

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

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JANUARY 15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY PARISH



“ ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit,’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

John 1: 33-34

Divine Mercy is a Welcoming
Community that Inspires Disciples
of Jesus to Share God's Love and
Transform the World.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High! *Psalm 66(65):4*

The entrance, offertory, and communion antiphons reflect the liturgical spirit of the day or season. Another psalm or hymn of similar spirit may be used in its place per the General Instruction of the Roman Missal.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

We call this period of the liturgical year "Ordinary Time," but this time after Christmas is not ordinary at all, for it is now that we learn about the first days of Jesus' public life. In today's Gospel, John testifies that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus when John baptized him, meaning that the Holy Spirit joined in Christ's entire mission. The Holy Spirit descended upon us in our own baptism as well. May we be conscious of that divine presence as we join in Christ's mission during our own ordinary time.

THE ORDER OF MASS

Together we join our voices in praise singing the Entrance Hymn.

SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

– or – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

– or – The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

ENTRANCE HYMN

BAPTIZED IN WATER

1. Bap-tized in wa-ter, Sealed by the Spir-it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa-ter, Sealed by the Spir-it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa-ter, Sealed by the Spir-it, Marked with the
 blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal-va-tion, Trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris-ing, Freed and for-
 sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa-ther, We are his
 prom-ise, Faith-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv-en, Thank-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil-dren, Joy-ful-ly now God's praise we sing.

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 Tune: BUNESSAN, 5 5 8 D; Gaelic melody; acc. by Marty Haugen, b.1950

4:30 p.m.

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

Cyprian Consiglio

Ostinato Refrain
 The Lord is my light, the Lord is my light, the
 Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion.

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PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, you are the Servant of God who came to bring us new life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you are the Light of the nations who fulfills our longing: Christ, have mercy. **R. Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world : Lord, have mercy. **R. Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
 will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy

you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,
 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y
 Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
 way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right
 hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry!
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est. Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. A - men.

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COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heav-
 en and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people
 and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus
 Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
 the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

Please be seated after the prayer.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 49:3, 5–6

From my mother's womb, I am
 God's servant.

Psalms 40:2, 4, 7–8, 8–9, 10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do
 your will.

1 Corinthians 1:1–3

Greetings to you, a holy people
 in Christ.

John 1:29–34

Behold, the Lamb of God!

Before we receive the Lord in
 the Eucharist, we hear the
 words, "Behold, the Lamb of
 God, who takes away the sin of
 the world." We will hear these
 words in today's Gospel, for
 they were first proclaimed by
 John the Baptist. John, Isaiah,
 and Paul all testify to how the
 Lord has called them and
 changed their lives. May we be
 inspired by them and take to
 heart what we sing in the
 responsorial psalm: "Here am
 I, Lord; I come to do your will."

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Is there a situation in your life
 that can use God's welcome,
 God's grace, God's mercy?
 How can you apply those to
 that situation?

NEXT SUNDAY

We welcome those who will begin
 their journey to the Easter Vigil
 Sacraments of Initiation. Candidates:
 Miles Shakir Lyons and Marley
 Merritt Lyons. Sponsors: Alex and
 Maureen Valvassori at the 10 a.m.
 Mass

REFLECTION

Isaiah, Paul, and John. Each one prepares us for the coming of the Lord. Isaiah calls the people of Israel back home after many years of exile in Babylon. But they are not the only ones. God has made the prophet a light to the nations, so that salvation can reach all the way to the ends of the earth. This sounds joy-ous, and it is, but it is also challenging. Isaiah welcomes not just descendants of Abraham, but everyone, even enemies, even those who had just held them captive. But this is the way light works. It does not discriminate; it shines on everyone. Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, knows this well. Corinth was nearly a thousand miles from Bethlehem or Galilee or Jerusalem. Yet its people were just as welcome to become Christian, to become brothers and sisters in faith, as those who could trace their lineage back to David. John the Baptizer, the mystic emerging from his time in the wilderness, saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus when he baptized him. Like light, the Spirit illuminates the whole world. Today we are called to follow their lead—shining the light of Christ, passing on the Spirit, spreading the saving grace of God throughout our family, our community, and our world.



The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The Jesuits celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3 as the order's titular feast.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The book of Isaiah in four different places speaks of a mysterious servant of God. This servant is sent to do great and marvelous things that touch the entire world. Christians have traditionally thought of Jesus as the fulfillment of these passages.

The Lord said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength! It is too little, the Lord says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

*We pause for a moment of sacred silence
for reflection on the Word of God.*

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

We hear this psalm at some big moments in the church year; it is often associated with Mary and proclaimed in conjunction with the annunciation story. But it is also a fitting way to start this new segment of the liturgical calendar. Here, at the beginning of Ordinary Time, we place ourselves in the presence of God; we assume a posture of listening; and we state our intention to live



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I have waited, waited for the Lord, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. and he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. **R.**

Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come." **R.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, And your law is within my heart!" **R.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O Lord, know. **R.**

4:30 p.m.



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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

For the next several Sundays our second reading will be taken from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Today's reading presents the opening words of that letter. It is an example of the salutation used in classical letter writing: Paul identifies himself, acknowledges the community to whom he is writing, and extends warm personal greetings.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sos-thenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*We pause for a moment of sacred silence
for reflection on the Word of God.*

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.



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Verse sung by the music ministry.

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God. **R.***

4:30 p.m.



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GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

John 1:29-34

It is easy to see foreshadowing of John the Baptist in Isaiah's reference to himself as one "formed as [God's] servant from the womb." After all, we see John's first moment of action when he leaps in Elizabeth's womb, recognizing Jesus in joy even before either of their faces was visible.

COMMENTARY

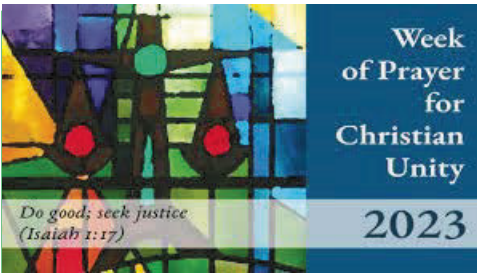
Both Isaiah and John the Baptist were blessed with the eyes of faith, the wisdom to understand what they were seeing, and the will to proclaim it. Despite years in exile in Babylon, Isaiah saw the day when God's salvation would come to the whole world. John saw something like a dove descend upon Jesus and realized that this was the Holy Spirit. Baptized with the same Holy Spirit, we too are able to see with the eyes of faith: to recognize the Lord in the word of God just proclaimed, in the Eucharist we are about to share, and in each other and in our world. Do we recognize the Lord as Isaiah and John did?

"If you see something, say something" tells us to report something out of place or suspicious. John the Baptist followed this directive in a different way, however, when he saw Jesus coming toward him. He said something all right, but he said it to publicly testify that this was the Son of God, who came to take away our sins. With our eyes of faith we have seen the Lord as well—in the Eucharist, in this community gathered together in his name, and in the stranger in need. We are also called to testify to the presence of Christ where we see him.

Seven times in the first chapter of his Gospel John uses a form of the word *testify* to describe what John the Baptist has come to do. The word suggests a witness in a courtroom. Much later, when Jesus is called before Pilate to testify, he tells Pilate that he has come into the world "to testify to the truth" (John 18:37). John's Gospel itself is his testimony of the Lamb of God, willingly led to slaughter to take away the sin of the world. To be a Christian is to be called to testify to the truth we know in the Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY

We welcome the Children's Ministry at the 10 a.m. Mass as they assist us in worship.



At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Prayer: God of all, our hearts and bodies are thankful for this opportunity to come before you to confess our sins of injustice and divisiveness. Together we come before you, a holy family, united in the beautiful diversity of your creation: some of us are Indigenous peoples, some of us are descendants of the enslaved, some of us are descendants of the enslavers, some of us are migrants, some of us are refugees, but all of us are part of the one Body of Christ. We praise you that through the living waters of baptism our sins, red as scarlet, were washed away and we were healed, as we became part of the beloved community, the family of God. We offer our thanksgiving and praise to you, Creator God. Together on this journey, we celebrate with our hearts and eyes open to understanding and growing in the sacred wisdom that is shared and passed amongst all people. Help us to embrace unity with each other and remind us that we are of one family gathered by your Holy Spirit, in the midst of your creation. Amen.



The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A proclamation from the holy Gospel according to Luke

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel." John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please be seated after the proclamation.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven (*bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. (*stand*)

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*bow*) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (*stand*) suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY SONG

DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY

American folk song

As I went down to the riv-er to pray, stud-y-ing a-bout that
good old way and who shall wear the star-ry crown— Good Lord,
show me the way! O *sis-ters, let's go down. Let's go down, come on
down. O *sis-ters, let's go down, down to the riv-er to pray.

*brothers, fathers, mothers, sinners

Text and music: American folk song: "The Good Old Way," attr. to George H. Allan,
fr. *Slave Songs of the United States*, 1867.

4:30 p.m. OFFERTORY SONG

IF YOU LOVE ME

If you love me, — keep my com-mand-ments. — And I will
pray for you and give to you a com-fort-er: — the
Spir-it of truth, the Spir-it of truth. —

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. Come and hear, all who fear God" I will tell what the Lord did for my soul, alleluia.

Psalm 66(65) 1, 2,

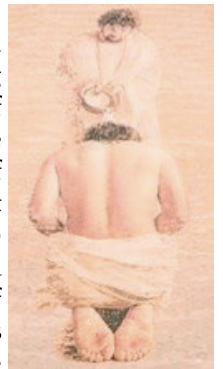
INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Each week we lift our voices with praise and thanksgiving over these gifts. As this new year unfolds, let us renew our commitment to bring what we receive here to our hungry world.

LIVING OUR LITURGY

Becoming Witnesses: Today we are called to witness Christ, which is no ordinary undertaking. There is a beautiful tapestry by John Nava hung over the baptismal font at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. What is captivating about this piece of art is its simultaneous

simplicity and grandeur depicting the baptism of Jesus. The simple image is one of John the Baptist (facing the viewer) pouring water on the bowed head of Jesus whose back is to the viewer. The



central tapestry of this five paneled monochromatic work is profoundly ordinary in its portrayal of the sacrament yet the message of mission and identity that it proclaims is far from ordinary. Baptismal identity is not only about a conversion to Christ but a witnessing to the world in the light of Christ. Baptism sends us out to claim our identity as Christians who imitate Christ as

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light to the nations. Christian witness first requires the humility of Christ. We bow to whatever God calls us to. God has chosen us. Witness does not always involve grand gesture but can be simple acts. Teresa of Calcutta's witness to the poorest of the poor in Calcutta reminds us that little by little the work of God gets done through us, inspiring the saying: "We can do no great things, only small things with great love." These days of ordinary time ought to be filled with extraordinary witness. The "ordinary" only refers to the ordering of weeks between the seasons of Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. It does not refer to a diminished quality of the liturgy. And so, we recognize the importance of our everyday actions in witnessing our Christian faith with joy and humility.

In the New Testament the word 'liturgy' refers not only to the celebration of divine worship but also to the proclamation of the Gospel and to active charity" (CCC 1069)



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Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *Please stand.*

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

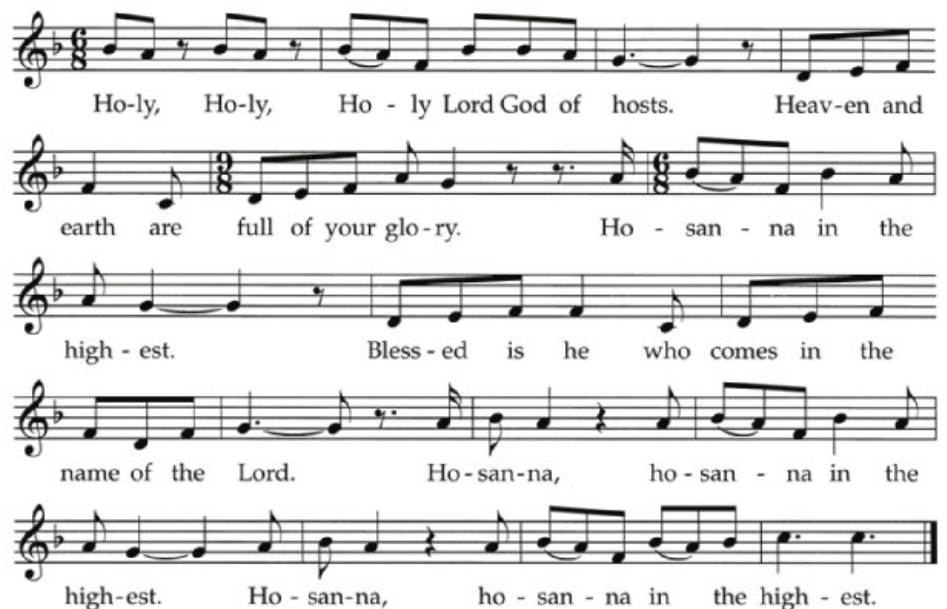
R. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R.** It is right and just.

PREFACE ACCLAMATION (HOLY)



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MYSTERY OF FAITH

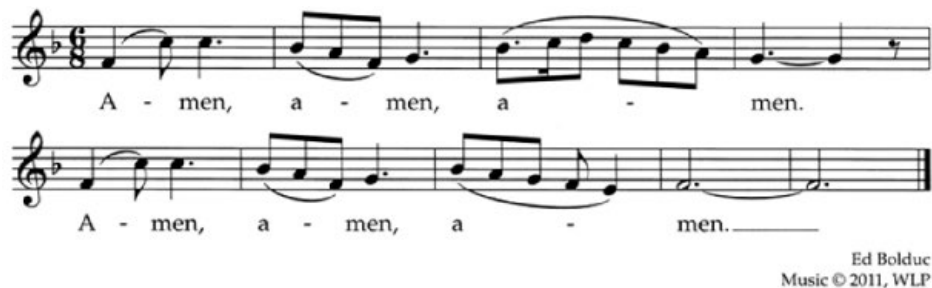


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DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



Please stand after the acclamation.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

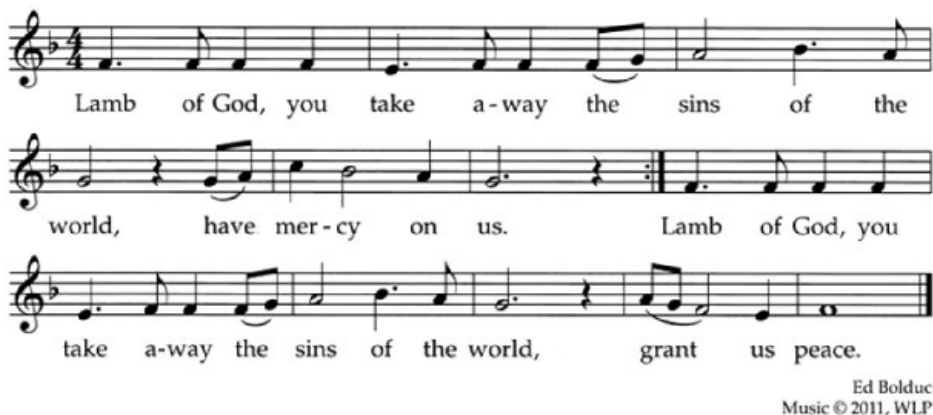
Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles, peace I leave you, my peace I give you; ... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with your always.

R. And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD



After the litany, please kneel.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

January is the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and National, Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Sunday, January 15

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Religion Day

- 11 a.m. A Just Harvest Food Service at A Just Harvest
- 11:30 a.m. Alpha - Parish Center

Monday, January 16

Monday of the 2nd Week

in Ordinary Time

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- 8 a.m. Mass - Sacred Heart
- 7 p.m. Uncle Pete's Ministry—Parish Center

Tuesday, January 17

Memorial of St. Anthony

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary — St. Philip
- 9:30 a.m. Crafty Ladies — John Paul II Rm., St. Philip
- 9:30 a.m. Alpha Team Training—SH Fireplace Room

Wednesday, January 18

Wednesday of the 2nd Week

in Ordinary Time

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

- 8:30 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 12 p.m. Alpha — Parish Center
- 2 p.m. Adoration — Sacred Heart
- 3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. St. Philip, Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, January 19

Thursday of the 2nd Week

in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass – Sacred Heart
- 7 p.m. Adult Formation: Vatican II Documents—Parish Center

Friday, January 20

Optional Memorial of St. Fabian

Optional Memorial of St. Sebastian

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Rosary—St. Philip

Saturday, January 21

Memorial of St. Agnes

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study Group - Sacred Heart Fireplace Rm
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Saturday, January 21 (continued)

- 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation—Sacred Heart
- 9 a.m. Confirmation Retreat—Parish Center Rotunda

THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Next Sunday's Liturgical Ministers

January 21, 2023**5:00 p.m. SACRED HEART****Presider: Fr. John Kartje**

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Barb Anderson

EM: Dan Kubasiak

Song Leader: Carla LaMarr

January 22, 2023**8:00 a.m. ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE****Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Chris Kaiser

EM: Cathy Lehman

Song Leader: Jenny Farney

10:00 a.m. SACRED HEART**Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Troy Q., Finn W., Harper W

Lector: Children's Ministry

EM: Dana Hendry

Song Leader: Jenny Farney

4:30 p.m. SACRED HEART**Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza**

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Sue Seenberg

EM: Patty Sanfillipo

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Consider serving your parish in ministry as a weekday or weekend sacristan, server, lector, or a part of the environment team. Consider any of these ministries as part of your regular Mass attendance. Contact Ron Vanasdlén via email at: rvanasdlén@divinemercynorthshore.org

Ask him about the "Family Plan."

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION SONG**HERE I AM**

As we process to receive Holy Communion we join the music ministry in singing.

Tom Booth

Refrain

Here I am, stand-ing right be-side you. Here I am;
do not be a - fraid. Here I am, wait-ing like a lov - er.

1-3 to Vss. | Final

I am here; here I am. am. I am here; here I am.

Verse 1

1. Do not fear when the tempt - er calls you. Do not
1. fear e - ven though you fall. Do not fear, I have con - quered
1. e - vil. Do not fear, nev - er be a - fraid.

Verse 2

2. I am here in the face of ev - 'ry child.
2. I am here in ev - 'ry warm em-brace. I am here with
2. ten - der - ness and mer - cy. Here I am, I am here.

Verse 3

3. I am here in the midst of ev - 'ry tri - al. I am

COMMUNION SONG

4:30 p.m.



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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

During communion we sing psalms and other songs that express our praise of the Father, our spiritual union in Christ, and our fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst. Psalm 23(22):5

Or: We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us. 1 John 4:16

After communion we spend some time in silent prayer and/or sing a psalm or song of praise.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



I write to you as work progresses on the parish offices. We've got painters putting finishing touches on the wooden interior trim of our new windows. Upstairs they are also painting walls.

They're doing a great job but I have to admit it's a bit of a challenge for us to work in the same spaces where they are painting. Dust is in the air from sanding and, of course, there is a strong "new paint" smell.

To me, this is something of a metaphor for life itself and especially the renewal work of parishes as a result of Renew My Church. We are building the new reality, trying our best under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to engage in divine renovation.

That necessary project of building the new reality and divine renovation goes forward all around us in the parish. It's messy and challenging, but ultimately it will result in something beautiful for God and God's kingdom.

Thank you to everyone involved in these efforts at renewal. You are paving the way to a bright future filled with commitment, dedication, gospel joy and discipleship!

Blessings on you all as we pursue this renewal work together!

Tomorrow is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Many Christians are united to one another in securing justice for people of all races. Discern how this day can be remembered, celebrated, and continue the Church's mission for justice in your life.

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2023 is for all educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Join us January 29 as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week at the 10 a.m. Mass with students in ministry.

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SENDING SONG

GOD HAS CHOSEN ME

Bernadette Farrell

Verses

1. God has cho-sen me, God has cho-sen me to bring good news
 2. God has cho-sen me, God has cho-sen me to set a - light
 3. God is call-ing me, God is call-ing me in all whose cry

1. to the poor. God has cho-sen me, God has cho-sen me to
 2. a new fire. God has cho-sen me, God has cho-sen me to
 3. is un-heard. God is call-ing me, God is call-ing me to

1. bring — new sight to those search-ing for light: God has
 2. bring — to birth a new king-dom on earth: God has
 3. raise up the voice with no pow-er or choice: God is

Refrain

1. cho - sen me, cho - sen me: And to tell the world
 2. cho - sen me, cho - sen me:
 3. call - ing me, call - ing me:

that God's king-dom is near, to re - move op-pres - sion and
 break down fear, yes, God's time is near, God's time is near,
 God's time is near, God's time is near.

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4:30 p.m. SENDING SONG

SING PRAISES

Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing praise - es to the Lord. Sing
 prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

Text: *All peoples, praise the Lord*; Taizé Community
 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Go to build the kingdom of God on earth.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:00 p.m. (SH) - Frank & Teresa D'Astici† & Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Karen Stobart †
10:00 a.m. (SH) - Craig Haring
4:30 p.m. (SH) - Pope Benedict XVI †

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 (SH)

8:00 a.m. — Jim O'Toole †

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. — Marge Livingston †

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 (SH)

8:30 a.m. — Bob & Sheila Berner †

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 (SH)

8:00 a.m. — Ennio Rossi †

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. — Rev. John Foley, SJ †

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 (SH)

5:00 p.m. — The Coradini Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00 a.m. (SPA) — Bill Seeberg † and Parishioners of Divine Mercy
10:00 a.m. (SH) — John O'Brien †
4:30 p.m. (SH) — Mario Iturino †

MASS INTENTIONS

You may offer a Mass Intention throughout the year. You may also support our liturgy by offering the sanctuary candles, flowers and the bread and wine as well within the guidelines of liturgical practice. Contact the parish office 847-446-0856 or megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

Mass Intention \$10
Flowers \$75
Sanctuary Candle \$25
Bread and Wine \$20

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

The following people have asked for the prayers of our parish family. Please remember them to the Lord.

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, Rich Danstrom, Jeff Estabrooke, James Farney, Mary Beth Fellingner, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Olivia Innocenzi, Emily Jatis, Rick Kehrer, Patti Kotscharjan, Donna LaCaze, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Joseph Lee, Griffin Maks, Rosaleen Mazur, Maureen Mazur, Teresa McNamara, Mike McNulty, Cathy Nolan, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison, Judy Rasfeld, Kathy Sarch, Violet Vanselow, Larry White, and those written in our parish book of prayer.

If you or your loved one needs a Minister of Care or is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites), please call the parish office at 847-446-0856.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

JOIN US FOR UNCLE PETE'S MINISTRY: MONDAY NIGHT - JANUARY 16TH

This ministry is a great way to serve as a family, no matter the age! Join us on Monday, January 16 from 7-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center at Sacred Heart to assemble sack dinners for those less fortunate. They are then delivered the next day to a Just Harvest Community Kitchen in Rogers Park. Join us!

Register [here](#) or scan the QR code to help us plan for the correct number of packing stations.



FR. KARTJE BIBLE STUDY: NEW DATES

Please take note of future dates! (Some have changed!)

Jan 4 and 25
Feb 8 and 22
Mar 1 and 15
Apr 12 and 26
May 3 and 17



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ALPHA BEGINS IN A FEW WEEKS - WHY IT'S FOR YOU

1. YOU'LL FIND A COMMUNITY

- **Connect with people** - Connecting people in the area from all walks of life, Alpha is a way to meet people that you wouldn't have otherwise.
- **Make new friends** - Meeting with the same group of people weekly and sharing the Alpha experience provides the opportunity to build new friendships on a deeper and more spiritual level.
- **Be a part of something bigger** - While each Alpha session is run in a small group format, experiencing Alpha brings you into the greater Alpha community. After Alpha, you can continue the relationship with your group and other Alpha "alumni" through *Connect* gatherings.

2. YOU'LL ENERGIZE YOUR FAITH

- **Stuck in spiritual rut?** - Does your faith feel stagnant? Joining the Alpha experience is an engaging and relational way to grow in faith through powerful videos and small group discussion.
- **Going through the motions?** - Does it ever feel like you're just going through the motions? Are you part of the audience or an active participant in your faith? Alpha is an opportunity to help you pause, renew, and rediscover your faith.
- **Try something new** - Going on the Alpha journey will help develop and invigorate your faith.

3. YOU'LL MOVE PAST SMALL TALK

- **Meaningful conversation** - Thought-provoking videos inspire reflection and deeper conversation.
- **Experience others' stories & journeys** - With the small group format, each week is an opportunity to get to know others through the sharing of thoughts, experiences, and perspectives which in turn can help you get in touch with your own beliefs.
- **What else is there?** - How often do you discuss life's big questions? For example: Who is Jesus? How can I resist Evil? How does God heal today?

4. JUST NOT SURE?

- **Come and see** - No pressure, no judgment...just food, friends, and great conversation exploring questions like: Is there a God? Why should I have faith?
- **All are Welcome** - Everyone is invited, regardless of spiritual background or beliefs.
- **Discover a Caring Community** - The weekly gatherings and discussion create unexpected bonds among participants that lead to long lasting friendships.

Join Alpha to connect with others, experience true faith, and converse on a deeper level. Choose a session that fits your schedule:

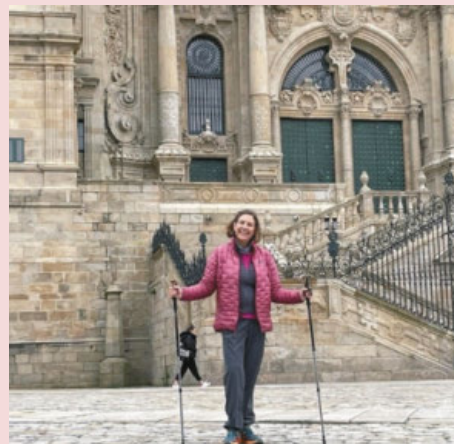
- ♦ **Tuesday evenings**, 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Center, starting Jan. 24th.
<https://www.mission-suite.com/forms/298c7261-a5d2-4891-9c84-b1c681682232/submit>
- ♦ **Wednesday mornings**, 9:30-11:00am in the Parish Center, starting January 25th.
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Questions? Email [Patty Sanfilippo](mailto:psanfilippo@divinemercynorthshore.org) at psanfilippo@divinemercynorthshore.org or call 847-446-0856.

**WOMEN'S CLUB GATHERING:
MONDAY, JANUARY 23RD -
7-8:00 P.M.**

We hope you'll join us for our inaugural gathering of our Women's Club! First we'll gather for some conversation over a glass of wine or tea or a soft drink, and catch up with new and old friends. Then we'll invite our featured guest, Siobhan Hill, to sit down for a short interview with Judy Pyke, and share some stories from her recent adventure along the Camino de Santiago or Walk of St. James through France and Spain. (You may have seen an excerpt from her story in the Christmas issue of Connections. If not, click [here](#) to read it.) We'll allow some time for discussion and then a short closing prayer. We promise to be finished in an hour, so all can get home at a reasonable hour on a Monday evening.

So gather your girlfriends (much like you did for Advent by Candlelight), and come enjoy a wonderful gathering with the company of like women on the journey of life!

**THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION**

With Fr. Joseph Jackson, PhD.
Continues this Thursday, January 19th at 7pm via Zoom. He'll speak about the effect of religion on beliefs, motivations, emotions and behaviors. Register at the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD4AADAB29ABFA7-psychology>

JOIN US AGAIN THIS THURSDAY EVENING IN THE PARISH CENTER!

Join Father Steve to watch
The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II
a video series on the Second Vatican
Council called by the visionary
Saint Pope John XXIII.

"The world was going to
hell in a hand basket
and what was the
Church going to do
about it?" - Robert Blair
Kaiser, Time magazine
correspondent at
Vatican II.

Revisit a time when change and renewal were in the air.
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participants at the Council, affording us insight into this pivotal
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Each session includes time for dialogue.
See where it all began and where it might yet lead us.
This 5 week series begins Thursday, January 5th
at 7pm in the Parish Center.

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