December 19, 2021 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

DIVINE MERCY
CATHOLIC PARISH

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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.
(English & Español)
And by Appointment:
Call (504) 466-5016, ext. 116

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
Saturday before 4 p.m. Mass
Sábados, 6:30 p.m. (Español)
Sunday before 8:30 a.m. Mass

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

YEAR of the EUCHARIST & ST. JOSEPH
ARCHDIOCESE of NEW ORLEANS

St. Joseph Sunday Missal

Today's Readings: p. 1050
Next Sunday: p. 1057

To purchase a Sunday Missal for $25, please see an usher.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week

In Memory of
Paul & Hazel Feliu

The Adoration Chapel Candles burn this week

In Memory of
Sara & Watson Aicklen

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

Alice Arnold

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

Baptisms

Wyatt Joseph Pearce
John Gabriel Perboyre Finney V

Mass Intentions

To schedule Mass Intentions, please visit website www.divinemercyparish.org. The link for the Mass Intentions is under "Liturgy & Sacraments" then "Mass Intentions & Mass Card Requests". Complete the online form or contact the Parish Office.

December 18 – December 24, 2021

Saturday 4:00 pm

Frank W. Crocker, Sr., Debby Wilbur, Jack Bonin, Stanley J. Adamcewicz, Sr., Nettie Palmero, Gary J. Waguespack, Troy Chategnier, Marcella Beter, Paula Roy, Bordokas Family, Martha Jane Poche, Emily Taormina Becknell, Virginia P. Boyce

Sábado-Misa de las 7:00 pm

Adela Martinez (Anniversary of Birthday), Pablo Merlos, Osmin Lemus, Angelita Padilla, Luis Figueroa, Ricardo Noverola, Walter Torres

Sunday 8:30 am

Albert Frank Hezeau III

Sunday 10:30 am

Vincent 'Bud' Mikelonis, Miriam Chacon, Carl & Donna LaRocca, Wade Benoit, Sr., Lawrence Joseph 'LJ' Delsa, Prayer Blanket Recipients-Living & Deceased, JoAnn Pumila, Alonso Andara, Thanksgiving for Rene & Daisy Gurdin, Michael & Margaret Delord, Florane & Miceli Families, Carlos Piper, Rene Viosca, Victor Kissinger III

Sunday 6:00 pm Mass

All Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday 6:30 pm: Victory Kissinger III

Tuesday 6:30 pm: Dominica Jurisich

Wednesday 7:30 am: Orlando S. Cortes

Thursday 7:30 am: Cory C. Register (Living)

Friday 7:30 am: Todd Capiton (Living)

Friday 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass: Emile C. Falanga

Friday 6:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass: Members of the Crocker Family

Jueves-Misa de las 8:00 p.m. (Navidad): Pablo Merlos

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 19
- Masses 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 20
- SEAS Closed: Christmas Holiday
- Advent Confession Night, 5:00-6:30 PM, (Both Fr. Cooper and Fr. Luis will be available for Confessions)
- 6:30 PM Mass
- Legion of Mary, 7:15 PM, Sacristy

Tuesday, December 21
- 6:30 PM Mass
- SEAS Closed: Christmas Holiday
- Missionaries of St. Therese, 7:00 PM, Sacristy

Wednesday, December 22
- 7:30 AM Mass
- SEAS Closed: Christmas Holiday
- Church Cleaning, 8:30 am—12:00 for Christmas
- St. Anthony Ministry to the Needy, 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Thursday, December 23
- 7:30 AM Mass
- SEAS Closed: Christmas Holiday
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve
- 7:30 AM Mass
- Adoration Chapel Closes 8:00 AM-8:30 AM
- Parish Office Closed
- SEAS Christmas Holiday
- Second Collection: Christmas Charities
- Mass—Christmas Eve (Holy Day) 4:00 PM-5:00 PM
- Musical Prelude by Choir and Bell Choir, 5:25 PM
- Mass-Christmas Eve (Holy Day) 6:00 PM-7:00 PM
- Mass-Christmas Eve (Spanish) (Holy Day) 8:00 PM
- Musical Prelude, 11:30-11:55 PM

Saturday, December 25—Christmas Day
- Christmas Midnight Mass: 12:00 AM-1:30 AM
- 8:30 AM-9:30 AM Mass, Christmas, (Holy Day)
- 10:30 AM –11:30 AM Mass, Christmas (Holy Day)
- Second Collection: Christmas Charities

Sunday, December 26
- Masses 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM Mass
- 8:00 AM Adoration Chapel Reopens

Stewardship of Treasure

December 5, 2021

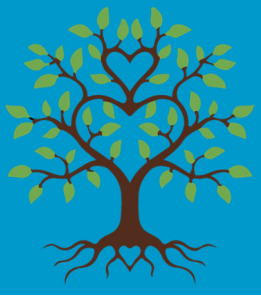
Envelopes	$	9,536
Loose	$	4,391
Online Giving	$	9,323
Capital Campaign	$	3,140
Other Income	$	5,252
Totaling	**$**	**31,641**
St. Anthony Ministry	$	717
2nd Collection-Debt Reduction	$	2,342

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

December 19, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.



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:

www.divinemercyparish.org/online-giving

Prayer Requests

Nanette Carpenter, Stella Kugler, Cossette Lainez, Josie Occhipinti, Frances Bua, Helen Mura, Anna Rooney, Phyllis Theriot, Claire Lambremont, Cynthia Estrade, The Martin Family, Lisa Margavio, Camila Rowland & Parents, Manuel de Jesus Diaz, Michael Vitenas, Joan Dubuc, Shirley Blancher, Michael Breaux, Milton & Mercedes Lacoste, Roy Zeringue, Emile Fernandez, Roberto Aguilar, Esmeralda Bush, Rosinda Equigure Diaz, Reynaldo Antonio Reyes Diaz, Kitty Markey, Doris Martin, Jocelyn Hobson, Gus Martin, Mary Helen Fogarty, Cynthia Vanegas, Jerry Poche, Paul Fontan, Juana Suarez, Mauricio Rivera Ramirez, , Carlos Ramirez, William Barrilleaux, Michael Capiton, 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 OR THE PARISH OFFICE.

Divine Mercy Youth

Today, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. As we prepare for the Birth of Christ, we are reminded to be obedient to God as Mary was. In the Gospel (Lk 1:39-45), we are presented with the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. It reads, *"Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth,"* (LK 1:39-40). Mary's strong faith exemplifies obedience. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states that Mary was *"the most capable of welcoming the inexpressible gift of the Almighty,"* (#722). The CCC also says, *"Having become a member of the Church, the person baptized belongs no longer to himself, but to him who died and rose for us. From now on, he is called to be subject to others, to serve them in the communion of the Church, and to 'obey and submit' to the Church's leaders, holding them in respect and affection,"* (#1269). At World Youth Day 2002, Saint John Paul said, *"God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with Him in the building of the civilization of love."* On Sunday nights, Divine Mercy Youth discusses our obedience to God, who is love, and many other teachings of Jesus including ways that we can be like Mary and bring Jesus and love to others when we encounter them. You are invited to join us!

Divine Mercy Youth is a high school ministry for all 8th - 12th grade students. Our aim is to help teens grow in intentional discipleship through prayer, community, and formation. Divine Mercy Youth is held on Sunday Nights following the 6pm mass and will serve as the catechetical program for all students who are not in Catholic school. See the parish website to register, for our schedule, and how to stay connected with us!

https://www.divinemercyparish.org/dmyouth

Confirmation

Confirmation registration is now open! For more details or to register please visit our website at *divinemercyparish.org/confirmation*. Registration closes December 17.

Thank you for your gifts of generosity and prayer during our 2021 iGiveCatholic Campaign "Service Restored"!

Thanks to **YOU,** we not only reached our goal of $100,000 to help restore our Church and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School properties from damages caused by Hurricane Ida, but you went above and beyond and helped us raise a grand total of:

$142,397

310 Donors	#1 Parish in Louisiana	#2 Parish in the United States	#3 Overall in the Archdiocese	#13 Overall in the United States

Advent Night of Confession

MON, DEC. 20TH
5:00-6:30 PM

Fr. Cooper and Fr. Luis will be available for Confessions as we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 24th in observance of Christmas.

We will reopen on Monday, December 27th at 10:00 AM.

Christmas Adoration Chapel Schedule

THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 AM ON FRIDAY, DEC 24TH AND WILL REOPEN AT 8:00 AM ON SUNDAY, DEC 26TH.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24th

4:00 PM
6:00 PM
8:00 PM (Español)
Midnight
(PRELUDE CHRISTMAS MUSIC BEGINS AT 11:30 PM)

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25th

8:30 AM
10:30 AM

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON/EVENING MASSES OR CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 AM ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 8:00 AM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.

LITURGICAL REMINDERS FOR Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family 2021

This year, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) falls on a Saturday. The obligation to attend Mass for Christmas may be fulfilled by attending Mass in the evening of December 24th (Christmas Eve) or at any Mass celebrated on December 25th.

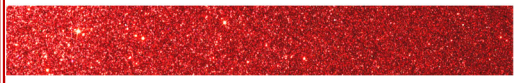
Sunday, December 26th is the Feast of the Holy Family. The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday remains in effect and may be fulfilled by attending any Mass on Sunday, December 26th.

There will be a special Second Collection taken at all the Christmas Masses to assist with the various Charitable Organizations of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Thank you for your generosity as we help our friends and neighbors who continue to suffer in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Habrá una Segunda Colecta especial tomada en todas las Misas de Navidad para ayudar con las diversas Organizaciones Caritativas de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva Orleans. Gracias por su generosidad mientras ayudamos a nuestros amigos y vecinos que continúan sufriendo después del Huracán Ida.

RECORDATORIOS LITÚRGICOS
PARA
La Navidad y La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia
2021



Este año, **la solemnidad de la Natividad del Señor (Navidad)** cae en sábado. La obligación de asistir a misa por Navidad puede cumplirse asistiendo a Misa en la noche del 24 de diciembre (Nochebuena) o a cualquier misa celebrada el 25 de diciembre.

El domingo 26 de diciembre es la **fiesta de la Sagrada Familia**. La obligación de asistir a la Misa del domingo permanece vigente y puede cumplirse asistiendo a cualquier misa el domingo 26 de diciembre.

FR. COOPER'S CORNER

The Shepherds

There is something beautifully symbolic about the tradition of Midnight Mass. It shows that Christians are so eager for Christmas to begin that they want to start celebrating on the first moment of Christmas day. People who ordinarily never go out late at night and are often at that hour dressed in pajamas and sleeping soundly adjust their sleep schedules to get up, put on their best clothes and head out alert to their parish churches.

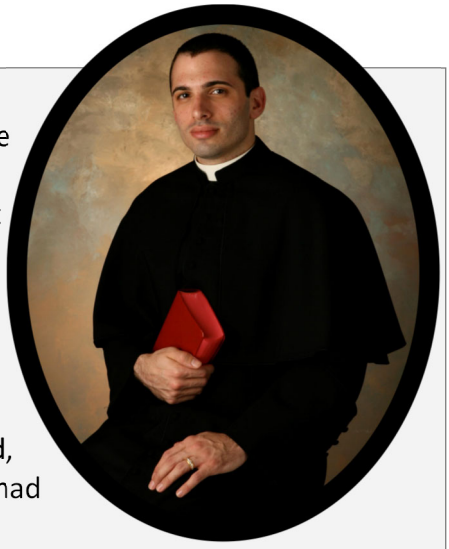
The Christmas midnight Mass is the antithesis of the growing tendency to try to make the practice of the faith convenient and easy. It's a bulwark against the propensity to fit the celebration of Christmas and the worship of God into our crowded life; it is, rather, an annual reminder that we are called to make our lives revolve around the mysteries of faith and that those mysterious realities are worth changing sleep patterns and inconveniencing ourselves.

For this reason, it's highly fitting that the Gospel at Midnight Mass focuses on the shepherds, awake in the fields, to whom the angels appeared with the message of good news of great joy. As Pope Benedict reminded us, the example of the shepherds emphasizes — as perennial lessons for the Christian life — the virtues that are on display and cultivated in the celebration of Midnight Mass.

"The story of the shepherds is included in the Gospel for a reason," Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI stressed. "They show us the right way to respond to the message" announced not only to them, but to us: the message that "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" is born for us…that "God is with us." This message, Pope Benedict underlined, "cannot leave us indifferent. If it is true, it changes everything." Looking at those who attended the first midnight celebration of the birth of Christ, Pope Benedict queried, "What is it that these first witnesses of God's incarnation have to tell us?"

The first lesson, he said, is that "they were on the watch. They could hear the message precisely because they were awake." The first Sunday of Advent each year features a Gospel passage that reminds us that we need to awaken and remain alert for the Lord is coming like a thief in the night. The shepherds are models of what it means to be awake and alert for the Lord's arrival. In order for us to hear the message they did and respond, we, too, must be awake, the Holy Father said. We, too, must become a "truly vigilant people."

There is a huge difference, Pope Benedict noted, between someone who is awake and someone who is dreaming. The dreamer "is in a world of his own. His 'self' is locked into this dream world that is his alone and does not connect him with others." Those who are awake, on the other hand, leave their "own little private world" of individual and collective selfishness to enter into communion with God and others. Waking up means "to develop a receptivity for God, for the silent promptings with which he chooses to guide us, for the many indications of his presence." The pontiff observed that today's world forms our thinking and acting so as to "deaden our receptivity for God, to make us 'tone deaf' towards him." The way to counteract this tendency is, he said, to "pray for ourselves and for others," so that the capacity given to us by God to receive Him and His message will be turned on again and remain locked into God's frequency.



The second lesson the shepherds show us is how prompt they were to respond to the angels' message. "They made haste" to go to Bethlehem, the Gospel passage relates. "What had been announced to them was so important," the Pope underscored, "that they had to go immediately. What had been said to them was utterly out of the ordinary. It changed the world: the Savior is born; the long-awaited Son of David has come into the world in his own city. What could be more important?" Not only was that news not lost on them, but the fact that God had chosen to convey that news to them, who were insignificant in the eyes of society. They couldn't wait to act. "No doubt they were partly driven by curiosity," the Pope noted, "but first and foremost it was their excitement at the wonderful news that had been conveyed to them, of all people, to the little ones, to the seemingly unimportant. They made haste – they went at once."

Pope Benedict contrasted the shepherd's "haste" in heading to Bethlehem — in treating the news as more important than everything else in their lives — with the way many of us are accustomed to respond to God. "In our daily life, it is not like that," Pope Benedict said. "For most people, the things of God are not given priority; they do not impose themselves on us directly. And so the great majority of us tend to postpone them. First we do what seems urgent here and now. In the list of priorities God is often more or less at the end. We can always deal with that later, we tend to think. The Gospel tells us: God is the highest priority. If anything in our life deserves haste without delay, then, it is God's work alone. …The shepherds teach us this priority. From them we should learn not to be crushed by all the pressing matters in our daily lives. From them we should learn the inner freedom to put other tasks in second place — however important they may be — so as to make our way towards God, to allow him into our lives and into our time."

The annual tradition of Midnight Mass reinforces both of these lessons the shepherds teach. It is an outward sign that we are awake and alert for the coming of the Lord and so excited for His arrival that we are willing to sacrifice everything else to greet Him with joy and love as soon as He arrives. It is a public and personal reminder that we prioritize Christ over sleep, convenience, presents, family members, and everything else. In short, it manifests that God is God in our lives, that He is our highest priority, and that we would rather postpone everything else in life than delay giving Him the response of loving adoration He deserves. Even for those who may struggle to live with this type of Christian receptivity and response throughout the year, it is at least an annual occasion to put things back in their proper order and restore God and our relationship with Him to their proper places.

The real meaning of Christmas, Pope Benedict accentuated, is that "God has set out towards us. Left to ourselves we could not reach him. The path is too much for our strength. But God has come down. He comes towards us. He has traveled the longer part of the journey. Now he invites us: 'Come and see how much I love you. Come and see that I am here."

That is an invitation worth staying up for, worth receiving, wholeheartedly, worth journeying whatever distances with haste to correspond, and worth placing before all other things. This message, indeed, "cannot leave us indifferent." Because it is true, "it changes everything."

Year-End Charitable Giving via a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

Did you know that you may be able to give to Divine Mercy Catholic Church and save money at the same time?

If you are looking to lower your taxable income, you may want to consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your tax-deferred retirement accounts, please consider the following: Distributions from an IRA generate additional taxable income which may push you into a higher tax bracket and may also reduce your eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, charitably inclined investors may want to consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to Divine Mercy Catholic Church. Lowering your taxable annual income level could also result in lower Medicare premiums and the amount of Social Security subject to taxes.

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from an IRA custodian, payable to a qualified charity, as described in the QCD provision in the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to $100,000, and can also be excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. In this scenario, the funds would be counted as taxable income even if you later offset that income with the charitable contribution deduction.

If you must make a required minimum distribution, own an IRA, and donate to Divine Mercy Catholic Church, QCDs may make sense for you; consult a tax advisor regarding your specific situation.

Knights of Columbus are selling **2022 Calendars** after all Masses **December 18th & 19th** in the Narthex.

With each purchase, you will have a daily chance to win a cash prize (winners posted monthly) from $20 to $2,000. High chance to win: approx. 3,500 calendars sold and you can win more than once as your name goes back in the raffle to win every time! Makes a perfect Christmas stocking stuffer. All proceeds go to Knights of Columbus & their charities.

The cost is $20 per calendar.

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual **Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, New Orleans.**

This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1992 - 1997.

To register, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Dylan Mitchell, at 504-466-5016, Ext. 114 before Monday, January 24, 2022.

Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfil the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRED MUSIC

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Creator of the Stars of Night

1. Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

2. In sorrow that the ancient curse
Should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior, to set free
Your own in glorious liberty.

Refrain
Come, O come, into the night
O child of light!
Come, O come! The earth will bow;
come save us now! O come!

3. When this old world
drew on toward night,
You came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend,
all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heav'n,
shall call you Lord.

5. Come in your holy might, we pray,
Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below
From all assaults of our dread foe.

6. To God Creator, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might and glory be
From age to age eternally.

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Offertory

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

Introduction
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women
and blest is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death. Amen.

Refrain
Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,
teach us wisdom; teach us love.

1. You were chosen by the Father;
you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women
and for woman, shining one.

2. Blessed are you among women,
blest in turn all women, too.
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

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Communion

Psalm 40 - Here I Am

Refrain
Here I am, here I am,
I come to do your will.
Here I am, here I am. I come to do your will.

1. I waited for God,
who bent down to hear me.
God put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise!

2. You did not seek offerings or sacrifice.
You opened my eyes to see,
my ears to hear.
Yes, I will come to do your will!

3. I proclaim your greatness, Lord,
to all those around me.
My lips are not sealed,
never holding back the story.
You know this is true,
I come to do your will!

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Sending Forth

Emmanuel

Refrain
Come, come, Emmanuel!
Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice!
Salvation is drawing near.
Salvation is drawing near.

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

2. O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.

3. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem;
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust your mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of humankind;
Make all our sad divisions cease,
And be for us the King of Peace.

Final Refrain
Come, come, Emmanuel!
Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice!
Salvation is drawing near.
Salvation is drawing near. (2X)

Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel. (2X)

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8:30 AM Mass

Entrance

Creator of the Stars of Night

1. Creator of the stars of night,
Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
We pray you hear us when we call.

Refrain
Come, come in your holy light, we pray.
O come, come redeem us, Lord.
Come, come to your people now, we pray.
O come, come redeem us, Lord.

2. When we were drawing toward the night,
You came; but not in splendor bright,
Not as a king, but as the child
Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

3. At your great name, O Jesus, now
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
All things on earth with one accord,
Like those in heaven, call you Lord.

Bridge
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
Rejoice, rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Return to refrain

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Offertory

Hail Mary: Gentle Woman

See 4 PM Mass - Offertory

Communion

Psalm 40 - Here I Am

See 4 PM Mass – Communion

Sending Forth

Emmanuel

See 4 PM Mass – Sending Forth

10:30 AM Mass

Entrance

Creator of the Stars of Night

See 8:30 AM Mass – Entrance

Offertory

Ave Maria

1. Hail Mary full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among all women,
Blest is the fruit of your womb.

Refrain
Jesus, formed in your faith,
Ave Maria alleluia.
Jesus, born in your love, Ave Maria alleluia.

2. Holy Mary mother of God,
the Lord is with you.
Pray for us sinners, pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.

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Communion

Psalm 40 - Here I Am

See 4 PM Mass – Communion

Sending Forth

Emmanuel

See 4 PM Mass – Sending Forth

6:00 PM Mass

Entrance

Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

2. No more cryin' there
we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there
we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there
we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're goin' to see the King!

3. No more dyin' there
we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there
we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there
we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

4. Soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon
we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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Offertory

Ave Maria

1. Hail Mary full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
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Blest is the fruit of your womb.

Refrain

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Ave Maria alleluia.
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Pray for us sinners, pray for us sinners,
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Communion

Advent Hymn

1. Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the everlasting light
Son of righteousness arise
And triumph o'er these chains of mine

2. Come thou long awaited One
In the fullness of Your love
And loose this heart bound up by shame
And I will never be the same

Chorus

So here I've waited hope of You
All my soul's longing through and through
Dayspring from on high be near
And Daystar in my heart appear

3. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Until Your love in me is born
And joyless is the evening song
Until Emmanuel has come

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Sending Forth

Everlasting God

1. Strength will rise as
we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as
we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever.
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.

Refrain

You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God,
You do not faint,
You won't grow weary.
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
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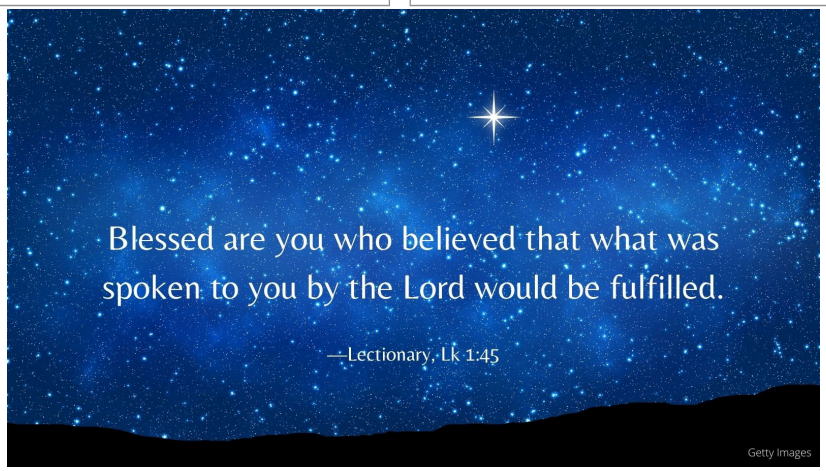

Memorare

Acuérdate, oh piadosísima Virgen María!, que jamás se ha oído decir que ninguno de los que han acudido a tu protección, implorando tu auxilio, haya sido desamparado. Animado por esta confianza, a Ti acudo, Madre, Virgen de la vírgenes, y gimiendo bajo el peso de mis pecados me atrevo a comparecer ante Ti. Madre de Dios, no deseches mis súplicas, antes bien, escúchalas y acógelas benignamente. Amen.

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

O San Miguel, Arcángel defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestra protección contra el mal y las trampas del diablo; humildemente te rogamos que Dios los reprenda. O Principe Celestial de la Santa Hostia, que con la ayuda de Dios eches a satanás al infierno y a los espíritus que vagan por el mundo para arruinar las almas. Amén.

Nuestra Oración Familiar

Dios amoroso y fiel, a través de los años el pueblo de nuestra arquidiócesis ha apreciado las oraciones y el amor de Nuestra Señora del Pronto Socorro en tiempos de guerras, desastres, epidemias y enfermedad. Venimos a Ti, Padre, con María nuestra Madre, y te pedimos nos ayudes en la batalla de hoy contra la violencia, el asesinato y el racismo. Te imploramos que nos des la sabiduría para construir una comunidad fundada en los valores de Jesús, que conceden respeto a la vida y dignidad a todas las personas. Bendice a los padres para que formen a sus hijos en fe. Bendice y protege a nuestros jóvenes para que sean hacedores de paz en nuestro tiempos. Da consuelo a los que han perdido a seres queridos debido a la violencia. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor. Amén.

Nuestra Señora del Pronto Socorro, apresúrate a socorrernos.

Madre Henrieta Delille, ruega por nosotros para que seamos una familia Santa.

Flores Conmemorativas de Navidad

Las hermosas Poinsettias y la vegetación que adornan nuestro altar y santuario son una parte especial de la celebración de la Navidad en la parroquia de la Divina Misericordia. Invitamos a todos los feligreses a compartir la experiencia a través de un regalo conmemorativo o de acción de gracias utilizando los

Sobres Conmemorativos de Flores de Navidad

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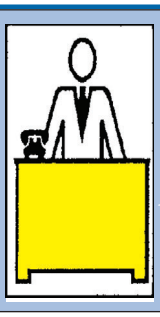
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