# WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY

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



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY



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## PARENT-TOT PLAYGROUP PLAN FOR SUMMER

We are switching to a "group chat" for the remainder of the summer to allow group members to meet informally when they are able. If you and/or friends would like to join the group chat, please send an email to Liz McGowen (Lmcqowen@divinemercynorthshore.orq), and give her your cell number.

We'll resume regular meetings at 9 am on Thursdays once school starts again. We hope to see you soon!

## PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



This parish community is extremely generous. We give in so many ways of our time, talent, and our treasure to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity.
Thank you for sharing with those in need the blessings you yourselves have received from God. We who follow Christ know that this is his Way to which we give witness by our sharing.

Pope Benedict XVI once preached: "Day after day it is necessary to learn that I do not possess my life for myself. Day by day I must learn to abandon myself; to keep myself available for whatever he, the Lord, needs of me at a given moment, even if other things seem more appealing and more important to me: it means giving life, not taking it. It is in this very way that we experience freedom: freedom from ourselves, the vastness of being. In this very way, by being useful, in being a person whom the world needs, our life becomes important and beautiful. Only those who give up their own life find it" (Homily at Mass for ordination of priests for the Diocese of Rome, 2006).



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DIVINE MERCY

## A WONDERFUL MORNING!

Thanks to all who gathered after the 8am Mass at St. Philip on July 9th to have a little hospitality outside in front of Church. It was a beautiful morning. Thanks to all the volunteers who put together all the goodies, led by Bobbie Weiss. And thanks to Jim Dietz for the photos!









# Why is Alpha for you?

Give yourself the gift of the Alpha experience to connect with others, energize your faith, & converse on a deeper level.

Find a Community & Make New Friends - Meeting with the same group of people weekly & sharing the Alpha experience provides the opportunity to build new friendships on a deeper & more spiritual level.

Energize your Faith - Does your faith feel stagnant? Joining the Alpha experience is an engaging & relational way to grow in faith through powerful videos & discussion.

Move Past Small Talk - Each week is a discussion of thoughts, experiences, & perspectives on topics such as Who is Jesus? How can I resist Evil? How does God heal?

## MONDAYS

Starting 9/18/23 from 7:00-8:15pm (ONLINE)

## **TUESDAYS**

Starting 9/12/23 from 6:30-8:00pm

## WEDNESDAYS

Starting 9/13/23 from 9:30-11:00am

Starting 9/13/23 from 12:00-1:30pm

## **THURSDAYS**

Starting 9/21/23 from 7:00-8:15pm (ONLINE)

Not sure? Just come and see; it's food, friends, & great conversation! All are welcome, regardless of spiritual background or beliefs







## INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

Two years ago, Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of July. The pope spoke of grandparents providing a younger generation a link to generations who have passed away. We are called to value and heed the wisdom and experience of our elderly. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a tiny mustard seed that over time grows to be a huge bush. Today's elderly were all mustard once tinu seeds themselves. With theLord's blessings, they have persevered and thrived and continue to help realize the kingdom of heaven in this world.

## 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.

## Penitential Act

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you are the living Word, calling us to embrace

# Prayer for the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I give thanks to you, Lord, For the blessing of a long life. For, to those who take refuge in you, grant always to bear fruit. Forgive, O Lord, resignation and disillusionment, but forsake me not when my strength declines. Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me, to the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end. Make me a tender craftsman of your revolution, to guard with love my grandchildren and all the little ones who seek shelter in you. Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant your Church to deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.

## **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Psalm 54(53):6, 8 Graduale Romanum, Roman Missal

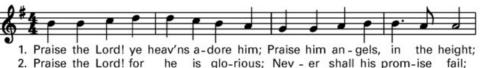
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## **E**NTRANCE **H**YMN

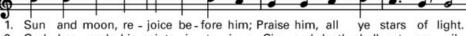
PRAISE THE LORD, YE HEAVENS

bow be - fore thy throne;

We stand and sing together.



- 3. Wor-ship, hon-or, glo-ry, bless-ing, Lord, we of fer un to the
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2. God has made his saints vic - to-rious; Sin and death shall not pre-vail. 3. Young and old, thy praise ex-press-ing, In glad hom-age bend the knee.



- 1. Praise the Lord! for he has spo-ken; Worlds his might-y voice o-beyed; 2. Praise the God of our sal va-tion! Hosts on high his pow'r pro-claim;

All the saints in heav'n a - dore thee, We would

- 1. Laws which nev er shall be bro-ken For their guid-ance he has made. 2. Heav'n, and earth, and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy his name.
- 3. As thine an gels serve be-fore thee, So on earth thy will be done.

Text: 8 7 8 7 D; Psalm 148; vss. 1-2, Foundling Hospital Collection, 1796; vs. 3, Edward Osler, 1798-1863. Music: arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

goodness and truth: Lord, have mercy.

## R. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the searcher of hearts, calling us to a life for one another: Christ, have mercy.

## **R.** Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the redeemer, calling us to pattern our lives on the mystery of your Death and Resurrection: 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.** 

The Glory to God is sung.

## COLLECT

## After the Glory to God is sung.

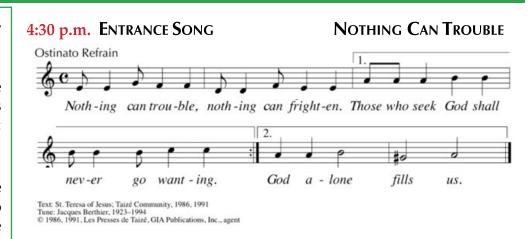
Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

## R. Amen.

Please be seated after the prayer for the First Reading.

# TODAY'S READINGS Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

The Book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before Christ. In one lengthy section of this book, the author looks back to the wonderful things God did for the Jewish people during the exodus. In





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today's passage from that section, the author speaks directly to God with words of praise.

A time of sacred silence, after the readings, gives us the opportunity to reflect on the words proclaimed in our presence. Our sacred silence is integral to full, conscious, active participation in the liturgy.

## Psalm 86:5–6, 9–10, 15–16

This psalm praises God for the endless forgiveness that characterizes God's dealings with us. None of us really deserves the grace God pours forth abundantly, but God gives it anyway.

## Romans 8:26-27

We continue today to read from the eighth chapter of the letter to the Romans, in which Paul discusses the role of God's Spirit in our life. Today's brief reading gives us a remarkable insight into prayer.

## Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus is again the storyteller who uses vivid images as a vehicle to carry the truth of his words to the crowd.

When Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly and called it to be celebrated on the Sunday closest to the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, he spoke of the value of the elderly. He said they were the link between the generations, passing on the wisdom of their own formative years to the generation being born now. He would know from experience. His own father's family fled the fascist regime of Benito Mussolini in 1929 to emigrate to Argentina. No doubt his father, who was twenty-one when the family fled Italy, taught his children about the dangers of fascism, which, like the weeds sown in the field of Jesus' parable, threatens the wheat that provides food and nutrition.

Especially back in Jesus' time, the bane of a wheat farmer's work was damel, a toxic weed often called "false wheat," for damel and wheat look very

## FIRST READING

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

We observe a time of sacred silence to reflect on God's word.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Together we sing the response with the Psalmist.



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#### Verses sung by the music ministry.

You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you. Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading. **R**.

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. **R**.

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant. **R**.

4:30 p.m.

Together we sing the response with the Psalmist.



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## SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who

searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

We observe a time of sacred silence to reflect on God's word.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Curtis Stephan

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Please stand as we join the Song Leader in singing:

Fr. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*Verse sung by the music ministry.* 11:25

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu

cf. Matthew

4:30 p.m.



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## GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30 R. And with your spirit.

The Lord be with you. R. And with your spin A proclamation 

from the holy Gospel according to Matthew R. Glory to you, O Lord.

In the shorter form of the Gospel, the passage in {brackets} is omitted.

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.""

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much alike until each blossoms. What farmers think is wheat may turn out to be darnel, but what they assume is darnel may turn out to be wheat. Hence the words of caution the parable's farmer expresses about pulling up the weeds prematurely. Those whom we now identify as evil may grow and transform and eventually blossom as righteous and good. Our neighbors—as well as ourselves—have an entire lifetime to change, to mature, to leaven, before the harvest comes.

Consequently, Jesus counsels patience for those who tend the wheat fields. Do not judge or condemn prematurely! As we heard in Wisdom, God judges with clemency, governs with leniency, applies justice with kindness, and permits repentance for sins. Paul points out the advantage we have in the Holy Spirit, who comes to our aid in our weaknesses. We are not perfect. We are not strong enough ourselves to always avoid sin, to always do the right thing. But the Holy Spirit is strong enough. If we heed the movement of the Spirit in our lives, we can blossom, nourishing others with the fruit we bear.

## Saints We Celebrate This Week St. Sharbel Makhluf (1828-1898)

Feast Day, July 24

Although this saint never traveled far from the Lebanese village of Beka-Kafra where he was born, his influence has spread widely. Joseph Zaroun Maklouf was raised by an uncle because his father, a mule driver, died when Joseph was only three. At the age of 23, Joseph joined the Monastery of St. Maron at Annaya, Lebanon, and took the name Sharbel in honor of a secondcentury martyr. Following the example of the fifth-century Saint Maron, Sharbel lived as a hermit from 1875, until his death. His reputation for holiness prompted people to seek him to receive a blessing and to be remembered in his prayers. He died in the late afternoon on Christmas Eve. Christians and non-Christians soon made his tomb a place of pilgrimage and of cures. Pope Paul VI beatified Sharbel in 1965 and canonized him 12 years later. John Paul II often said that the Church has two lungs—East and West-and it must learn to breathe using both of them. Remembering saints like Sharbel helps the Church to appreciate both the diversity and unity present in the Catholic Church.

## St. James (d. c. 44) Feast Day, July 25

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. Saint Matthew tells that their mother came—Mark says it was the brothers themselves—to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom. "Jesus said in reply, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They said to him, 'We can'" (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it "is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father" (Matthew 20:23b). This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the Letter of James and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

#### Ss. Joachim and Anne (c. 1st Century)

Feast Day, July 21

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died. The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

## Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus (c. 1st Century)

Feast Day, July 29

Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed quest, rather than as one celebrating the

[ He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'"

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:

I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please be seated after the Proclamation.

## HOMILY

## Profession of Faith

Please stand.

## 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 ever lasting. Amen.

## 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.

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## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

## OUR OFFERINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

As the gifts are presented and prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, you are welcome to access Give Central, using your phone and the QR code, to make your offering today.



## **OFFERTORY ANTIPHON**

The judgments of the Lord are right; they gladden the heart, and are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb. And so, your servant shall keep them.

Ps. 19 (18):9-12

## OFFERTORY SONG 4:30 p.m.

## O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

Together we sing the Song Leader.

Bernadette Farrell



conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death. No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. Mary spent the time at Jesus' feet listening to his words. John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly. Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead. Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years. It is certain there was early devotion to the saint. Around the year 390, the pilgrim lady Etheria talks of the procession that took place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday at the tomb where Lazarus had been raised from the dead. In the West, Passion Sunday was called Dominica de Lazaro, and Augustine tells us that in Africa the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus was read at the office of Palm Sunday. In its 2021 decree on combining veneration of Mary and Lazarus with Martha, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments said, "In the household of Bethany, the Lord Jesus experienced the family spirit and friendship of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, and for this reason the Gospel of John states that he loved them. Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death." Saint Martha is a Patron Saint of: homemakers, and restaurant servers. Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are Patron Saints of siblings.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## **TODAY'S REFLECTION**

The gospel shows God as a farmer who rather harshly separates the intended harvest from the weeds that are not meant to be there. The first reading balances this image by reminding us that this is a God of forgiveness, known for leniency and repeated mercies. The psalm echoes this theme, praising God for the abounding kindness and never-ending patience that none of us deserves but which we receive anyway.

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the weed Jesus refers to is darnel, a poisonous plant often called "false wheat," because it resembles wheat right up until the ears of grain appear. It is difficult for anyone to distinguish between the two before they mature. In the parable, the farmer decides to leave the darnel, allowing it to receive the same nutrients from the sun, the rain, and the soil until harvest. Then the wheat will be gathered into the barn and the weeds will be burned. Unlike "true wheat" and "false wheat," which mature around the same time each season. people don't always mature at the same rate. Our true nature may continue to develop long into adulthood, growing or changing as time goes on. With God's grace, what appears in us to be false wheat may ripen into true wheat. Therefore, our patient God governs us "with much lenipermitting repentance at any time (Wisdom 12:18). In turn, we are called to be as kind as we are just, forgiving those who would poison us or tempt us (perhaps even ourselves), just as we ask others to forgive us, hoping we may all bloom in the end.

We who are adults know that the moral life is not as cut and dry as it is in this parable. None of us is fully good or fully evil; judging our hearts is much more complicated than separating us into "children of the kingdom" and "children of the evil one." This is where God's mercy comes in. God knows our hearts deeply and intimately. God knows all of our motivations and our struggles. Still, God is prepared to offer us the utmost generosity in judgment.

## Introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer

As we look forward to the great harvest that will come at the end of time, we now raise our voices in thanksgiving to God.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honor of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

## PREFACE DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. And with your spirit.

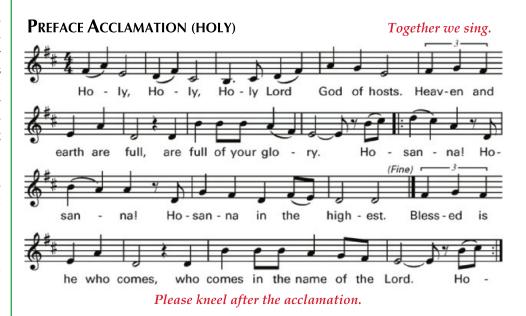
R. We lift them up to the Lord.

R. It is right and just.

#### PREFACE

In the name of the entire holy people, the priest glorifies God the Father and gives thanks for the whole work of salvation or for some special part of it that corresponds to the day, festivity or season." (GIRM 79a)

With the priest, we join the heavenly powers singing the Preface Acclamation.





## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN

Together we sing.



Please stand after the response as we pray together The Lord's Prayer.

## LAMB OF GOD

Together we sing.



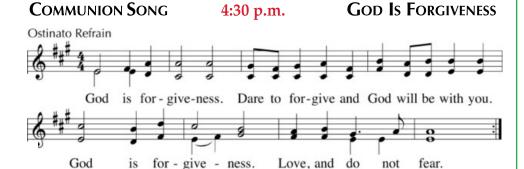
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Please kneel after the acclamation.

## 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.



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## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Psalm 111(110):4-5

or Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me. Revelation 3:20

## 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, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, 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, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

#### R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with your always.

## R. And with your spirit.

Each person, in a sober manner, offer the sign of peace. only to those who are nearest them. GIRM #82



## THE COMMUNION RITE

Theme for the day, selected by the Pope, is "His mercy is from age to age" (Lk 1:50).

The theme is linked to the theme for World Youth Day 2023, which also comes from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke: "Mary arose and went with haste" (Lk 1:39). Pope Francis will preside over a special Mass in St. Peter's Basilica to mark the grandparents' day and has invited parishes, dioceses, associations, and communities around the world to celebrate the day "in their own pastoral context." Pope Francis has been an advocate for the dignity of the aging and has often emphasized the important role of grandparents in on the Catholic He established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021.

From the Pope's Address: "The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is meant to be a small but precious sign of hope for them and for the whole Church. I renew my invitation to everyone dioceses, parishes, associations and communities - to celebrate this Day and to make it the occasion of a joyful and renewed encounter between young and old. To you, the young who are preparing to meet in Lisbon or to celebrate World Youth Day in your own countries, I would ask: before you set out on your journey, visit your grandparents or an elderly person who lives alone! Their prayers will protect you and you will carry in your heart the blessing of that encounter. I ask you, the elderly among us, to accompany by your prayers the young people about to celebrate World Youth Day.

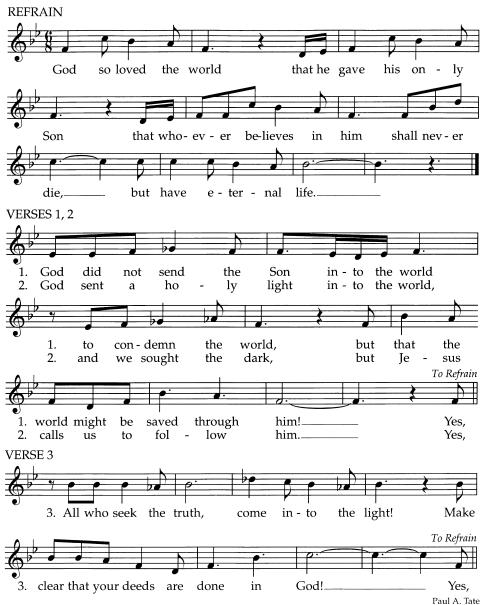
Those young people are God's answer to your prayers, the fruits of all that you have sown, the sign that God does not abandon his people, but always rejuvenates them with the creativity of the Holy Spirit. Dear grandparents, dear elderly brothers and sisters, may the blessing of the embrace between Mary and Elizabeth come upon you and fill your hearts with **Peace**. With great affection, I give you my blessing. And I ask you, please, to pray for me."

During the communion procession 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 singing together, as best we can, the Communion Song.

## Communion Song

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Together we sing with the Song Leader.



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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

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Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

## THE CONCLUDING RITES



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## 4:30 p.m.

Together we sing with the Song Leader.

find.

SEEK FIRST

find.





seek and you shall

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Seek first the king-dom of God,

St Joachim & St Anne,
Parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus
Passing on the faith and keeping prayer
at the heart of family life

Bless all families. Bless all grandchildren.

Pope Francis instituted the Church-wide celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.
It is held on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

## FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, 

and the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

## DISMISSAL

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

- or Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
- or Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
- **or -** Go in peace.
- R. Thanks be to God.



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## THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

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"My favorite pilgrimage is the one I make each time I attend Mass." Will Peterson, director of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage,

At every Mass, we journey, surrounded by the Blessed Trinity and all the angels and saints, through the Paschal Mystery, encountering Jesus fully alive in the Eucharist. If our hearts are rightly disposed, every Mass takes us one step closer to heaven.



## THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

July 29, 2023 5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
Presider: Fr. John Kartje
Sacristan: Ludy Mariano
Servers: Ministers Needed
Lector: Minister Needed
EM: Minister Needed

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

July 30, 2023 8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Ken Kiepura Sacristan: Rima Abraham Servers: Ministers Needed Lector: Kevin Ryan EM: Dcn Bob Puhala

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
Presider: Fr. Bob Heinz
Sacristan: Ludy Mariano
Servers: Ministers Needed
Lector: Kathy Handelman
EM: Dcn Gerry Keenan
Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
Presider: Fr. John Kartje
Sacristan: Ludy Mariano
Servers: Ministers Needed
Lector: Cathy Lehman
EM: Minister Needed
Song Leader: Ron Vanasdlen

## WE ARE IN NEED OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS.

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

New ministers are always welcome to serve as weekday and weekend sacristans, servers, and lectors. Please consider any of these ministries for your regular Mass attendance. (Your schedule is solely based on your availability.)

If available please Ron Vanasdlen via email at:

rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org.
Ask him about the "Family Plan."

Training is provided.

## THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

#### FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

The following people suffer from illness or chronic conditions. They have asked for the prayers of our parish family. Please remember them to the Lord.

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson, Loretto Berghoff, Paul Berghoff, Caroline Birnbaum, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, Rich Danstrom, Joel Dysart, James Farney, Joseph Felicelli, Julie Felicelli, Mary Beth Fellinger, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Patricio Gilchrist, Benjamin Grillo, Barbara Hayward, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Rick Kehrer, Ryan Kelly, Patti Kotscharjan, Diana Lambert, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Joseph Lee, Susan Lodge, John Madden, Sr. Peggy McDonnell, Mike McNulty, Heather Mroz, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison, Debbie Puhala, Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Kathy Sarch, Terry Shin, Catherine Sullivan, 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 contact 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. **Bishop John Manz** 

Teresa McNamara

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. with Rev. Gerald Cole.

#### **ADORATION**

Sacred Heart Church:

Wednesdays 2 - 3:00 p.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Fridays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

#### **PARISH CALENDAR**

July 23, Sunday

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

• 11:15 a.m. — Sacred Heart Sacrament of Baptism

## July 24, Monday

Optional Memorial of St. Sharbel Makhluf , Priest

• 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart

## July 25, Tuesday

Feast of St. James , Apostle

- 8 a.m. Mass St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary St. Philip
- 9:30 a.m. Crafty Ladies JPII Room

#### July 26, Wednesday

Memorial of Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 10 a.m. Funeral Mass Teresa McNamara — St. Philip
- 2 3 p.m. Adoration Sacred Heart
- 3 4:30 p.m. Confessions St. Philip

## July 27, Thursday

Thursday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

- 8 a.m. Mass Sacred Heart
- 2 p.m. Caregivers Support Group Fireplace Room

## July 28, Friday

Friday of the 16th Week in Ordinary Time

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

#### July 29, Saturday

Memorial of Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

• 9 a.m. Confessions - Sacred Heart

#### July 30, Sunday

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:00 a.m. (SPA) — John Tagtmeier†
10:00 a.m. (SH) — George & Ann
Herrmann †

4:30 p. m. (SH) – Paul Greco † and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

## MONDAY, JULY 24 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Bernard Rivas †

#### TUESDAY, JULY 25 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. – Richard and Karen Norton and Family

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Renee Bernal

## THURSDAY, JULY 27 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Ellie Bergkamp

## FRIDAY, JULY 28 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. – Eugene Nowak †

## SATURDAY, JULY 29 (SH)

5:00 p.m. – Stevens-Conway Families and Parishioners of Divine Mercy

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

8:00 a.m. (SPA) – Casey Salm Cortright † 10:00 a.m. (SH) – Sheila McLaughlin † 4:30 p. m. (SH) – Baby Gabriella B.

Boury †

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Contact the parish office 847-446-0856 or megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

# Visiting a Homebound Friend or Relative?

Our homebound parishioners most likely are unable to attend Mass, so we encourage you to bring a copy of the bulletin or the most recent issue of *Connections* on your next visit with them.

We know our homebound parishioners appreciate those visits, and being filled in on all that happens at the parish.

You'll find extra copies of the bulletin and *Connections* at the parish office. Thank you!

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