

February 13, 2022

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.
(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



*St. Joseph Sunday Missal*

Today's Readings: p. 1096

Next Sunday: p. 1101

To purchase a Sunday Missal for \$25, please see an usher.*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week***In Memory of
Robert Santopadre***The Adoration Chapel
Candles burn this week***In Memory
Gustavo Adolfo Lopez***Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
those who have died:***Lynda Heider Keller
Marie Alice Dragon***May the souls of all the
faithful departed,
through the mercy of
God, rest in peace!**Baptisms***Charlton Joseph
Breau, Jr.****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.

**February 12 - February 18, 2022****Saturday - 4:00 PM**

Margaret 'Peggy' Willis Baldo, Marcella Beter, Miriam Chacon, Mary Bernadette Klotz, Julia Garrett (Living), Roger & Jacqueline Klibert, Maurice & Grace Marsolan, Virginia P. Boyce, Gary Waguespack, Frances Malone, Alex Migliore, Adam Loch (Living), Adolfo Brenk, Robert Santopadre, Charlene Molaison (Living), Adolfo Brenk, Fr. Eduardo Dougherty S.J. (Living), Debbie Schenck (Living), Carroll Hebert II, Louis Congemi

Sábado - Misa de las 7:00 pm

Osmin Lemus, Prayer Blanket Recipients-Living & Deceased, Walter Torres, Raul Padilla, Gustavo Adolfo Lopez, Roberto Villacorta, Thelma Castro de Doninelli, Hermas Giacomo Doninelli, Hermes Ivan Doninelli, Antonio Doninelli, Aida Doninelli, Marina Estela Castro, Rafael Duran Gonzales, Carlo Emilio Doninelli, Leticia Alemand (Living)

Sunday - 8:30 AM

Intentions of Michael & Michelle Dinh

Sunday - 10:30 AM

Wade Benoit, Sr., Thanksgiving for Rene & Daisy Gurdin, Michael & Margaret Delord, Peggy & Guy Florane, Rene Viosca, Mary DiCicco Mentz, Lorraine Mattei, Marlene Smith, Derrick Dabney, Randy Courtney, Joe Califano, Beverly Hailey (Living), Debbie Schenck (Living)

Sunday - 6:00 pm Mass

All Parishioners

Weekday Masses**Monday 6:30 pm:** Angela Fasola Klotz**Tuesday 6:30 pm:** Rita Cassia Sa**Wednesday 7:30 am:** Patricia Duling (Living)**Thursday 7:30 am:** Charles McCloskey**Friday 7:30 am:** Mary Bernadette Klotz



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 13

- Masses 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM
- Second Collection: Catholic Charities
- Knights of Columbus Donut Sunday after 8:30 & 10:30 AM Mass, Parish Community Center
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 PM, Parish Community Center
- Divine Mercy Youth, 7:00 PM, Parish Community Center

Monday, February 14

- RCIA, 6:30 PM, Parish Community Center
- 6:30 PM Mass
- Legion of Mary, 7:15 PM, Sacristy

Tuesday, February 15

- 6:30 PM Mass
- Missionaries of St. Therese, 7:00 Sacristy
- Baptism Seminar, 7:00 PM, Parish Community Center

Wednesday, February 16

- 7:30 AM Mass
- Adult Faith Formation: *Follow Me*, 10:00 A.M., 6:30 P.M., Parish Community Center
- St. Anthony Ministry, 12:00-4:00 PM

Thursday, February 17

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM SEAS School Mass
- Divine Mercy Youth (Middle) 4:00 PM, Parish Community Center
- Pastoral Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, Parish Community Center
- 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, February 18

- 7:30 AM Mass
- Cleaning Church, 9:00 AM-10:30 AM
- Divine Mercy Cenacle Group, 7:00 PM, Parish Community Center

Saturday, February 19

- Second Collection: Utilities
- 3:00 - 3:45 PM Bilingual Confessions
- Masses 4:00 PM Vigil, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday, February 20

- Masses 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM Mass
- Second Collection: Utilities
- Confirmation Class, 4:00 PM, Parish Community Center
- Divine Mercy Youth (High School), 7:00 PM, Parish Community Center

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of January 30, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 10,133
Loose	\$ 3,120
Online Giving	\$ 4,695
Capital Campaign	\$ 797
Other Income	\$ 1,765
Totaling	\$ 20,510

St. Anthony Ministry	\$ 1,020
2nd Collection-Catholic Schools ..	\$ 2,497

"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

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name... on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond?

Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.





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

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Prayer Requests

John Paul Bumgardner, Jerry Poche, Leticia Alemand, Yolanda Ramos Cusino, Rebecca Beatty, Gerrie Martinez, Fr. Eduardo Dougherty, Marcela Salazar, Hector & Laura Mendoza, Alexei Vanegas, Alicia Martinez, Adam Loch, Angela Maria Diez, Bailey Lovisa, Stanley Pearse, Fred Dumas, Francisco Icaza, Nanette Carpenter, Stella Kugler, Cosette Lainez, Helen Mura, Anna Rooney, Phyllis Theriot, Claire Lambremont, Cynthia Estrade, Lisa Margavio, Camila Rowland & Parents, Manuel de Jesus Diaz, Joan Dubuc, Shirley Blancher, Michael Breaux, Milton & Mercedes Lacoste, Roy Zeringue, Emile Fernandez, Roberto Aguilar, Esmeralda Bush, 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.



Today, we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel (Lk 6:17, 20-26), we are presented with the time when Jesus preaches about blessings and warns against other things. It is Luke's account of the Sermon on the Plain. This is also recorded in Matthew

chapter 5 as the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus says, "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man," (LK 6:22). Contrary to what the people of that culture believed, they would be blessed if they were excluded or insulted on the account of Jesus. The same is true today.

The topic, sometimes referred to as counter-culturalism, is addressed in many religious teachings. On the website of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), we are reminded that many students "are desperate to find meaning in their lives, looking for happiness in all the wrong places." St. Benedict Joseph Labre said, "Our consolation is not here: we shall have it eternally in paradise." On Sunday nights, Divine Mercy Youth discusses ways we can live in eternal paradise and get to heaven. We also discuss many other teachings of Jesus including the radical ideologies of biblical times and examine topics regarding Our Blessed Mother.

Under the protection of Mary's mantle, 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>



This Weekend:
**Knights of
Columbus
Donut Sunday**

**Sunday,
February 13th
after 8:30AM &
10:30AM Masses**

Please join us for
coffee, donuts, and
fellowship.

Jesus, I trust in You!



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Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Lenten Retreat in Daily Life (Virtual)

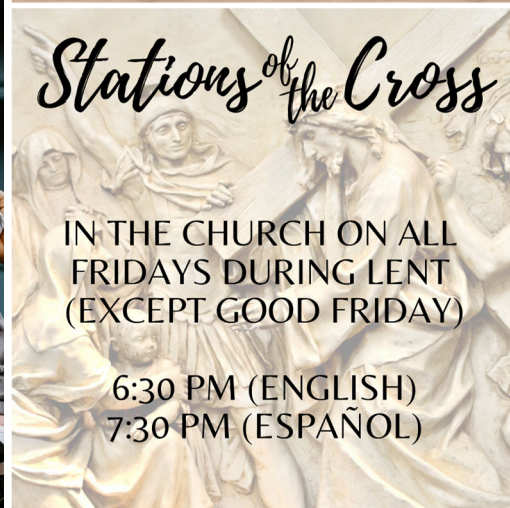


**VIRTUAL
LENTEN RETREAT
IN DAILY LIFE**

Would you like to begin your Lenten journey with an at home retreat? Perhaps you would like to deepen your relationship with God and experience praying with scripture. This retreat is for experienced prayers and those just beginning in prayer. If God is nudging you about beginning spiritual direction, the Lenten Retreat is a wonderful opportunity to experience what spiritual direction is. Attend a virtual opening group session; spend time in personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes each day; meet with a trained spiritual director weekly during the retreat (private session).

Opening Sunday, March 6, 2:00pm-Closing Thursday, April 7, 7:00pm.
Cost: \$40.00 (Adjustments can be made.)
To register on the web: <https://nolacatholic.org/registration> or
email: archspirctr@arch-no.org or telephone (504) 861- 3254

Stations of the Cross




**IN THE CHURCH ON ALL
FRIDAYS DURING LENT
(EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)**

**6:30 PM (ENGLISH)
7:30 PM (ESPAÑOL)**

Ash Wednesday

AT DIVINE MERCY PARISH



**7:30AM
12PM NOON
(Word Service with Ashes)
6:30PM
8:00PM (Español)**



**From the Office of the Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish
Reverend Father Robert T. Cooper**

LIVESTREAM MASSES ENDING

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:

In March of 2020, we entered into a new world of livestreaming Masses at Divine Mercy Parish due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After much prayer and appropriate consultation, I have decided to discontinue this effort on March 1, 2022, based on two factors.

First, more parishioners are returning to Church to attend Mass in-person so our online viewership is very minimal, even in the current COVID-19 climate. Secondly and more urgently, we need to return to communal worship and the reception of the sacraments. The components of the Mass are communal and personal. They are rooted in Jewish worship. The Liturgy of the Word fulfills and replaces worship in the synagogues, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist fulfills and replaces the Temple sacrifices with the One Sacrifice of Jesus. The reception of Jesus during Communion—His body, blood, soul, and divinity—prepares us to return to the world and to love others as Jesus loves us and this cannot be replaced by viewing the Liturgy virtually.

Let's examine this for a moment in the context of St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

"Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
(Philippians 2:6–11)

Biblical commentators believe this is one of the earliest New Testament texts concerning the divinity of Jesus Christ. It is often called a Christological hymn, and it is believed that the early Christians would chant these words in the liturgy as a type of Creed. The part that grabs my attention these days is about "every knee bending and confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord." I envision a great choir kneeling, proclaiming, and confessing the Lordship of Jesus.

There really is something powerful about worshipping our Lord on bended knee. Fr. George Rutler recently wrote about a Desert Father around 300 A.D., Abba Apollo, who had a vision of Satan: "The devil has no knees. He cannot kneel; he cannot adore; he can only look down his nose in contempt. Being unwilling to bend the knee at the name of Jesus is the essence of evil." (cf. Is. 45:23, Rm. 14:11). As creatures, we are made to adore the Lord. As creatures of body and soul, we are made to adore with bended knee. As social creatures, we are made to do this together, communally.

Just as we need to adore, and we need to adore with bended knee, so we also need to be together. And, at some point, that means coming back to in-person Masses. Chesterton said this: "A dead thing can go with the stream, but only a living thing can go against it." As I think about that, and our current circumstances, I am tempted to paraphrase it this way: "A dead thing can go with the livestream, but only a living thing can go against it." Swimming upstream takes effort. Calling people back to Mass will take an effort on the part of the entire Christian community.

As pastor, I am grateful to Deacon Larry, Austin, and our friends at Hope and Purpose Ministries for helping us over the past two years to video, edit, and livestream the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass during unpredicted times. We will continue to use our upgraded technology in the Church building to make Sunday homilies and other events available either through recordings or livestreaming as a tool for evangelization and catechesis. Sunday homilies are currently posted to the parish website (www.divinemercyparish.org/ipadre-audio-homilies) so that the mysteries of the faith and the guiding principles of the Christian life expounded from Sacred Scripture may be made available to a wider audience. While this catechetical tool can never be a substitute for attending Mass, it is fruitful insofar as it advances the spiritual journey of the faithful towards the beatific vision.

Let us hear the words of Pope Francis: "This is the Church in a difficult situation that the Lord is allowing, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments — always ... The Church, the sacraments and the people of God are concrete." The faithful's relationship with God must also stay concrete, as the apostles lived it, as a community and with the people of God, not lived in a selfish way as individuals or lived in a "viral" way that is spread only online. "May the Lord teach us this intimacy with Him, this familiarity with Him, but in the Church, with the sacraments, with the holy faithful people of God."

Jesus, I trust in You!



Desde la Oficina del Párroco de la Parroquia de la Divina Misericordia
Reverendo Padre Robert T. Cooper

FINALIZACIÓN DE TRANSMISIÓN EN VIVO DE LAS MISAS

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en el Señor:

En marzo de 2020, entramos en un nuevo mundo de misas en vivo en la parroquia de la Divina Misericordia debido a la pandemia de COVID-19. Después de mucha oración y consulta apropiada, he decidido suspender este esfuerzo el 1 de marzo de 2022, basado en dos factores.

Primero, más feligreses están regresando a la Iglesia para asistir a misa en persona, por lo que nuestra audiencia en línea es muy mínima, incluso en el clima actual de COVID-19. En segundo lugar, y con mayor urgencia, necesitamos volver al culto comunitario y a la recepción de los sacramentos. Los componentes de la Misa son comunitarios y personales. Están arraigados en la adoración Judía. La Liturgia de la Palabra cumple y reemplaza la adoración en las sinagogas, y la Liturgia de la Eucaristía cumple y reemplaza los sacrificios del Templo con el Único Sacrificio de Jesús. La recepción de Jesús durante la Comunión —Su cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad— nos prepara para regresar al mundo y amar a los demás como Jesús nos ama y esto no puede ser reemplazado por ver la Liturgia virtualmente.

Examinemos esto por un momento en el contexto de la Carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses.

"El, siendo de condición divina, no se apegó a su igualdad con Dios, sino que se redujo a nada, tomando la condición de servidor, y se hizo semejante a los hombres. Y encontrándose en la condición humana, se rebajó a sí mismo haciéndose obediente hasta la muerte, y muerte en una cruz. Por eso Dios lo engrandeció y le dio el Nombre que está sobre todo nombre, para que al Nombre de Jesús se doble toda rodilla en los cielos, en la tierra y entre los muertos, y toda lengua proclame que Cristo Jesús es el Señor, para gloria de Dios Padre." (Filipenses 2:6–11)

Los comentaristas bíblicos creen que este es uno de los primeros textos del Nuevo Testamento concernientes a la divinidad de Jesucristo. A menudo se le llama un himno cristológico, y se cree que los primeros cristianos cantaban estas palabras en la liturgia como un tipo de Credo. La parte que llama mi atención en estos días es acerca de "cada rodilla doblando y confesando que Jesucristo es el Señor". Imagino un gran coro arrodillado, proclamando y confesando el señorío de Jesús.

Realmente hay algo poderoso en adorar a nuestro Señor con la rodilla doblada. El P. George Rutler escribió recientemente sobre un Padre del Desierto alrededor del año 300 D.C., Abba Apolo, que tuvo una visión de Satanás: "El diablo no tiene rodillas. No puede arrodillarse; no puede adorar; solo puede mirar por la nariz con desprecio. No estar dispuesto a doblar la rodilla ante el nombre de Jesús es la esencia del mal". (cf. Is. 45:23, Rom. 14:11). Como criaturas, estamos hechos para adorar al Señor. Como criaturas de cuerpo y alma, estamos hechos para adorar con la rodilla doblada. Como criaturas sociales, estamos hechos para hacer esto juntos, comunitariamente.

Así como necesitamos adorar, y necesitamos adorar con las rodillas dobladas, también necesitamos estar juntos. Y, en algún momento, eso significa volver a las misas en persona. Chesterton dijo esto: "Una cosa muerta puede ir con la corriente, pero solo una cosa viva puede ir en su contra". Mientras pienso en eso, y en nuestras circunstancias actuales, me siento tentado a parafrasearlo de esta manera: "Una cosa muerta puede ir con la transmisión en vivo, pero solo una cosa viva puede ir en contra de ella". Nadar río arriba requiere esfuerzo. Llamar a la gente a misa requerirá un esfuerzo por parte de toda la comunidad cristiana.

Como pastor, estoy agradecido con el Diácono Larry, Austin y nuestros amigos de *Hope and Purpose Ministries* por ayudarnos en los últimos dos años a grabar, editar y transmitir en vivo el Santo Sacrificio de la Misa durante tiempos imprevistos. Continuaremos utilizando nuestra tecnología mejorada en el edificio de la Iglesia para hacer que las homilías dominicales y otros eventos estén disponibles, ya sea a través de grabaciones o transmisiones en vivo como una herramienta para la evangelización y la catequesis. Las homilías dominicales están actualmente publicadas en el sitio web de la parroquia (www.divinemercyparish.org/ipadre-audio-homilies) para que los misterios de la fe y los principios rectores de la vida cristiana expuestos en la Sagrada Escritura puedan ponerse a disposición de un público más amplio. Si bien esta herramienta catequética nunca puede ser un sustituto de la asistencia a la Misa, es fructífera en la medida en que avanza el camino espiritual de los fieles hacia la visión beatífica.

Escuchemos las palabras del Papa Francisco: "Esta es la Iglesia en una situación difícil que el Señor está permitiendo, pero el ideal de la Iglesia está siempre con el pueblo y con los sacramentos, siempre... La Iglesia, los sacramentos y el pueblo de Dios son concretos". La relación de los fieles con Dios también debe ser concreta, como la vivieron los apóstoles, como comunidad y con el pueblo de Dios, no vivida de manera egoísta como individuos o vivida de una manera "viral" que se difunde solo en línea. "Que el Señor nos enseñe esta intimidad con Él, esta familiaridad con Él, pero en la Iglesia, con los sacramentos, con el santo pueblo fiel de Dios".



FR. COOPER'S CORNER

The Great Hospital of Souls

"The great miracle of the Curé of Ars," one of his contemporaries said during the process for beatification "was his confessional, besieged day and night." The fundamental reason why the Year for Priests had been called by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on the 150th anniversary of the birth of St. John Vianney into eternal life was not that he left us a body of inspiring sermons like Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. It was not principally because of the angelic way he would celebrate Mass, his all night vigils of prayer, his fasting on boiled potatoes, his legendary battles against the devil, or his famous love and care for orphans. What made him famous, what earned him the reputation of being a saint in his lifetime and the title of the patron saint of priests after his death, was what God did through him in his "besieged" confessional.

For much of his 41 years in Ars, a town that had 230 souls when he arrived, he heard confessions of more than its entire population each day. He used to hear 12-14 hours of confessions in the winter and 16-18 hours in the summer. Most of us, in hearing those numbers, would naturally admire his commitment and dedication, much like we would commend anyone who worked 18 hour days in loving service of others. When I was a seminarian, I used to applaud the concrete "priority" he gave to the sacrament of confession, which obviously would have required many other sacrifices. It was only in December of 2007, however—while hearing confessions at my first Advent penance service—that I really understood what St. John Vianney's commitment really meant. That night, I sat in the confessional and heard confessions for three hours. I likened it to Jesus' three hours on the cross. Even though I was used to pushing my body to the limit, I had never been so totally exhausted. My back ached. My bottom ached. My whole body ached, but I took solace at least that I could still feel it. My mind, on the other hand, felt totally depleted. A year later, when preaching a parish Lenten Mission, I heard 12 hours of confessions stretched from Monday night through Wednesday night. At the end of the mission, I was comatose.

When I think now about the Curé of Ars' hearing confessions for 12-18 hours a day, the closest analogy I would give would be to running 25-40 miles a day ... uphill ... into gale force winds ... with ankle weights ... and wrist weights ... in full body armor ... made of lead. Moreover, he did it almost every day for decades. What St. John Vianney did in the confessional is, to me, the physical equivalent of doing a triathlon for the last 11,000 days of his life. It gives new meaning to the term heroism. This is the first reason why we can say that the great miracle of the Curé of Ars was his confessional because his daily stamina makes everything else look like minor feats in comparison.

The second reason his confessional was miraculous was because of what was occurring on the other side of the screen. People from all over France were making their way to an inaccessible hamlet in the southeastern corner of the country, taking primitive trains, even more primitive horse-drawn carts, and often walking for miles in fog, rain, and mud. Once there, they would in general need to wait up to eight days in a church that was stiflingly warm in summer and ice cold in the winter in order to have their confession heard. Why wouldn't they have taken the easy way out and just have gone to confession to one of the priests in their cities or town? Why would as many as 4,000 people have shown up one day, and 120,000 in a year, to go to confession to this simple priest in a tiny village?

They were coming, as one of the penitents once said, because they were encountering "God in a man." In St. John Vianney, they found more than a man ordained to act in the person of Christ to absolve them of their sins. Any validly ordained priest with faculties to hear confessions could do that. They were coming to someone who incarnated the mercy of the Heavenly Father, who shared the Good Shepherd's zeal to do anything it took to bring back to the fold the one lost sheep, who would rejoice with all the saints in heaven over the repentance of one sinner, and who like Christ would willingly be hammered to the wood of his confessional to save sinners. In him, we encountered not just a



confessor who administered God's power for the forgiveness of sins, but the closest earthly approximation to the holiness of God. That drew them irresistibly and through all types of sacrifices to make the road to Ars the road to Damascus.

His besieged confessional was miraculous even more so considering that in France in the 19th century, the sacrament of penance was not popular. Sometimes Catholics today can look back to the long confessional lines in the 1950's and think that that was always the way it was until the present crisis of faith and in the practice of confession. When St. John Vianney arrived in Ars, however, most people were not practicing the faith at all, not to mention not having frequent recourse to the sacrament of penance. God used him, however, almost single-handedly, to bring the whole Church of France back to the beauty of His mercy.



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wanted priests today to be willing to make the same heroic commitment to the confessional as their patron did, recognizing that the same miracle God worked in Ars for the Church in France He can work again. "Priests ought never to be resigned to empty confessionals or the apparent indifference of the faithful to this Sacrament," the Holy Father wrote in a letter to priests. "In France, at the time of the Cure of Ars, confession was no more easy or frequent than in our own day, since the upheaval caused by the revolution had long inhibited the practice of religion. Yet he sought in every way, by his preaching and his powers of persuasion, to help his parishioners to rediscover the meaning and beauty of the Sacrament of Penance, presenting it as an inherent demand of the Eucharistic presence. He thus created a 'virtuous' circle. By spending long hours in church before the tabernacle, he inspired the faithful to imitate him by coming to visit Jesus with the knowledge that their parish priest would be there, ready to listen and offer forgiveness. Later, the growing numbers of penitents from all over France would keep him in the confessional for up to sixteen hours a day. It was said that Ars had become 'a great hospital of souls.'"

In a 1986 letter to priests on the bicentennial of the Curé's birth, Pope St. John Paul II said that the state of the world requires that all priests should imitate the pastor of Ars in making themselves "very available" for the Sacrament of Penance. He asked them to give it "priority over other activities" so that the faithful will realize the value attached to this "most difficult, the most delicate, the most taxing and the most demanding [priestly ministry] of all—especially when priests are in short supply." Christ is asking His priests to generously open up again that "great hospital of souls," so that He can replicate in the cities and towns of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and elsewhere the great miracle He worked through one priest in Ars. He is also calling all the faithful to come to receive this universal spiritual health care.

Lenten Nights of Confession



5:00pm - 6:30pm at Divine Mercy Parish
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2022 Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Registration for the 2022 Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration to be held on **Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie** is now open. Each couple will receive a certificate and picture with Archbishop Aymond. This event is for couples married 50 years or more (1972 and earlier.)

Please register by contacting our Pastoral Associate, Dylan Mitchell, at 504-466-5016, Ext. 114 **no later than Friday, March 11th.**

Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Seek the Lord

Refrain

Seek the Lord,
while He may be found;
call to Him while he is still near.

1. Today is the day,
and now the proper hour
to forsake our sinful lives
and turn to the Lord.

2. As high as the sky
is above the earth,
so high above our ways,
the ways of the Lord.

3. Finding the Lord,
let us cling to Him.
His words, his ways lead us to life.

4. Someday we'll live
in the house of God;
gaze on His face
and praise His name.

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OFFERTORY

Beatitudes

1. Blest are you, the poor who trust
the Father with your lives
Blest are you the sorrowing
who know your Father wise

REFRAIN

Let your light shine for all the world to see
The brightness of your life within,
the peace that set you free
Let your light shine
to fill your nights and days
All will see the deeds you do
and give your Father praise.

2. Blest are you,
the lowly ones
who know your need to share
Blest are you whose searching souls
will draw you to God's care

3. Blest are those
whose mercy shows
the Father's love to all
Blest are you the pure in heart
who live the Father's call

4. Blest are you
who work for peace
among the Father's own
Blest are you who suffer hate
to prepare the day to come

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**COMMUNION****Christ in Me Arise****Refrain**

Christ in me arise
and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise
with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out
your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise
and I shall rise with you.

1. Be now my vision;
open these eyes,
showing me all that I must see.
Onward to the kingdom,
you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

2. Be now my footsteps,
leading the way,
taking me where I must go.
Onward to the kingdom,
you are the way
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge

You know my heart
and you know my ways,
you who formed me
in my mother's womb.
I live and move in you,
my whole being thrives in you.
(to final...)

Final

Christ in me arise and dispel
all the darkness.
Christ in me arise
with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out
your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise,
Christ in me arise,
Christ in me arise
and I shall rise with you.

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SENDING FORTH**Lead Me, Lord**

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit,
longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom
shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing,
for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come
to rule the world.

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth to seek
and to find the narrow way
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful,
for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart
shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger
only holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied.

3. Blest are they
who through their lifetimes
sow the seeds of peace;
all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you,
though persecuted in your holy life,
for in heaven, great is your reward.

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8:30 AM MASS**ENTRANCE****Come to the Lord**

1. Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Children, do not fear.
Though you suffer as I suffered,
I am always near.

Refrain

Come to the Lord;
come to the table of lasting life.
Bring your burdens;
there's no price,
just come to the Lord.

2. I will never leave you orphans;
you are not alone.
I have made your place in heaven,
in my father's home.

3. Eat this bread and never hunger;
I will give you life.
Drink the cup I place before you;
you will never die.

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OFFERTORY**Beatitudes**

See 4 PM Mass - Offertory

COMMUNION**Christ in Me Arise**

See 4 PM Mass – Communion

SENDING FORTH**Lead Me, Lord**

See 4 PM Mass – Sending Forth

10:30 AM MASS**ENTRANCE****Come to the Lord**

See 8:30 AM Mass – Entrance

OFFERTORY**Beatitudes**

See 4 PM Mass - Offertory

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See 4 PM Mass – Communion

SENDING FORTH**Lead Me, Lord**

See 4 PM Mass – Sending Forth

Blessed is the one
who trusts in the Lord,
whose hope is the Lord.

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6:00 PM MASS

ENTRANCE

Our God is Here

1. Here in this time, here in this place,
here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.

Refrain

And we cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy are you!"
We cry: "Holy! Holy! Holy and true!"
Amen, we do believe our God is here.
Our God is here.

2. Here in the Word, God is revealed,
here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
our God is here.

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OFFERTORY

Draw Me Close

1. Draw me close to You.
Never let me go.
I lay it all down again
to hear You say
that I'm Your friend.
You are my desire.
No one else will do,
'cause nothing else
could take Your place.
To feel the warmth
of Your embrace.
Help me find the way.
Bring me back to You.

Refrain

You're all I want. You're all I've ever needed.
You're all I want. Help me know You are near.

Ending

Help me know You are near.

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COMMUNION

Living Waters

1. Are you thirsty?
Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken,
peace unspoken,
rest beside these living waters.

2. Christ is calling,
find refreshing
at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down,
all the old gone,
rise up in these living waters.

Chorus

There's a river that flows
with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.

3. Spirit moving,
mercy washing;
Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children
to the shoreline,
life is in these living waters.

Bridge

Ooh. Ooh. Ooh.
Ooh. Ooh. Ooh.

4. Are you thirsty?
Are you empty?
Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness,
vast and boundless,
Christ, He is our living waters.

Ending

There our hope is secure,
do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.

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SENDING FORTH

All The People Said Amen

1. You are not alone
if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid,
you're not the only.
We are all the same,
in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on,
but thank God it's all you need.

Refrain

And all the people said, "Amen".
And all the people said, "Amen".
Give thanks to the Lord,
for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen".

2. If you're rich or poor,
well it don't matter.
Weak or strong,
you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're
all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and He so loved the world,
He sent His son to save us all.

Bridge

Blessed are
the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are
the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are
the people hungry for another start,
For theirs is the kingdom,
the kingdom of God.
(to refrain 2X...)

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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 las 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 benigneamente. 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 Príncipe Celestial de la Santa Hostia, que con la ayuda de Dios echas 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.

Celebración del aniversario bodas de oro

Celebración del aniversario de bodas de oro de la Arquidiócesis del 2022 La inscripción para la Celebración del Aniversario de Bodas de Oro de la Arquidiócesis del 2022 se llevará a cabo **el domingo 26 de junio del 2022 a las 3:00 PM en la Iglesia St. Philip Neri en Metairie** que ya está abierta. Cada pareja recibirá un certificado y una foto con el arzobispo Aymond. Este evento es para parejas casadas por 50 años o más (1972 y antes).

Regístrese comunicándose con nuestro asociado pastoral, Dylan Mitchell, al 504-466-5016, ext. 114 a más tardar el viernes 11 de marzo.

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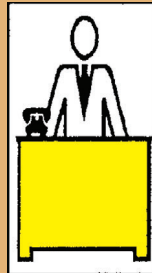
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