

May 24, 2020

The Ascension of the Lord



DIVINE MERCY

CATHOLIC PARISH

Loving Mercifully, Living Marian.

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. &
7:00 p.m. (Español)

Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday:
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
7:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

See Inside the Bulletin for Schedule

Confession Times

Saturday: 3:00—3:45 p.m.

Sábado: 6:15—6:45 p.m. (Español)

Sunday: 30 minutes before Mass

Tuesday: Prior to 6:30 p.m. Mass
And by Appointment

Devotions

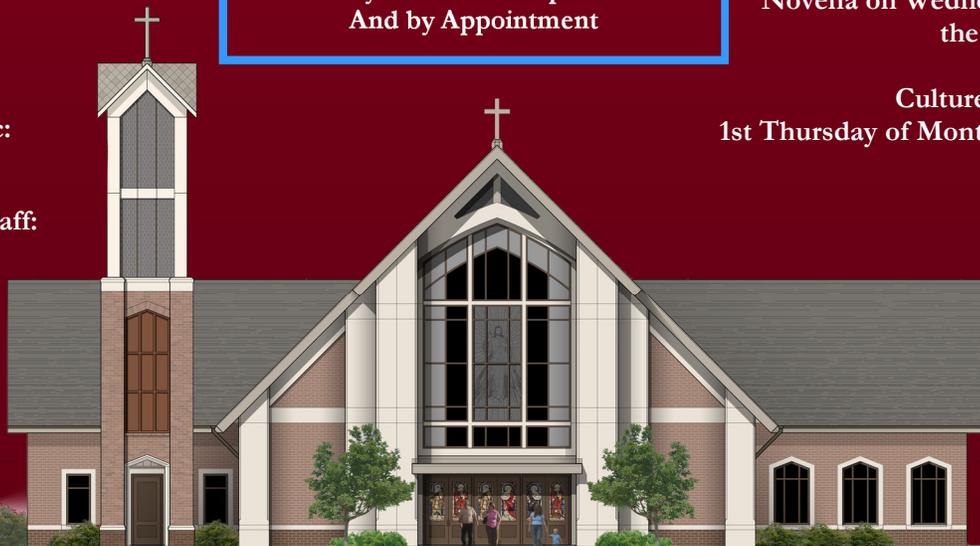
Eucharistic Adoration:
24/7 in the Adoration Chapel

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Thursday & Friday, 3 p.m. in
Adoration Chapel
and following
Weekday Morning Masses

Rosary:
Monday—Friday before Mass,
Sunday before 8:30 a.m. Mass, and
Sábados, 6:30 p.m. (Español)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Novena on Wednesday following
the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Culture of Life Rosary
1st Thursday of Month following the
7:30 a.m. Mass





St. Joseph Sunday Missal

Today's Readings: p. 475

Next Sunday: p. 481

To purchase a Sunday Missal for \$20, please see an usher.



The Sanctuary Candle
burns this week

For Blessings, Unity
and Civility

The Adoration Chapel
Candles burn this week

For Healing of
Sharon Huffman



Pray for the Repose of the
Souls of those who have died:

Harriet Stegemerten
Laura Jean Cambre Hope



*May their souls and the
souls of all the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace!*



Out of Reverence for the
Lord Jesus who so
generously shares with us
His Body and Blood in the
Eucharist,
worshippers are earnestly
invited to remain with the
congregation until Mass is
concluded.

MASS INTENTIONS

*To schedule Mass intentions, please visit website
www.divinemercyparish.org. The link for the
Mass intentions page is under "Pray," then
"Prayer & Liturgy," then "Mass Intentions", or
contact the Parish Office.*



May 23 - 29, 2020

Saturday 4:00 pm

Angelina Serio, Blessings, Unity, and Civility, Celeste Thiberville,
Charles Kronlage, Dolores Christman, Frank Crocker, Jr.,
Jim Parrish, Jimmy Serio, Joan Preston, Lillian Stockfleth,
Mike Lemmon, Mirian Chacon, Nelson Guarin Campof,
Salvadore Serio, Stanley Adamcewicz, Sr.

Sábado-Misa de las 7:00 pm

Andres Albarado Flores

Sunday 8:30 am

Mirtha Blanco

Sunday 10:30 am

Joseph Brocato (Living), Poor Souls, Malinda Hills-Holmes (Living),
Shirley Levy, Charles McGinness, Special Intention, Peter Martinsen

Sunday 6:00 pm Mass

All Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday 6:30 pm: Paul Siragusa

Tuesday 6:30 pm: Iris Brechtel

Wednesday 7:30 am: Charles Francis

Thursday 7:30 am: Tomohiro Nakamoto

Friday 7:30 am: Danny Picou



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 24

- Masses 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM
- Bilingual Confessions 3 to 4 PM under the SEAS Portico

Monday, May 25

- Parish Office Closed - Memorial Day
- Church open 9 AM to 5 PM
- 6:30 PM Mass

Tuesday, May 26

- Church open 9 AM to 5 PM
- 6:30 PM Mass

Wednesday, May 27

- 7:30 AM Mass
- Church open 9 AM to 5 PM

Thursday, May 28

- 7:30 AM Mass
- Church open 9 AM to 5 PM

Friday, May 29

- 7:30 AM Mass
- Church open 9:00 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, May 30

- Masses 4:00 PM Vigil, 7:00 PM Spanish
- Second Collection Peter's Pence

Sunday, May 31

- Masses 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM
- Second Collection Peter's Pence
- Bilingual Confessions 3 to 4 PM under the SEAS Portico

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of May 10, 2020

Envelopes	\$	4,465
Loose	\$	283
Online Giving	\$	4,503
Capital Campaign	\$	2,649
Other Income	\$	1,947
Totalling	\$	13,847

St. Anthony Ministry	\$	246
Debt Reduction Weekend	\$	577

"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."

~ Fr. Cooper



GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

May 24, 2020 - 7th Sunday of Easter (The Ascension of the Lord)

"I am praying for them..." (John 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.





Online Giving Welcome to Online Giving

Divine Mercy Parish would like to thank our families who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through our Online Giving Program. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe, and secure way of giving, please check out our website:



<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/dmp>

Prayer Intentions

Amy Waguespack, Sylvia Bordelon, Louise Ogier, Rosemary Cotham, Irma Schmidt, Roberto Aguilar, Karen Tassin, Sandra Woods, Elvira Savery, Lyle Heisser, Hazel Harclarode, Brian Jeanson & Family, Louise Aucoin, Jody Rome, Bruce Abadie, Veronica Simon, Dominic Carmen, Angel Veitia, Sharon Huffman, All Prayer Blanket Recipients, and All Prayer Intentions on the Divine Mercy website.



Names will remain on the list one month. Call 466-5016 to add a name.

Prayer Blanket Ministry



Relief to the suffering, peace to the fearful. May each Prayer Blanket Recipient know they are not alone. We are praying for their healing and comfort. This beautiful act of sacrifice

before the Lord transforms this blanket into a prayer blanket whose very threads become interwoven with pleas for healing on behalf of the recipient. To request a Prayer Blanket for someone who is ill or in need, contact Meryl Rooney at (504) 472-4383.

DIVINE MERCY YOUTH MINISTRY

Today, we celebrate the seventh Sunday of Easter. In Matthew 28:16-20, we are presented with the Ascension of the Lord: and the commissioning of the disciples. Jesus says, "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. A LIFETEEN author states, "Christ sent His apostles out on mission to evangelize all people and bring them to baptism." The LIFETEEN author also states, "We are called to share the Gospel with the world, to let others know that Jesus has conquered sin and death so we can be a part of His never-ending Kingdom." At LIFETEEN and Edge we discuss what the LIFETEEN author says about "what it means to be apostolic." Please join us as we discuss our mission, evangelization, and discipleship,

You are invited to stay connected with us on Instagram at [divinemercylite](#), Twitter at [divinemercylite](#), and YouTube at [Divine Mercy Life Teen](#)



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

Memorial Day Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 26th at 10:00 am.



“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations... And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

St. Matthew reminds us that even at this time, after all their experiences while being students of Jesus, living with Him, serving with Him, witnessing the miracles which He performed, the disciples still doubted.

Do we go through periods of doubt? If we say no, then why do so many of us let fear rule us during this time of purification? Why are we so anxious for our health and safety? Jesus never promised an idyllic life on earth, but He did promise to send the Holy Spirit Who would teach us all things and equip us with everything we need to be faithful followers of His. Today, let us renounce fear and anxiety and trust Jesus to provide for all our needs especially faith and trust in Him.

Reflection by Anne-Marie Barrilleaux

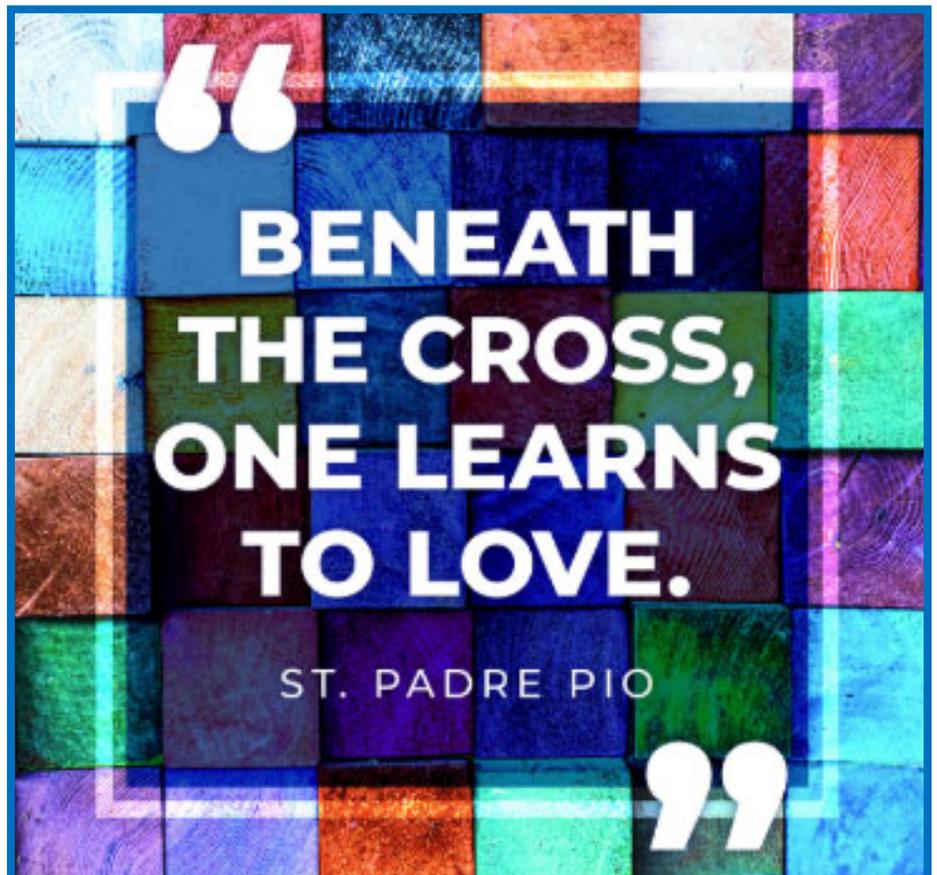


Universal Charitable Deduction

The signing of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act has created a Universal Charitable Deduction of \$300 for taxpayers. This is an “above-the-line” deduction, which means it will be available to all taxpayers, not just those who itemize.

Example: A taxpayer who takes the standard deduction and makes a \$300 cash gift (not stock) to a qualified charitable organization, like their parish, may claim the \$300 deduction in computing his or her adjusted gross income.

The gift may be made at any time during the remainder of 2020. This deduction is in addition to the taxpayer’s standard deduction.





Welcome Home

The following is based on information we have at the time of printing the bulletin. For the most Up-To-Date information, please visit the parish website: <http://www.divinemercyparish.org/latest-information.html>

Beginning the weekend of May 16th and 17th, the **Weekend Mass Schedule** will follow our normal Sunday pattern: **Saturday: 4PM Vigil Mass and 7PM Vigil Mass (in Spanish) & Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:30AM and 6:00PM.**

Please note that we will be under the restriction of 25% occupancy for all Masses and sacramental celebrations in the Church. Depending on attendance level, if necessary, we will adjust the Weekend Mass schedule accordingly. **There will be no "sign-up" to attend Mass.**

Recorded Sunday Mass will be provided each Sunday morning for those who are vulnerable, in a high-risk category, or who are desiring to avoid larger crowds. Please remember that Archbishop Aymond has dispensed the people of the Archdiocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. If someone is vulnerable, in a high-risk category, or is not feeling well, they should not celebrate Mass in church with other people.

Weekday Mass Schedule will follow our normal pattern: **Monday-Tuesday: 6:30PM; Wednesday-Friday: 7:30AM**

Confession Schedule: Drive-Thru **Bilingual Confessions** will be heard each **Sunday from 3:00-4:00PM under the SEAS Portico.** To schedule an appointment for individual confession, please call the Parish Office at 504-466-5016, ext. 116. Arrangements will be discussed between the priest and penitent.

The **Church will be open** according to our normal, pre-pandemic schedule. The main doors of the Church building will be open **Monday - Friday from 9AM – 5PM.**

The **Parish Office** will return to **normal business hours** effective Monday, May 18th.

The **Adoration Chapel** will remain **closed** at this time. We are working on a plan to reopen the Chapel on Monday, June 1st.

Ministerial Activities/Organizational Meetings are **cancelled until at least June 1st.**

The following protocols must be observed by those attending Mass and the celebration of all sacraments within the Church building:

- ◆ Proper **social distancing** must be observed in the Church building, the Communion procession and as parishioners depart Mass. Please do not gather in the Narthex of the Church before or after Mass unless you are serving as a liturgical minister.
- ◆ Parishioners should **wear a mask** for the duration of Mass and bring a personal bottle of hand sanitizer to maintain proper hygiene.
- ◆ I am asking you the faithful who are sick or who are experiencing symptoms of sickness not to attend Mass. To worship God and to be nourished by Him is at the very foundation of our Christian life. However, it is a violation of the Christian charity you owe to yourself and others to go to work, school or church when you are contagious. A dispensation from the Sunday obligation has been granted by the Archbishop until further notice.
- ◆ Bring your own copy of the St. Joseph Missal, the Magnificat, or other resource. Missalettes will not be available at this time to reduce the spread of contagions.
- ◆ Projected song lyrics will not be available. Please pick up a copy of the bulletin upon entering Church. The second half of the bulletin will serve as our Worship Aid.
- ◆ Extend a **non-physical contact gesture** such as a smile or nod at the **Sign of Peace** during Mass. Please refrain from holding hands during the "Our Father."
- ◆ The distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ via the Chalice is suspended. I am asking and encouraging all parishioners to receive **communion in your hand** until further notice.
- ◆ **Holy Water fonts** will remain **empty** until further notice.



Bienvenido a casa

Lo siguiente, se basa en la información que tenemos al momento de imprimir el boletín. Para obtener la información más actualizada, visite el sitio web de la parroquia: <http://www.divinemercyparish.org/latest-information.html>

A partir del fin de semana del 16 y 17 de mayo, el **horario de las Misas del fin de semana**, seguirá nuestro patrón normal del domingo: **sábado: Misa de Vigilia a las 4PM Misa de Vigilia a las 7PM (en español) y, domingo: 8:30AM, 10:30AM y 6:00PM.**

Tenga en cuenta que, estaremos bajo la restricción del 25% de ocupación para todas las Misas y celebraciones sacramentales en la Iglesia. Dependiendo del nivel de asistencia, si es necesario, ajustaremos el horario de las Misas del fin de semana en el debido acomodo razonable. **No habrá necesidad de "Inscribirse" para asistir a Misa.**

La Misa dominical grabada, se proporcionará cada domingo por la mañana, para aquellos que son vulnerables, en una categoría de alto riesgo o, que desean evitar grandes multitudes. Recuerde que, el Arzobispo Aymond, ha dispensado a la gente de la Arquidiócesis de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical hasta nuevo aviso. Si alguien es vulnerable, se encuentra en una categoría de alto riesgo o no se siente bien, no debe asistir a la Misa en la Iglesia con otras personas.

El horario de Misas de lunes a viernes, seguirá nuestro patrón normal: **lunes a martes: 6:30PM; miércoles a viernes: 7:30AM**

Horario de confesiones: Las **confesiones bilingües** en automóvil, se escucharán **todos los domingos de 3:00 - 4:00 PM bajo el pórtico de SEAS.** Para programar una cita para la confesión individual, llame a la Oficina Parroquial al 504-466-5016, ext. 116. Se harán los arreglos entre el sacerdote y el penitente.

La Iglesia estará abierta de acuerdo con nuestro horario normal, previo a la pandemia. Las puertas principales del edificio de la Iglesia, estarán abiertas de **lunes a viernes de 9AM a 5PM**

La Oficina Parroquial, volverá al **horario normal de atención**, a partir del **lunes 18 de mayo.**

La Capilla de Adoración, permanecerá cerrada en este momento. Estamos trabajando en un plan, para reabrir la Capilla el **lunes 1 de junio.**

Las actividades ministeriales/reuniones organizativas se cancelan, al menos hasta el 1 de junio.

Aquellos que asisten a la Misa y, a la celebración de todos los sacramentos dentro del edificio de la Iglesia, deben observar los siguientes protocolos:

- ◆ Se debe cumplir con un **distanciamiento social** adecuado dentro del edificio de la Iglesia, la procesión de la Comunión y, cuando los feligreses salgan de la Misa. Por favor, no se reúna en el Narthex de la Iglesia, antes o después de la Misa, a menos que esté sirviendo como ministro litúrgico.
- ◆ Los feligreses deben **usar una máscara** durante la Misa y, traer una botella personal de desinfectante para las manos, para mantener una higiene adecuada.
- ◆ Les pido a los fieles que están enfermos o, con síntomas de enfermedad, que no asistan a Misa. Adorar a Dios y nutrirse de Él, es el fundamento de nuestra vida cristiana. Sin embargo, es una violación a la caridad cristiana que te debes a ti mismo, y a otros, ir al trabajo, a la escuela o la Iglesia, cuando eres contagioso. El arzobispo, ha otorgado una dispensa de la obligación dominical hasta nuevo aviso.
- ◆ Traiga su propia copia del Misal de San José, el Magnificat u otro recurso. Los Missalettes no estarán disponibles en este momento, para reducir la propagación de contagios.
- ◆ Las letras de las canciones proyectadas, no estarán disponibles. Por favor, recoja una copia del boletín al ingresar a la Iglesia. La segunda mitad del boletín, servirá como nuestra Ayuda de Adoración.
- ◆ **Extienda un gesto de contacto no físico**, como sonreír o, asentir al **Signo de la Paz** durante la Misa. Por favor, abstenerse de tomarse de las manos durante el "Padre Nuestro".
- ◆ Se suspende la distribución de la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo a través del Cáliz. Les pido y animo a todos los feligreses a **recibir la comunión en sus manos**, hasta nuevo aviso.
- ◆ **Las fuentes de Agua Bendita, permanecerán vacías** hasta nuevo aviso.



FR. COOPER'S CORNER

Jesus and the Path to Peace

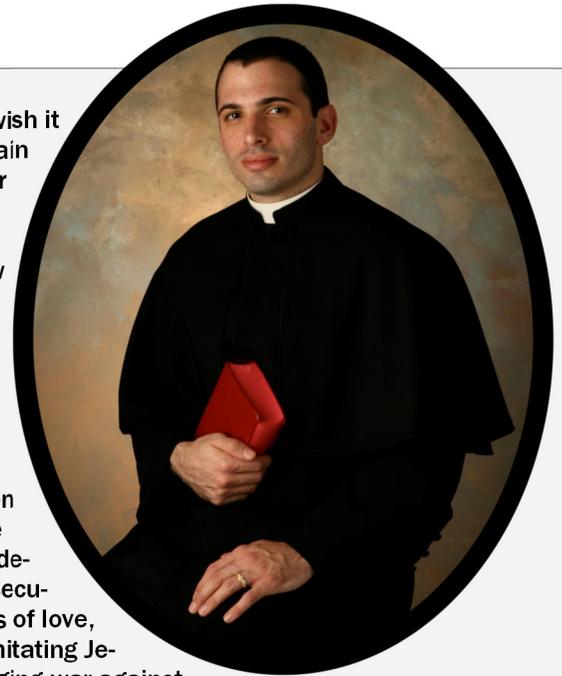
One of the great paradoxes in the Gospel is about peace. On the one hand, Jesus says during the Last Supper, "Peace I leave you. My peace I give you" (Jn 14:27); on the other, when He sends out His 72 disciples, He says, "Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword" and describes, that because of Him, even families will be divided. Has He come to bring peace or division, to unite or scatter?

He has clearly come as the "Prince of Peace" (Is 9:5) in order to fulfill what the angels sang the morning He was born, "Peace on earth to people of good will" (Lk 2:14). He took on our nature to ratify in His own flesh the definitive peace treaty between God and the human race. He has come to "guide our feet into the path of peace" (Lk 1:79). But He has left each person free. Not everyone will choose to follow Him on the way of peace. Not everyone will believe in or adopt what He describes as peace's essential conditions. Many will choose, in fact, to do the opposite of what Jesus says—and how much division flows from such a path. What I would like to do in this article is explore five things Jesus reveals about the path to peace. Jesus said, "Not as the world gives do I give [peace] to you" (Jn 14:27), and so these elements are different than what we would learn in foreign service training. But just as He turned worldly logic right-side-up with regard to happiness in the beatitudes, so Jesus also does so regarding His peace plan for a world rife with conflict.

The first is to prioritize God. After Jesus describes that He has come "to bring not peace but the sword," He specifies, "I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's enemies will be those of his household." This is not because Jesus came to divide: He came to gather and to save. But not everyone will accept His offer. We see the division He foretold in families, for example, in the envy that husbands feel when their wives start spending more time with Jesus in prayer, or the brutal ribbing teenagers will take when they announce to their peers that they think God may be calling them to the priesthood or consecrated life. Those who don't put God first often won't like the new priorities. It's an indirect challenge to them, and often they'll respond the way most kindergarteners respond to the teachers' pets, simply because the other is good. Those who do not want to prioritize God are often intolerant of those who do.

At a macroscopic level, we see how much lack of peace has come from those who do not want to give God his due. Historians tell us that the twentieth century was quantitatively by far the most violent century in the history of humanity, with more people executed than in all previous centuries combined. We know that that abhorrent bloodbath was not unleashed in the name of religion, but under the banner of various secularist, anti-religious, or explicitly atheistic regimes like we have seen under Stalin, Hitler, Ataturk, Pol Pot, and others. If the perversion of religion has occasionally led to violence, the prevention and persecution of religion has empirically been worse. While religion has not been successful in restraining every believer's propensity for violence, the absence of religion—living practically as if God does not exist—has been much less successful. To prioritize God means not just to acknowledge His existence but to pray. In 2011, on the vigil before the 25th anniversary of John Paul II's famous interreligious Prayer for Peace in Assisi, Pope Benedict said, "The most precious contribution we can make to the cause of peace is that of prayer." Prayer helps us to become more like the God whom we address. It makes us far more capable of seeing those with whom we might have a conflict not as enemies but as fellow human beings created and loved by God, so that we will treat them not like Cain behaved toward Abel but as Joseph acted toward his brothers in Egypt.

The second thing Jesus reveals is the connection between peace and following His commands. Right before Jesus said, "Peace I leave you. My peace I give you," He spoke of keeping His word and commandments, before adding, "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love" (Jn 14:21; Jn 15:10). We will never have peace without love, and Jesus stated that all the commandments hang on the two-fold commandment of love of God and neighbor (Mt 22:40). We see this connection very readily in practice. How much more peace there would be if people minimally just kept the Decalogue: there would be no murder, hatred, broken or wounded families, stealing, lying, or envy. There would be intergenerational respect. People would make time to put God first in their lives, and to praise and worship Him. These are basic principles for obtaining that peace that the world cannot give or rob.



The third practice is to wish peace. When Jesus sent out the 12 apostles and later the 72 disciples, He told them upon entering a house to wish it peace, promising that if a peaceful person lives there, the peace would remain (Mt 10:13; Lk 10:5). Notice that Jesus did not say, "Investigate as to whether peaceful people are there first." He wanted us to wish peace to everyone, to have a positive prejudice about the people we would meet. This is the exact opposite of the suspicion that often reigns between people who do not know each other, or those from different places, ethnicities, races, cultures, or religions. While Jesus sent out His disciples as "lambs in the midst of wolves," He sent us with no paranoia about everyone's being wolves. He wanted us to presume the best, that the person could receive peace. He wanted us to be instruments of peace, sowing it so as to reap it.

But He wants us to be far more than "peace wishers." He calls us to be "peacemakers" (Mt 5:9), saying that peacemakers will be called true children of God. God is a peacemaker and we are called to be chips off the old divine block. This is the fourth practice. What does it mean to make peace? Jesus describes various conditions. It means loving our enemies, praying for our persecutors, doing good to those who do evil. It means responding with the weapons of love, mercy and forgiveness rather than the sword. It means learning from and imitating Jesus, who established peace ultimately through dying for those who were waging war against Him, God and others through sin. To be a peacemaker, we must stop the downward spiral of vengeful retaliation. We must never forget the dignity of each person as loved by God, even when the other forgets. We must transcend selfishness, envy, pride, anger, and greed and work patiently to build a culture of encounter, solidarity and brotherhood, even when others resist. We must model ourselves on the Lord's enduring mercy, seeking to reconcile as we have been reconciled seventy times seven times.

This is obviously hard. Some would even say it is impossible for human beings. That brings us to the last practice: Cooperation with the Holy Spirit. On the night Jesus rose from the dead, He entered through the closed doors of the Upper Room and twice wished the frightened apostles "Shalom," or "Peace be with you." Then He sought to make them peacemakers. He breathed on them the Holy Spirit and said, "Just as the Father sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:19-23). Jesus was sending them out with God's own power to create peace through forgiveness and reconciliation. Pope Francis said in a homily a few years ago that the peace Jesus leaves, gives, and breathes is fundamentally the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit abides in us, He helps us to experience what St. Paul lists as the "fruit of the Spirit": love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22). That fruit is not merely subjective, suffusing us with those qualities. It impacts our relations with others and makes it possible for us to prioritize God, keep His commands, wish peace to all, and make peace perseveringly.

In the midst of so much conflict, when the sword of division cuts deep into individuals, families, societies, and the world, Jesus' perennial peace plan is needed now more than ever. Now is the time to follow Him on the path of peace He has revealed and to draw others with us onto that way. The peace of the Lord be with you always!

"Todo el poder en el cielo y en la tierra me ha sido dado. Ve, por lo tanto, y haz discípulos a todas las naciones ... Y, he aquí, yo estoy contigo siempre, hasta el fin del mundo". (Mateo 28: 19-20).



San Mateo nos recuerda que, incluso, en este momento, después de todas sus experiencias siendo estudiante de Jesús, viviendo con Él, sirviendo con Él, presenciando los milagros que realizó, los discípulos todavía dudaban.

¿Pasamos por períodos de duda? Si decimos que no, ¿Por qué tantos de nosotros dejamos que el miedo nos gobierne durante este tiempo de purificación? ¿Por qué estamos tan ansiosos por nuestra salud y seguridad? Jesús nunca prometió una vida idílica en la tierra, pero sí, prometió enviar al Espíritu Santo, que nos enseñaría todas las cosas y, nos equiparía con todo lo que necesitamos para ser fieles seguidores de Él. Hoy, renunciemos al miedo y la ansiedad y, confiemos en Jesús, para satisfacer todas nuestras necesidades, especialmente la fe y la confianza en Él.

Reflexión de Anne-Marie Barrilleaux



DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRED MUSIC

The Ascension of the Lord

Memorare



REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Family Prayer



Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism. We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people. Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence. Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family.

SACRED MUSIC LYRICS

4:00 PM MASS

ENTRANCE

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the Church neglect its mission,
And the Gospel go unheard,
Helps us witness to your purpose
With renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.
2. Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."

That the world may trust your promise,
Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us
Closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

3. Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory,
Daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us
Share your children's liberty;
With the Spirit's gift empower us
For the work of ministry.

4. Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
All that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
To a just society;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
For the work of ministry.

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
May we serve as you intend,



And, amid the cares that claim us,
Hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gift empower us
For the work of ministry.

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OFFERTORY

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the
world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod.

Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band

Upon the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And with his faithful foll'wers see

Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. To whom the shining angels cry,

'Why stand and gaze upon the sky?'

Alleluia! Alleluia!

'This is the Savior!' Thus they say,

'This is his glorious triumph day!'

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,

All praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,

With Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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COMMUNION

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

Refrain

Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.

Here on this earth yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.

1. No hands but yours
to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours

to soothe all its suff'ring,
no touch but yours
to bind the broken hope
of the people of God.

2. No eyes but yours
to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost,
to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours
to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God.

3. No feet but yours
to journey with the poor,
to walk this world
with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps
to build a lasting peace
for the children of God.

4. Through ev'ry gift,
give back to those in need:
As Christ has blessed,
so now be His blessing,
with ev'ry gift a benediction be
to the people of God.

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SENDING FORTH

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

1. Mine eyes have seen
the glory of
the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out
the vintage where
the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the
fateful lightning of
his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

Refrain

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen him in
the watchfires of
a hundred circling camps;
They have builded him
an altar in
the evening dews and damps;
I can read the
righteous sentence by
the dim and flaring lamps;
His day is marching on.

3. He has sounded forth
the trumpet that
shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out
all human hearts
before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul,
to answer him;
be jubilant, my feet!

4. In the beauty of
the lilies Christ
was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that
transfigures you and me;
As he died to make us holy,
let us die that all be free!
While God is marching on.

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MISA - 7:00 PM

ENTRADA

Juntos Como Hermanos

Estribillo

Juntos como hermanos,
miembros de una Iglesia
vamos caminando
al encuentro del Señor.

1. Un largo caminar,
por el desierto bajo el sol,
no podemos avanzar
sin la ayuda del Señor.

2. Unidos al rezar,
unidos en una canción,
viviremos nuestra fe
con la ayuda del Señor.



3. La Iglesia en marcha está.
A un mundo nuevo vamos ya
donde reinará el amor,
donde reinará la paz.

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OFERTORIO

Piedras Vivas

Estribillo

Somos piedras vivas,
templo del Señor,
miembros de su cuerpo,
Iglesia en construcción.
Pueblo reunido,
viña de elección,
pueblo reconciliado,
testigos de su amor.

1. Celebremos todos juntos
este día del Señor,
el día de la alegría
y de la resurrección.

2. Renacidos del bautismo,
fuente de la salvación,
incorporados a Cristo,
somos la Iglesia de Dios.

3. Escuchando la palabra,
compartiendo el mismo pan,
nos llena de su alegría,
nos da el abrazo de paz.

4. Por las puertas de la vida
encontramos al Señor
que nos acoge en su casa,
la Iglesia santa de Dios.

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COMUNIÓN

Eres Tú, Jesús

Estribillo

Eres Tú, Jesús, eres Tú.
Eres Tú en un trozo de pan
y en un poco de vino.

1. ¡Qué alegría encontrarte, Jesús,
en tu vino y tu pan!
¡Oh, Señor, qué consuelo saber
que me amas!
Eres Tú la Palabra de Dios,
la eterna Palabra de Dios
y has querido venir a morar
en mi pecho.

2. Eres Tú, oh, Principio y Fin,
manantial de la vida.
Eres Tú, Luz de Luz,
Dios de Dios verdadero.
Eres Tú, ¡oh, milagro de Amor!
¡oh, eterno milagro de Amor!
Eres Tú mi Señor y mi Dios,
mi Alimento.

3. ¡Cuánto amor al nacer en Belén
de María la Virgen!
al andar los caminos
del hombre y llamarle tu amigo.
¡Oh, Cordero de Dios, cuánto amor,
cuánto amor al morir en la cruz!
¡Cuánto amor al querer
compartir tu victoria!

4. Sólo en ti, oh, Señor del Amor
que comprende y perdona,
sólo en ti, oh, Jesús,
hay amor verdadero.
¡Oh, Jesús, quiero amar como Tú,
quiero amar hasta el fin como Tú!
Oh, Señor, dale vida a mi amor
con tu Vida.

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CANTO FINAL

Iglesia Peregrina

1. Todos unidos
formando un solo cuerpo,
un pueblo que en la Pascua nació.
Miembros de Cristo
en sangre redimidos,
Iglesia peregrina de Dios.

Vive en nosotros
la fuerza del Espíritu
que el Hijo desde el Padre envió.
Él nos empuja,
nos guía y alimenta,
Iglesia peregrina de Dios.

Estribillo

Somos en la tierra
semilla de otro reino,
somos testimonio de amor.

Paz para las guerras
y luz entre las sombras,
Iglesia peregrina de Dios. (bis)

2. Rugen tormentas
y a veces nuestra barca
parece que ha perdido el timón.
Miras con miedo,
no tienes confianza,
Iglesia peregrina de Dios.

Una esperanza nos llena de alegría:
presencia que el Señor prometió.
Vamos cantando,
Él viene con nosotros,
Iglesia peregrina de Dios.

3. Todos nacidos en un solo Bautismo,
unidos en la misma comunión.
Todos viviendo en una misma casa,
Iglesia peregrina de Dios.

Todos prendidos
en una misma suerte,
ligados a la misma salvación.
Somos un cuerpo
y Cristo es la cabeza,
Iglesia peregrina de Dios.

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8:30 AM MASS

ENTRANCE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

See 4:00 PM Mass - Offertory

OFFERTORY

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

See 4:00 PM Mass - Communion

COMMUNION

Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord

Refrain

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
the goodness of the Lord.



1. I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord;
the lowly will hear me and be glad,
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

2. Glorify the Lord with me;
let us together extol his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears,
and delivered me from all my fears.

3. Look to him that you may be radiant with
joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor one called out, the Lord
heard
and from all his distress he saved him,
and from all his distress he saved him.

4. The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers
them.
Taste and see how good the Lord is;
blessed the man who takes refuge in him,
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

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SENDING FORTH

I Send You Out

1. I baptize you
in the name of the Father.
I baptize you
in the name of the Son.
I baptize you
with the Holy Spirit.
Go out and spread Good News!

Refrain

I send you out
on a mission of love.
I send you out
on a mission of love.
I send you out
on a mission of love,
and know that I am
with you always
until the end of the world.

2. Well, it's time for us
to become people with spirit.
It's time for us
to become people of love.
It's time for us
to know that Jesus Christ is risen,
forgives our sins, and
brings us new life!

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10:30 AM MASS ENTRANCE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

See 4:00 PM Mass - Offertory

OFFERTORY

Christ Has No Body Now But Yours

See 4:00 PM Mass - Communion

COMMUNION

Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord

See 8:30 AM Mass - Communion

SENDING FORTH

I Send You Out

See 8:30 AM Mass – Sending Forth

6:00 PM MASS ENTRANCE

He Is Exalted

1. He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high;
I will praise Him.
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name!

Refrain

He is the Lord;
forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth
rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high!
(to Verse 1 and Refrain...)

Coda

He is exalted,
the King is exalted on high!

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OFFERTORY

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Refrain

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You.
I want to see You.

1. To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy".
(repeat refrains and verse...)

Holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

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COMMUNION

Holy Spirit

1. There's nothing worth more
that will ever come close.
Nothing can compare;
You're our living hope.
Your Presence.

2. I've tasted and seen
of the sweetest of loves,
where my heart becomes free
and my shame is undone,
in Your Presence, Lord.

Chorus

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place
and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God,
is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.

Interlude

Your Presence, Lord.

Interlude 2

Your Presence, Lord.
Your Presence,
oh God, how we love Your Presence, Lord.

**Bridge**

Let us become more aware
of Your Presence.
Let us experience the glory
of Your goodness. (Lord)

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SENDING FORTH**Chain Breaker**

1. If you've been walking the same old road
for miles and miles;
if you've been hearing the same old voice
tell the same old lies;
if you're trying to fill the same old holes
inside,
there's a better life.
There's a better life.

Chorus

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.
If you feel lost, He's a way maker.
If you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison shaking Savior.
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker.

2. We've all searched for the light of day
in the dead of night.
We've all found ourselves worn out
from the same old fight.
We've all run to things we know just ain't
right,
when there's a better life.
There's a better life.
(Chorus)

Bridge

If you believe it;
if you receive it;
if you can feel it;
somebody testify.
(Chorus)

Ending

Oh, if you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison shaking Savior.
If you got chains, well, He's a chain breaker.

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Tax Benefits of the CARES Act

The new CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act is designed to help you, businesses and nonprofits facing economic hardship during the coronavirus pandemic. Here are a few key provisions of the CARES Act that may affect you and your charitable goals:

Required Minimum Distributions Suspended: The new law temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMD) for the 2020 tax year. This probably comes as a relief to many of you who would have had to withdraw from your retirement accounts. Many of our donors use their RMD to make a gift from their IRA. Despite the RMD suspension, remember that if you are 70½ or older, you can still make a gift from your IRA or name Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Church Kenner, LA as a beneficiary.

Why a Gift From Your IRA May Still Be a Good Idea:

- ◆ Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation is making.
- ◆ You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- ◆ Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

New Tax Incentives: The CARES Act expands charitable giving incentives and allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to make up to \$300 of charitable contributions to qualified charities this year. You might think that this is a small amount and would not make a difference. But what if all of our parishioners gave "just" \$300? Such support would have a huge impact on the mission and ministry of Divine Mercy Parish. For those who do itemize their deductions, the new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as Loyola University New Orleans to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year.

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