Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 Sunday before 8:30 a.m. Mass Domingo, 12 Noon (Español)

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

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

> First Friday Holy Hour and Benediction 1st Friday of Month following the 7:30 a.m. Mass



St. Joseph Sunday Missal Today's Readings: p. 259 Next Sunday: p. 265

To purchase a Sunday Missal for \$30, please see an usher.



In Memory of the Talamo & Bouvier Families

The Adoration Chapel Candles burn this week

In Honor of Fr. Luis Rodriguez -Return to Good Health

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

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

Baptisms

Vicente Emiliano Chacon Ramirez Jeffrey Matthew Paredes Camila Alejandra Paredes

MASS INTENTIONS

To schedule Mass Intentions, please visit website <u>www.divinemercyparish.org</u>. 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.



March 4 - March 10, 2023

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Gary J. Waguespack, Lily & Walter Juengling, Miriam Chacon, Ruth B. Falanga (Living), Connie Strain, Stanley J. Adamcewicz, Sr., Poor Souls, Chris Marino, Michael Cobb, William Jackson, In Memory of Agnes Lotz, Laurie Swanner Walsh, Henry Saucier, Michael Saucier, Iris Diehl, Cheryl Abdulla (Living), John McCabe, The Malter Family, Prayer Blanket Recipients-Living & Deceased

Sunday - 8:30 am

Edmond Charles Blancher, Sr., Talmage Reid, Chris Marino, Hebert Family, Taci Hunter, Lloyd & Louise Aucoin, Lynn Marcel (Living), Frank & Mamie Simone, William & Marion Dalton, Joyce Eckert, Ricardo Noverola, Brenda Chetta (Living), Vicki Hedrick, Michael Warner, In Memory of the Talamo and Bouvier Families

Sunday - 10:30 am

Albert L. Klotz, Jr.

Domingo - Misa de las 12:30 pm

Allan Tabora, Sr., Esmeralda Bush, Juan B. Guisti (Living), Alfonso Medina, Celia Guerrero de Urbina (1st Anniversary of death)

Sunday - 5:00 pm Mass

All Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday 6:30 pm Mass: Lucy B. Moore

Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass: Lucy B. Moore

Wednesday 7:30 am Mass: Lily Eckert

Thursday 7:30 am Mass: Eldridge & Jeanne Nissen

Friday 7:30 am Mass: Sacred Heart Apostolate Members -Living & Deceased

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 5 - Second Sunday of Lent

- Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM (Español), 5:00 PM
- Children's Liturgy, 10:30 AM Mass
- DMY High School-Discipleship Night, 6:00 PM, Parish Community Center

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

- 7th Grade Retreat, 8:00 AM –3:00 PM, Parish Community Center
- 6:30 PM Mass
- Family Faith Formation/K-7, 6:30 PM, SEAS
- Altar Auxiliary, 7:15 PM, Parish Community Center

Wednesday, March 8

- 7:30 AM Mass
- St. Anthony Ministry, 12:00 –4:00 PM, Parish Community Center
- Summit Night, 6:30-8:00 PM

Thursday, March 9

- 7:30 AM Mass
- SEAS School Mass, 9:00 AM
- Sociable Seniors, 12:00 Noon, Parish Community Center
- Evangelization Ministry Meeting, 6:30 PM, Sacristy
- Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:00 PM,
- Parish Community Center
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM

Friday, March 10

- 7:30 AM Mass
- Cleaning Church, 9:00 AM
- K of C Drive-Thru Lenten Fish Fry, 11:00 AM-7:00 PM, Church Grounds
- Stations of the Cross, 6:30 PM
- Spanish Stations of the Cross, 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 11

- Second Collection: Debt Reduction
- Bilingual Confessions 3:00 PM
- 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday, March 12

- Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM (*Español*), 5:00 PM
- Second Collection: Debt Reduction
- Children's Liturgy, 10:30 Mass
- Knight of Columbus Donut Sunday after 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses, Parish Community Center
- DMY High School—Community Night, 6:00 PM, Parish Community Center

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of February 19, 2023

Envelopes\$	9,620
Loose\$	3,036
Online Giving\$	7,881
Capital Campaign\$	1,127
Other Income\$	7,942
Totaling\$	29,606
St. Anthony Ministry\$	

"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

March 5, 2023 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new

land and a better way to live.

Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."





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Prayer Requests

Eileen Cunninham, Charlie Weil, Marylyn Comesana, Lucian Perniciaro, Margaret Withrow, Barbara Yambra, Rebecca Morales, Nancy Gerhart, Ed Martina, Stanley Pearse, Lilly Aponte, Amanda Miranda, Lloyd Doucet, Harold Ferger, Dorothy Kopowski, Barbara JR Brown, Richard Wolf, Joe Larocca, Frank Stadthagen, Nahin Alarcon, Helena Long, Marena Noverola, Janice Russo Bradford, JoAnn Bland, Jackie Reynolds, Rosemary Cotham, Anna Baker, Anthony Britz, Kathy Rapp, Carlos Laboy, Romeo Mamolo, Theresa Hamrick, Terry Parenton Staub, Gwen Accardo, Beth Zeringue, Sybil Huesmann, Carter Denison, Sue Vaughn, 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 Second Sunday of Lent. We are presented with the time Jesus and three of his apostles, Peter, James, and John, go to a mountain to pray. Then the Old Testament figures Moses and Elijah appear next to Jesus as He

speaks with the two of them. Jesus begins to shine with bright rays of light. The voice of God then comes from a cloud and says, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him," (MT 17:5). This is the Transfiguration of Jesus recorded in the Gospel (Mt 17:1-9) today. As we journey through this Lenten season, the mountain in this Gospel reading can be compared to the "spiritual mountain" some of us climb during Lent (and some scripture scholars refer to). We are encouraged and reminded of the purpose of Lent on the Ascension presents website, in an

article by Fr. Mike Schmitz, What's the Purpose of Lent? The article points out that the "purpose of Lent is to set aside time for us to trust God completely so we can see that he is all we need." Maybe the "top of a mountain" can be a place in our hearts. The article also states that "We think God can't give us the strength to overcome this or that sin or habit." But, as we know, with God's help, amazing things can happen. As we recall the message of Pope Benedict XVI on August 6, 2006 in his address before the

Angelus. Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the transfiguration display Christ as the "full manifestation of God's light." "In our time too," Pope Benedict said, "we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the

children of light!" During Lent, many of us strive for transformation. We might desire to grow closer to God and be transformed. On Sunday nights, Divine Mercy Youth discusses our spiritual journey and Lent. We talk about ways we can practice certain Lenten actions with our family and friends in our homes, schools, workplaces, communities, society, and the world. We also discuss many other teachings of Jesus and topics regarding Our Blessed Mother and how she leads us to her Son. Under the protection of Mary's mantle, you are invited to join us so we can share our experiences this Lenten season.!

Divine Mercy Youth is a high school ministry for all 8th through 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 5pm 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



Evangelization Ministry Meeting Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 PM, in the Sacristy

Please join us to learn more about our Ministry.

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Summit Night Wednesday, March 8 6:30 PM

Summit Nights are a monthly opportunity for all parishioners and friends of the parish to **spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration**. These events will feature praise and worship, a short testimony designed to inspire you to reach new heights in your faith, and communal Eucharistic Adoration.





The beautiful Easter flowers that adorn our altar and sanctuary are a special part of the celebration of Easter at Divine Mercy Parish. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the **Easter Flowers Memorial Envelopes**. Donations toward the cost of Easter flowers in the Church may be made in memory or honor of your family members and friends. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. *The suggested donation is \$10.00 per remembrance*. *Please place your envelopes in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish*

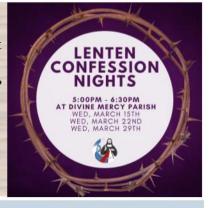
Office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Memorial Envelopes will be placed near the altar throughout the Easter Season. Remembrances may also

be submitted online by visiting the parish website: **www.DivineMercyParish.org**

During the Holy Season of Lent, Archbishop Aymond is asking all churches in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to have a light on in the confessional on

Wednesday, March 15th; Wednesday, March 22nd; and Wednesday, March 29th from 5:00pm - 6:30pm

as a sign that Christ is not only the light of the world but one who is eager to forgive and to heal us. If you have been away from the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we invite you to come back to God's loving mercy and forgiveness.





Next Meeting: Friday, March 10th at 6 AM

This program is unlike anything else that you've experienced! It tackles real issues facing real men. It looks at the leadership role that has been entrusted to men and addresses the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. Finally, it helps formulate a plan that allows men to overcome these obstacles.

> For more information or to register, please visit: https://divinemercyparish.org/tmiy

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The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie.

This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their **50th wedding anniversary**. The celebration is open to couples married in 1973 or before. To register, please **contact our Pastoral Associate, Dylan Mitchell**, at 504-466-5016, **no later than Tuesday, March 14**.

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

For **Those Hurting from Abortion or Miscarriage**, There is forgiveness, hope and peace after abortion. If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion or miscarriage, we can help. Please consider attending this faith-based, healing retreat. All faiths are welcome! Open to women and men.

> Date: April 21-23, 2023 Price: \$195/person (Financial Assistance Available) Facilitators: Pam Richard and Donna Scheuermann Priest Facilitator: Fr. Robert Cavalier

To register or for more information, contact the retreat facilitators: Pam Richard – (504) 460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net Donna Scheuermann – (504) 258-9183 or donnas@1791.com



The Altar Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:15 PM in the Parish Community Center.

ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT

6:30PM (ENGLISH) 7:30PM (ESPAÑOL





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To contribute to our Turkey & Syria Earthquake Relief fund, visit the Parish Website, scan the QR Code or place an envelope in the collection basket marked *"Turkey-Syria Relief"*. Thank you for your generosity.



Collection Date March 19, 2023

"God is Faithful" is an endowment through the Catholic Community Foundation, set up to provide the resources necessary to ensure the formation and education of future priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

Your donations on the weekend of March 18–19 will go directly to supporting the costs of seminarian formation. Check your bulletin next week for more information about the cost breakdown for seminary life.

Thank you for your generosity!



Join Divine Mercy Parish and the SEAS Footprints for Life Club by joining our team (type "St. Elizabeth" when you register) in the upcoming Born to Run Fun Run & 5K race benefiting the Women's New Life Clinic! When you join our team, you'll not only be supporting women and their babies, but you'll also receive a shirt with both the Divine Mercy and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton logos to show how our parish and its various ministries support the value and dignity of life.

Whether you're walking or running, this event is a blast... and be sure to stay for the FREE after-race party!

If you and your family would like more information OR are interested in joining our team or pledging support of our team members, please visit the link below! https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/BTRN023/team/ StElizabeth

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FR. COOPER'S CORNER Making the Difficult Decisions

Pope Benedict XVI was the greatest theologian to occupy the Chair of Peter since at least Pope St. Leo the Great (440-461), and the Church in future centuries may find Pope Benedict's papal and pre-papal contributions even greater than the one whose writings on the incarnation are still pondered every Christmas and whose *Tome* brought the Christological controversies of the fourth and fifth centuries to a close. Unless, however, papal abdications become routine, future centuries may regard him less in the category of papal Doctors of the Church like Leo and Gregory the Great and more in that of Celestine V and Gregory XII who resigned the papacy. The former category is certainly one of great honor. The latter is normally treated as one of shame. Our culture normally equates resigning — unless done in principled protest against evil — with quitting or failing, both of which are generally accompanied by shame.

In Pope Benedict's case, following St. John Paul II's intrepid completion of his papacy, inspired, John Paul said, because Christ did not come down from the Cross, Pope Benedict's renunciation, in contrast, seems unfaithful and cowardly. Due to the nature of the spiritual paternity associated with the papacy, to resign also seems akin to a father's unholy abandonment of his familial vocation and commitment. Moreover, some Catholics concerned by various developments in the pontificate of Pope Francis have expressed resentment toward — or even place the blame on — Pope Benedict, because, they argue, if Benedict hadn't resigned, and presumably had served what turned out to be almost another decade of life, those developments would never have materialized. So, Pope Benedict's resignation has become a real obstacle to the assessment of his legacy, including among those who were convinced of his sanctity and historic importance prior to the events of early 2013.

But a deeper examination of Pope Benedict's reasons given for his resignation can help to see why it was courageous not cowardly, faithful not fickle, and a confirmation rather than a contradiction of the character so many had rightly grown to esteem. When Pope Benedict shocked the cardinals in the Sala of the Concistory on February 11, 2013, by declaring in Latin that 17 days later he would vacate the See of Peter, he underlined, "After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to the certainty that my strengths, due to an advanced age, are no longer suited to an adequate exercise of the Petrine ministry." Pope Benedict had long called conscience an "inner organ of sensitivity" to the voice of God indicating to us what to do or avoid. While the judgments of conscience can be erroneous, he had been tuning his "organ" and fighting against false ideas of conscience for so long that it was highly unlikely that he has hearing the Lord say "go" when the Lord was in fact stressing "continue on."

His decision to resign, therefore, was not the "no" of someone who just wanted to quit the burdens of the papacy, but one more "yes" in a lifetime of faithful *fiats* to what the Lord had asked of him. It had become clear to him by this point that he lacked what he knew the papacy required. In his last General Audience, the day before he left in a helicopter for Castel Gandolfo, he said, "In these last months I have felt my energies declining, and I have asked God insistently in prayer to grant me his light and to help me make the right decision, not for my own good, but for the good of the Church. I have taken this step with full awareness of its gravity and even its novelty, but with profound interior serenity."

In his 2016 book length interview with Peter Seewald, he said that he talked about it "extensively with the loving God," because the papacy's "responsibility and seriousness called for the most thorough examination, time and again having to examine yourself before God and before yourself." He noted: "You have to lay out all your affairs before [God] as clearly as possible and try not to see everything only in terms of efficiency or other criteria for resignation, but to look

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at it from faith. It was precisely from this perspective that I became convinced that the commission of Peter demanded concrete decisions, insights, from me. ... I was not able to give very much any longer. ... The Pope is no Superman and his mere existence is not sufficient to conduct his role."

He told Seewald that his doctor had informed him after his 2012 trip to Mexico and Cuba that he was not strong enough to fly over the Atlantic again, as he was scheduled to do for World Youth Day in Rio in 2013. He also said that the "Pope must do concrete things," like "receiving heads of state, receiving bishops with whom one must be able to enter into a deeply intimate conversation, [and make] the decisions that come each day. Even if you say a few of these things can be struck off, there remain so many things that are essential, that, if the capability to do them is no longer there... now's the time to free up the chair."

While he still had the mind and the wisdom to serve, he no longer had the strength, stamina, and energy. If most pastors would be physically challenged to administer a busy parish in their mid-80s, it's far more demanding to preside over a church of more than one billion people and fulfill a Pope's schedule of lengthy liturgies, continuous high-level meetings and speeches, as well as grueling international travel. And by the time of his resignation, Pope Benedict had had two strokes, a pacemaker for 20 years, prostate problems, degenerative joint disease and was losing sight in one eye. So, this "simple and humble worker in the Lord's vineyard," as he introduced himself at the beginning of his papacy, meekly and courageously made the decision to become the first Pope in 598 years to step down.

He said during his last General Audience, "Loving the Church means also having the courage to make difficult, painful decisions, always looking to the good of the Church and not of oneself. ... I am not abandoning the Cross, but remaining in a new way at the side of the crucified Lord. I no longer bear the power of office for the governance of the Church, but in the service of prayer I remain, so to speak, in the enclosure of Saint Peter. ... I will continue to accompany the Church's journey with prayer and reflection, with that devotion to the Lord and his Bride which I have hitherto sought to practice daily and which I would like to practice always."

Though his decision was difficult and painful for him and for the Church, he had the love to make it and to shift his responsibilities to prayer, which he always taught was the most important thing that disciples can do. By resigning the papacy to continue to serve the Church through prayer, he reiterated that the work of prayer is even more important than the ministry of the papacy. Praying would be the way he would continue his work as a holy father. "Even a father's role stops," he told Seewald. "A father does not stop being a father, but he is relieved of concrete responsibility. He remains a father in a deep, inward sense, in a particular relationship that has responsibility, but not with day-to-day tasks."

When Seewald asked if he regretted his decision at all, Benedict said "No!" three times and added, "Every day I see that it was right. ... It was considered long enough and spoken about with the Lord." Pope Benedict was convinced to the end that he had made the right decision in conscience. Those who admire the enormous God-given gifts of faith, wisdom, courage, and love for the truth he displayed over the course of his first 85 years ought to trust in how he exercised them in the biggest decision of his papacy and life.

And we pray that the crucial work in love of the Church he began at 8:01 pm on February 28, 2013, continues in the Father's house.

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HISPANIC MINISTRY



Las hermosas flores de Pascua que adornan nuestro altar y santuario son una parte especial de la celebración de la Pascua 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 las Flores de Pascua**. Las donaciones para el costo de las flores de Pascua en la Iglesia pueden hacerse en memoria o en honor de los miembros de su familia y amigos. Esta es una manera maravillosa de recordar a los seres queridos, honrar a los amigos y ofrecer acción de gracias a Dios por las oraciones contestadas y las bendiciones recibidas. *La donación sugerida es de \$10.00 por recuerdo*. Por favor, coloque sus sobres en la canasta de recolección o tráigalos a la Oficina

Parroquial. Su generosidad es muy apreciada. Se colocarán sobres conmemorativos cerca del altar durante toda la temporada de Pascua. Los recuerdos también se pueden enviar en línea visitando el sitio web de la parroquia: *www.DivineMercyParish.org*

Durante el tiempo santo de Cuaresma, el arzobispo Aymond está pidiendo a todas las iglesias de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva Orleans que tengan una luz encendida en el confesionario los

miércoles 15 de marzo; miércoles 22 de marzo; y miércoles 29 de marzo de 5:00pm - 6:30pm

como un signo de que Cristo no es sólo la luz del mundo, sino Uno que está ansioso por perdonarnos y sanarnos. Si has estado lejos del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, te invitamos a volver a la misericordia amorosa y al perdón de Dios.





miércoles, 8 de marzoa 6:30 PM

Summit Nights es una oportunidad mensual para que todos los feligreses y amigos de la parroquia **pasen tiempo con** el Señor en Adoración Eucarística.





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Congratulations to **Emily Juarez** for being selected as the representative from *Divine Mercy Parish* to receive the **2023 Altar Server Award**

from Archbishop Aymond. Because of her faithfulness to this important ministry in the Church, our parish family is proud to nominate her for this honor.

We extend our congratulations to Emily and to her family. We also extend our thankfulness to all the young men and women who are dedicated to serving at the Altar of the Lord.



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LENTEN PARISH SERVICE PROJECT

We are collecting funds to cover the already purchased specialty yarn that is used by the wig makers. Since their specific yarn had to be special ordered we are unable to accept yarn skein donations. We would be grateful for any monetary donation to cover the expenses of the specialty skeins that were ordered for our Lenten Service Project.

Visit divinemercyparish.org/yarn to find out more about the Magic Yarn Project and to donate online or place an envelope in the collection basket marked "Magic Yarn".

Come to a yarn party!

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTER: Tuesday, March 14 (10am - 12pm); Saturday, March 18 (12pm - 3pm); Saturday, March 25 (12pm - 3pm); Tuesday, April 4 (4pm - 6pm) *Volunteers under age 18 must have parent/guardian present

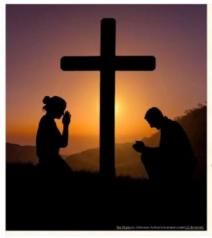
Week 1 is in the books. We cooked 24 cases of fish which equates to a little over 700 plates sold. Considering the school was closed, and we had a light lunch crowd, it was a solid number. The boiled potatoes this year were a big hit, and we cooked 300 pounds of potatoes and ran out!

We were even interviewed by WWL, and were on the 5 o'clock news!

Thank you to Cartozzo's Bakery for donating the delicious rolls, and a thank you to all of the Knights who worked so hard for a successful week 1.

If you waited in line, my apologies, we will take the lessons learned to keep the fish coming out faster for week 2.





The Ladies Altar Auxiliary is hosting a 1-day retreat to come together to humble ourselves in prayer and rejuvenate our souls to glorify God.

Divine Mercy Summer Retreat Hosted by the Divine Mercy Ladies Altar Auxiliary The retreat will be led by Father Gros Saturday, May 27th, 2023 from 8am-3pm Archdiocesan Retreat Center (5500 St. Mary St. Metairie, La. 70006) The cost is \$15/person and includes lunch

Please register by May 1, 2023 if you are interested in attending. Contact Doris Martin at 504-810-3433 for more information or visit the Parish Website at https://divinemercyparish.org/events/summer-retreat to register online.

Attendance is limited to 120 participants.

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DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRED MUSIC

4:00 PM MASS ENTRANCE Christ Before Us

1. Christ before us, Christ beside us, Christ to guide us all our days. He to carry all our sorrows, he to bear us perfect grace. Jesus, Savior, Friend and Brother, Intercessor, Son of God, save your people in your dying, and in rising, conquer death.

2. May we be for one another all that you would have us be. May we live your law of kindness, love, compassion, charity. May we climb your holy mountain; may we see your holy face! Visit now this humble dwelling; dwell within this holy place.

3. God before us through the ages; Christ beside us here today. Spirit, lead us forth forever; guide and help us all our days. Christ the Savior, God the Living, Great Creator, Spirit blest! Holy Three-in-One Immortal, come and be our welcome guest.

4. O Redeemer, fill your servants with your words of lasting life. Give to those with hands of healing love transcending pain and strife. Make us loving sons and daughters; make us holy, kind and true, sent to labor for your Kingdomrestless till we rest in you.

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Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me,

His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

4. Thru' many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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CHANT MASS

Sanctus (Holy) Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus. Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis. Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosána in excélsis.

Mysterium Fidei (Mystery of Faith)

Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confitemur, donec venias.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Text: Graduale Romanum, 1974. Music: Chant Mass; Graduale Romanum

COMMUNION

In This Place

1. We are all hungry people, we need shelter and strength. We are one in our hurting, we are one in our pain. In our suff'ring and sadness, we are saved by the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place.

Refrain We are gathered at table as one in the Lord. We are gathered as people who are living the Word.

Jesus, I trust in You!

Our hearts and our spirits are nurtured by grace. It is Jesus who fills us. He is here in this place.

2. All our lives are a Myst'ry; we see not where they lead. We are asked now to trust you and we know we must believe. As our feet become Christ's feet, we go forth with the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place.

3. Though the world may tell us to look at ourselves, we reach out to another where suffering dwells. As our hands become Christ's hands, we are healed by the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place.

4. In the bread that is broken is the Christ that restores. As we take, now receive him, we find love evermore. As the bread becomes Body, we are filled with the grace of the power and the Spirit that is here in this place.

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Revive Us, O God Refrain

Revive us, O God, breathe into us the way of your wisdom, the depth of your trust. You are our hope, you are our light, O God.

1. Weary from the burden of ignorance grown, trembling in terror, can hearts be transformed? Longing for you to draw near, before we cry out you already hear. And

2. Weakened by judgment, where is our strength? Confined by confusion, our spirits are spent. But this sickness no longer can hide; when we choose your way, choose your truth, when we choose life, you

Final Refrain Revive us, O God, breathe into us the way of your wisdom, the depth of your trust.



You are our hope, you are our light, O God. Revive us. Revive us, O God, breathe into us the way of your wisdom,

the depth of your trust.

You are our hope, you are our light, O God.

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SENDING FORTH

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days 1. Lord, who throughout these forty days, For us did fast and pray, Teach us with you to mourn our sins, And close by you to stay.

2. As you with Satan did contend,And did the vict'ry win,O give us strength in you to fight,In you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger bear and thirst,
 So teach us, gracious Lord,
 To die to self, and always live
 By your most holy word.

4. And through these days of penitence, And through your Passiontide,Forevermore, in life and death,O Lord, with us abide.

5. Abide with us that when this life Of suffering is past, An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

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8:30 AM MASS ENTRANCE

<u>Christ Before Us</u> See 4 PM Mass – Entrance

OFFERTORY Amazing Grace See 4 PM Mass – Offertory

CHANT MASS See 4 PM Mass – Chant Mass

COMMUNION In This Place Revive Us, O God See 4 PM Mass – Communion

SENDING FORTH Atténde Dómine / Have Mercy on Us, Lord Refrain Atténde Dómine, et miserére,

Quia peccávimus tibi. Have mercy on us, Lord, Jesus our Savior: Burdened with sin, we implore you!

1. O great Redeemer, King of all creation, As we are sinners, we deserve your judgment: Jesus, be gracious; hear our prayer of sorrow.

2. Exalted Savior, Cornerstone of heaven, Gate of salvation, Way to life immortal: Send forth your Spirit; heal your humbled people!

3. We beg you, Jesus, God immense in power: Listen in kindness as we ask forgiveness: Though sin condemns us, you are strong to save us!

4. We stand convicted, owning our offenses; Guilty before you, yet we seek your pardon: O gentle Savior, great is your compassion!

5. Remember, Jesus, you gave all to save us; Dying for sinners, you endured the Passion: Savior, immortal, grant your gift of freedom!

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10:30 AM MASS ENTRANCE Christ Before Us See 4 PM Mass – Entrance

OFFERTORY

<u>Amazing Grace</u> See 4 PM Mass – Offertory

CHANT MASS See 4 PM Mass – Chant Mass

COMMUNION

<u>In This Place</u> <u>Revive Us, O God</u> See 4 PM Mass – Communion

See 8:30 AM – Sending Forth

SENDING FORTH Atténde Dómine / Have Mercy on Us, Lord

MISA - 12:30 PM

ENTRADA <u>Renuévanos Señor</u> Estribillo Renuévanos, Señor, llénanos con tu amor. Sana el dolor de los sueños que perdimos. Renueva nuestras vidas y el camino que escogimos. Guíanos como familia en la fe.

 Jesús toma nuestra mano, enséñanos a amar.
 Danos fuerza para vivir tu palabra.

Loving Mercifully, Living Marian.

Guíanos, Jesús con nuestros brazos abiertos para recibir al pobre sin esperanza.

2. Padre transfórmanos. Abrázanos con tu Espíritu. Ayúdanos a aceptarnos el uno al otro. Rompe las cadenas de miedo que dividen nuestros hogares, para así vivir tu santa voluntad.

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OFERTORIO

<u>Creo en Jesús</u> Estribillo Creo en Jesús, creo en Jesús, Él es mi amigo, es mi alegría, Él es mi amor; creo en Jesús, Creo en Jesús, Él es mi Salvador.

 Él llamó a mi puerta, me invitó a compartir su heredad; seguiré a su lado, llevaré su mensaje de paz.

2. Ayudó al enfermo y le trajo la felicidad; defendió al humilde, combatió la mentira y el mal.

Día y noche creo en Jesús,
 Él está a mi lado, creo en Jesús.
 Sigo sus palabras, creo en Jesús,
 doy por Él la vida, creo en Jesús.
 Es mi Salvador.

Enseñó a Zaqueo
 a partir su hacienda y su pan;
 alabó a la viuda
 porque dio cuanto pudo ella dar.

5. Aleluya, creo en Jesús, Él es el Mesías, creo en Jesús. Él es mi esperanza, creo en Jesús, vive para siempre, creo en Jesús. Es mi Salvador.

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COMUNIÓN To Be Announced

CANTO FINAL Cristo está Conmigo Estribillo Cristo está conmigo, junto a mí va el Señor, me acompaña siempre en mi vida hasta el fin.

1. Ya no temo, Señor, la tristeza, ya no temo, Señor, la soledad,



porque eres, Señor, mi alegría, tengo siempre tu amistad.

2. Ya no temo, Señor, a la noche, ya no temo, Señor, la oscuridad, porque brilla tu luz en las sombras ya no hay noche, Tú eres luz.

3. Ya no temo, Señor, los fracasos, ya no temo, Señor, la ingratitud, porque el triunfo, Señor, en la vida Tú lo tienes, Tú lo das.

4. Ya no temo, Señor, los abismos, ya no temo, Señor, la inmensidad, porque eres, Señor, el camino y la vida, la verdad.

5. Ya no temo, Señor, a la muerte, ya no temo, Señor, la eternidad, porque Tú estás allá esperando que yo llegue hasta Ti.

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5:00 PM MASS ENTRANCE Into the Desert

1. Come, beloved, and rest your mind; leave the things of this world behind. Here I will be your daily bread, all that you need.

Refrain

Into the desert I will lead; here in the silence my word will speak. And you will find the peace you seek here in the desert.

2. Stay, beloved, and lose your fear;there is healing and mercy here.Here I will be a living stream, all that you need.

 From this desert your life will bloom; out of despair is hope renewed.
 And from this death you shall arise, arise with me.

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OFFERTORY

Take Up Our Cross

 Behold the wood that bears our name; behold the nails that hold our sin.
 The tree from which salvation blooms; the death by which we're born again.

Refrain

We take up our cross and follow him; we lay down our lives that we might live. We carry the hope of Christ within; we take up our cross and follow him. 2. We embrace the sacrifice, and walk the path we cannot see. The burdens of this world made light; by blood and thorn we are redeemed.

Bridge

Lift him high, lift him high; let his name be glorified. Lift him high, lift him high; let his name be glorified.

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COMMUNION Christ Be Magnified

1. Were creation suddenly articulate With a thousand tongues to lift one cry Then from north to south and east to west We'd hear Christ be magnified

2. Were the whole earth echoing His eminence His name would burst from sea and sky From rivers to the mountain tops We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus

O Christ be magnified, Let His praise arise Christ be magnified in me, O Christ be magnified From the altar of my life Christ be magnified in me

3. When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melodyAnd ev'ry human heart its native cryO then in one enraptured hymn of praise

Bridge

I won't bow to idols I'll stand strong and worship You And if it puts me in the fire I'll rejoice 'cause You're there too

We'll sing Christ be magnified

I won't be formed by feelings I hold fast to what is true If the cross brings transformation Then I'll be crucified with You (You can hang me there with You)

Bridge

'Cause death is just the doorway Into resurrection life If I join You in Your suff'rings Then I'll join You when You rise

And when You return in glory

Jesus, I trust in You!

With all the angels and the saints My heart will still be singing My song will be the same

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SENDING FORTH

Lift Your Head Weary Sinner (Chains) 1. Lift your head, weary sinner, the river's just ahead down the path of forgiveness; salvation's waiting there. You built a mighty fortress ten thousand burdens high love is here to lift you up, here to lift you high.

Chorus 1

If you're lost and wandering, come stumbling in like a prodigal child. See the walls start crumbling; let the gates of glory open wide.

 All who strayed and walked away, unspeakable things you've done, fix your eyes on the mountain; let the past be dead and gone.
 Come all saints and sinners, you can't outrun God.
 Whatever you've done can't overcome the power of the blood.

Chorus 2

If you're lost and wandering, come stumbling in like a prodigal child. See the walls start crumbling; let the gates of glory open wide. If you're lost and wrecked again, come stumbling in like a prodigal child. See the walls start crumbling; let the gates of glory open wide.

Bridge

Let the chains fall! Let the chains, the chains, the chains, the chains, the chains, the chains fall!

Ending

Let the gates of glory open wide. Let the gates of glory open wide.

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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.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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.

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. Amen.

Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Mi Jesús, yo creo que Tú estás en el Santísimo Sacramento. Yo te amo por encima de todas las cosas y yo Te deseo en mi alma. Como ahora no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente, al menos ven a mi corazón espiritualmente. Como ya has venido, Yo te abrazo y me uno enteramente a Ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de ti. 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.

Nuestra Señora del Pronto Socorro, apresúrate a socorrernos. Madre Henrieta Delille, ruega por nosotros para que seamos una familia Santa. Amén.



