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Gabriele Carannante by daughter Tina

SANCTUARY LAMP

Joan D’Arienzo by Carla Caniglia & Marlena LoCicero

ALTAR CANDLES

Joan D’Arienzo by Carla Caniglia & Marlena LoCicero

Joan D’Arienzo by Carla Caniglia & Marlena LoCicero

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Joan D’Arienzo by Carla Caniglia & Marlena LoCicero

Joan D’Arienzo by Carla Caniglia & Marlena LoCicero

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.

Nocturnal Adoration

Join us on Saturday, September 7th, for Nocturnal Adoration, at 8 pm in St. Cecilia’s Chapel.

Wedding Banns

October 6, 2019- St. Nicholas
Claudia Lopez & Diomedee Aquino
October 12, 2019 – St. Cecilia
Rebecca Salois & Daniel Fava
October 19, 2019 – St. Cecilia
Daniel Gallo & Amanda Sullivan

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

Saturday, August 31, 2019

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

Monday, September 2, 2019

7:45am Felice Baglivo by Family

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

7:45am Millie & Lucy by Maria Mandarino

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

7:45am Gabriele Carannante by Family

Thursday, September 5, 2019

7:45am Aunt Marie & Joseph De Martino by DeMartino Family

Friday, September 6, 2019

7:45am Carmella Caiafa by Rosa Martello

Saturday, September 7, 2019

7:45am Nicola & Mrike Gjura

5:00pm Joan D’Arienzo by St. Theresa Guild

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:00am Robert Rizzo by John Passaro

11:30am Mattia & Theresa Paolino

Thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Thinking of being confirmed?

If you or someone you know is thinking of this, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the right step for you to take. The RCIA is a process that consists of a combination of participating at Sunday Mass and instructions on the teachings and customs of the Roman Catholic Church.

RCIA is also for baptized Catholics who have not received both First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The sessions meet weekly. If you are seriously thinking of entering this program call the Parish Office and ask for Fr. Rafael.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, September 1, 2019

10:30am In Thanksgiving by Sonia Rivera

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

6:30pm Open Intention

Sunday, September 8, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick:

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, Michael Vayda

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Margaret "Peggy" Mc Guinness, Jovf Janicki, Cono Babino, Charles Altadonna, Joseph Bavuso, Ann Romano

Religious Education News

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, September 8th, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am, and Saturday, September 14th, 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

Catechist Commissioning: On **Sunday, September 15th, 2019** we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday "**STAY WITH US**". The Catechist Commissioning will take place at St. Francis of Paola at the 11:30 am Mass.

VIRTUS TRAINING: on **Tuesday, September 17th, 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 agree to a background check. You may register directly online at www.virtus.org

Religious Education: Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 22nd, 2019**. Parents, catechists, and students of St. Francis of Paola are expected to be at the Rectory basement on Sunday, September 22nd, at 10 am for instruction and orientation.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, September 1, 2019

9:30am Carl Bedigian
Michael Dick: Living Intention Get Well
Rosary Society
7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, September 2, 2019

8:30am Frances Brancato

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

Thursday, September 5, 2019

8:30am Susan & Florence De Gruccio

Friday, September 6, 2019 – FIRST FRIDAY

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, September 7, 2019

8:30am Rev. Michael Carrano by Dennis Torre & Sonia Rivera

Sunday, September 8, 2019

9:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish
7:00pm Open Intention

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

The 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.

St. Cecilia's Seniors

Mark This on Your Calendar

St. Cecilia's Seniors will reopen on Thursday, September 5th. 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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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

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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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