





Divine Mercy Parish

SACRED HEART CHURCH · ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

January 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

January 31 - February 6 #CSW21

Sacred Heart School, educating hearts & minds since 1902, is celebrating another great school year!

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

THE BEGINNING

This Sunday's gospel passage is taken from Mark, specifically Mark 1:14-20. In it we are informed that John the Baptist has been arrested and Jesus comes into Galilee proclaiming the Good News: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel (good news)."

Jesus begins his public ministry with virtually the same message of repentance that John the Baptist had been preaching. So Jesus' words indicate some continuity between his public ministry and that of the Baptist's.

What I find interesting are the first words of the three statements of Jesus' initial preaching as reported in Mark's gospel account, "This is the time of fulfillment." I am intrigued by the word "fulfillment."

I checked the scholarly commentaries. While the word is accurately translated as "fulfillment," which I find so interesting, the scholars don't really talk about Jesus' use of this word.

Instead, they almost all focus on the first part of the sentence, "This is the time" or "Now is the time." Time, here, in the original Greek text is Kairos. We don't have an exact equivalent in English. Time, for us, is just time. But in Greek there is chronos (as in our English "chronological") and kairos (which connotes "the proper," or "opportune" time, even the time of "crisis"). Most scriptural commentators distinguish between chronos as "clock time" and kairos as "God's time" the "time of grace" the "transcendent time."

Could this be why the commentaries don't really go into great detail over the use of the word *fulfillment*? Precisely because Jesus mentions that with his advent on the scene we are now all immersed in God's time, which is, therefore, a time of fulfillment?

Since the commentaries don't focus on the term *fulfillment*, I went to one of my favorite resource books, a thesaurus, and looked it up. There are a number of synonyms in the thesaurus for "fulfillment." They are: contentment, accomplishment, observance, execution, completion and adjustment.

I don't think Jesus means to say fulfillment in the sense of "contentment." Not when later on he challenges his disciples to take up their cross and follow up. A cross and crucifixion are not exactly "contentment."

I also don't think he means to say fulfillment in the sense of "accomplishment." Not, at least, at this point in his ministry. He actually utilizes this term for "getting something done" when, on the cross just before he breathes his last and gives up his spirit he says, "It is finished" (John 19:30), meaning that his saving work is thus accomplished.

For the same reason, I don't think Jesus means to say fulfillment in the other senses of "observance," or "execution," or "completion." His ministry and his work are just beginning at this point.

With my thesaurus in hand, I'd have to say that Jesus uses the term *fulfillment* in the sense of "adjustment."

SURPRISE!

Now imagine my surprise when I turned to "adjustment" in my



thesaurus and I discovered it's a term from psychology. Goodness grief! Psychology, as a discipline, wasn't even invented in Jesus' day!

I am, however, going to go with that as one way to look at what Jesus means. In psychology, adjustment pertains to "integration of personality, self-actualization, peak experience and integrated personality." In other words, God's time, the time of fulfillment, leads us to be more integrated and actualized as persons.

Our authentic self can only be found in God, through the challenge and the comfort of his grace and our making use of that grace, accepting it, working with it, our being changed by it. Jesus points the way to that assimilation of God's grace. In this earthly world, fulfillment or self-actualization through God's grace, is just a beginning, a step, a movement towards the complete Self we will find in heaven.

So, relying on the Lord Jesus, let's take discipleship one step at a time, trusting that in God's good time, we will be rewarded, and yes, fulfilled.



LOOKING FOR FELLOWSHIP?

Bring your favorite beverage and join us online on Sunday mornings. All are welcome as we share how we are doing and some spiritual reflection on something you may have heard at Mass (or elsewhere!).

We meet online Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for 30 minutes. If you'd like to participate contact Sue Lehocky at 847-881-6664 or slehocky@divinemercynorthshore.org and she'll put you on the Zoom call!



Alpha Online

Join Us and Invite a Friend!

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ALPHA YET?

If not, now's your chance! Join us from the comfort of your own home and invite a friend!

WHEN: Monday nights, beginning February 1st from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Come to the first session and "see" what you think. No obligation!

WHERE: Grab your favorite beverage and snack

and join us from home!

TO REGISTER: Ready to join us? Visit our website to register:

www.divinemercynorthshore.org/alpha



WANT TO LEARN MORE BEFORE YOU ATTEND?

To help you get a better sense of what Alpha is, we have more information below. <u>Visit our website for more resources and video testimonials</u>. If still have questions, feel free to email <u>Sue Lehocky</u> at <u>slehocky@divinemercynorthshore</u>.org or call 847-881-6664.

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the big questions of life. What is my purpose? Why is there suffering?

WHO'S IT FOR?

Absolutely anybody! it is for anyone at any point in life – no matter what you believe or don't believe. Those who attend Alpha come from all backgrounds, religions, ages, and viewpoints. Whether you consider yourself a skeptic, curious about faith, a growing Christ-follower, or a life-long Christian, Alpha is a place to interact with others and learn from different perspectives. Alpha is where you can grow in your understanding and knowledge of who God is and what the Bible communicates about His purpose for all of us.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Each session includes a short video followed by a chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and discuss in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything, there's nothing you can't say (seriously) and there's no such thing as a silly question. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment. So grab your preferred refreshment and join us online via Zoom!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like a Mass said for a loved one? Just call Megan Nolan at our office at 847-881-6664 or 847-446-0856, and she'll be able to help you. You can also email Megan Nolan at megan@divinemercynorthshore.org

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER

That nations may repent of the sins of abortion, euthanasia, and neglect of the poor and weak, and may reform their laws to protect every human life, we pray to the Lord.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

Sign up for <u>9 Days for Life (click here)</u> to pray a novena from January 21-29 for the protection of human life.

Pray for Moms as part of the U.S. Bishop's **Pray for Life**, featurings a monthly prayer intention, reflection, suggested actions, and more. It focuses on the needs of pregnant and parenting moms of young children in our parishes and our neighborhoods. Just click here.

CONFESSIONS AT ST. PHILIP RESUME FEBRUARY 10th

After recuperating from COVID, Fr. Javier will return to St. Philip the Apostle to hear confessions on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 p.m. beginning February 10th. Please note there are 2 subsequent Wednesdays Fr. Javier will be unable to join us: March 3rd and April 14th. Thank you!

POPE FRANCIS ON TWITTER @Pontifex

We are always on a journey in life. Let us choose the path of God! We will discover that there are no unexpected events, no uphill path, and no night that cannot be faced with Jesus.



WORSHIP AIDS FOR MASS

In an effort to reduce costs at the parish during the pandemic, worship aids will no longer be printed. They will be found on our website, which you can download before you come to Mass or scan this QR code with your smart phone camera to access it at church or at home so that you can follow along.

NOTE: all three Masses will appear, so you'll need to scroll to the Mass you are attending.



INTERESTED IN HELPING US WITH TECH?

We're looking for help with our livestream Masses. If you'd like to assist us by operating the cameras and audio, we'd happily train you! This may be perfect for teens, too! Contact Michelle Wasielewski at 847-881-6664 or mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org.

FINANCE





Scan the Code to Donate!

PLEASE MAKE A REGULAR DONATION TO DIVINE MERCY

Whether you join us for Mass in Church, via live-stream on our website or our Facebook page, or from the St. Philip parking lot when we have drive-in Masses, we graciously ask you to remember Divine Mercy Parish in your giving.

Your generosity helps us bring you the Mass each week, do the good work of the parish, support our outreach efforts and keep the lights on! We are grateful beyond measure for your support, particularly during this extraordinary year! God Bless You!!

FINANCES AT A GLANCE

We are not reporting collection information this week, as we are working with our finance council to help provide better information to the parish based on the current situation with the pandemic.

If you are not an online donor and wish to sign up, please contact Cindy Atsaves in the parish office at cindyatsaves@divinemercynorthshore.org. If you wish to make a donation via a stock transfer, please contact Cindy as well.

Thank you for your generosity to Divine Mercy Parish!

OUTREACH

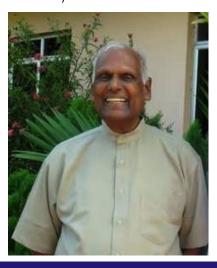
FR. PAUL SRI LANKA OUTREACH MINISTRY

Fr. Paul served us while studying at Loyola University, then returned to his native Sri Lanka and has been supporting widows and orphans, victims of a decades long civil war, and a tsunami that destroyed the fishing industry along with the homes of many. (You can learn more about this ministry on our website by clicking here, and scrolling down to the Fr. Paul section.)

FR. PAUL NEEDS OUR HELP

Fr. Paul tells us that he can support each child in the orphanage for about \$1.50 /per day. He really knows how to stretch a buck. Your donation of \$500 would support a child for almost a year, \$250 for almost 6 months. You can donate to this humanitarian work through Divine Mercy Parish, indicating that the contribution is for the Father Paul Foundation, one of the outreaches our parish supports. You can also click here and make a direct donation via our Divine Mercy Give Central portal.

On behalf of the Father Paul Foundation, Fr. Paul himself, the widows, orphans and victims of their civil war and tsunami, thank you for whatever you are able to do!



BE A HUNGER HERO AND HELP FIGHT HUNGER LOCALLY

Introducing our newest outreach effort: **BE A HUNGER HERO!**

Our local food pantries need our help. Currently, both the New Trier Township and Northfield Township Food Pantries are seeing record demand. Many families are relying on the pantries to feed their families. As a result, each month we will be collecting much needed pantry items.

Beginning Sunday, January 31, we will have collections the last Sunday of each month. St. Philip will collect for the Northfield Township Food Pantry, and Sacred Heart will collect for the New Trier Township Food Pantry.

Here's the plan for this month:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31: ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE:

8:00 - 10:00 am

Collection Boxes will be located in front of the St. Philip Rectory under the awning.

Needed items this month:

Canned fruit Rice/Rice mixes Cereal

SACRED HEART:

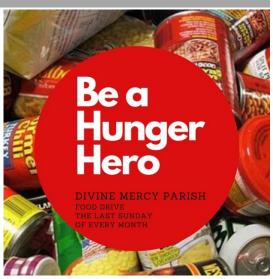
10:00 am - Noon

Collection Boxes will be located in front of the Parish Center under the awning (corner of Burr and Gage Streets)

Needed Items this month:

Canned tuna
Canned soup/soup mixes
Pancake mix

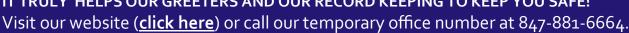
MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE! Together we can be Hunger Heroes!
Questions? Want to volunteer?
Contact Maureen Valvassori:
mvalvassori@divinemercynorthshore.org



AS a member of our community, I will ... 1. Wear a mask 2. Keep my distance 3. Wash and sanitize my hands 4. Stay home if I am sick 5. Get tested if I exhibit symptoms ... because protecting others in our community is my responsibility, too.

EVERYONE MUST MAKE A RESERVATION FOR MASS.

IT TRULY HELPS OUR GREETERS AND OUR RECORD KEEPING TO KEEP YOU SAFE!











To register, contact Pam Coster at pcoster@ gmail.com



Book Discussion: Wednesdays 10 am January 6, 13, and 20

Sr. Helen's Talk: Sun., January 24 3 pm

By Zoom video conference

Book Discussion and Talk

Join us in discussing Sr. Helen Prejean's Book, *River of Fire: On Becoming an Activist* on Wednesdays, January 6, 13 and 20 at 10 am. Sr. Helen will provide journaling questions for us to use during our reading. On Sunday, January 24th, at 3 p.m., Sr. Helen will join us for an online discussion of the book.

Ss. Faith Hope & Charity and Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier Parishes are honored to once again welcome Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ. Sr. Helen is the author of several books, the first of which, Dead Man Walking: The Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty that Sparked a National Debate, was made into a movie, a play and an opera.

www.faithhope.org www.ssjfx.org

THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Glencoe Family Services presents: The Importance of Advance Directives and Having "The Conversation:" An In-Depth Discussion of Powers of Attorney, HIPAA & Living Will Documents with Matt Margolis on Tuesday, January 26th from 1-2 PM.

Matt is a partner at Margolis Weldon, LLC in Park Ridge, Illinois. He founded the law firm with his partner, Lauren Weldon, in 2015.

He is an active member of NAELA and ElderCounsel and serves on the Board of Directors for the Chicago and Northwest Metro Chapters of Illinois Continuity of Care.

He focuses his practice in the areas of Estate Planning, Long-Term Care/Medicaid/VA planning, and Estate and Trust Administration.

His law practice has allowed him to guide and assist families through life's many transitions.

To register for this **virtual presentation**, please contact Emily Mysel by email at emily@familyserviceofglencoe.org or by phone at 847-835-5111.



DO YOU GET OUR DAILY (SHORT) EMAILS?

Given the current reality in which we live, the only way we can regularly communicate with our parishioners is through email, our website and social media. You wont want to miss these, as they could include important information related to our parish and the Coronavirus..

So! If you're not receiving our e-blasts, get on our mailing list. They are also mobile-phone-friendly now, so please check them out! Please send Judy Pyke your email address, and she'll get you connected. You can email her at jpyke@divinemercynorthshore.org or call our temporary office number: 847-881-6664. THANK YOU!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/PREP)



Welcome Back Family Mass

Father Dan Cassidy, Presider

TODAY! 10:00 a.m., Sunday, January 24, 2021

St. Philip the Apostle Church

Parking Lot with Livestream — bring a phone or tablet!

1962 Old Willow Road

Northfield, IL 60093

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped make these Family Masses possible, especially the Comptons, Hartvigsens, Links, Norbots, Weiss and so many more. We are grateful for your support as we work to engage the hearts and minds of our children!

Children's Ministry Spring Sacrament Dates

RECONCILIATION FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 5 p.m., Sacred Heart Church 7 p.m., St. Philip the Apostle Church

FIRST RECONCILIATION FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Monday, March 22, 2021 4:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church 6:30 p.m., St. Philip the Apostle Church CONFIRMATION

Saturday, April 17, 10:30 a.m., Sacred Heart Church Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 p.m., St. Philip the Apostle Church FIRST COMMUNION

Friday, May 7, 6:00 p.m., St. Philip the Apostle Church

Saturday, May 8, 10:00 a.m., Sacred Heart Church

Sign up geniuses will be sent out well in advance of each sacrament. Reservations are required for those in attendance. We are limited to 80 people at Sacred Heart, and 100 people at St. Philip for each date. Families were able to bring up to a total of six people last year, which worked well. We will try to accommodate everyone's needs. In addition, First Communicants may celebrate the Sacrament at any regularly scheduled Mass; just contact our office to schedule your date. Questions? Contact Kathy Handelman at khandelman@divinemercynorthshore.org or by cell: 847-204-0745.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Welcome Kelly Shoup and Stephanie Rick to the Children's Ministry Board of Divine Mercy Parish! We are grateful for your wisdom and participation!

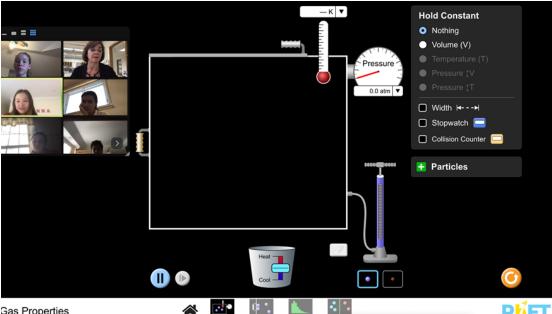
SACRED HEART SCHOOL



Gas Properties

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT **SACRED HEART SCHOOL!**





The 8th grade is in the middle of their chemistry unit, learning about gas behaviors and the laws that govern them. It's always good for students to be able to visualize science concepts as opposed to just reading about them. During remote learning we relied on computer simulations for students to be able to manipulate variables to see how gas behaves. It's a great way to learn while having some fun, too.







We can't wait to have all these cuties back in the classroom!



PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

January 30, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 5:00 p.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

January 31, 2021 ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH 8:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

January 31, 2021 SACRED HEART CHURCH 10:00 a.m.

Presider: Fr. Dan Cassidy

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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

MINISTERS OF CARE

Given the various restrictions of nursing homes in the State of Illinois, the constraints of established safety protocols of the Archdiocese, and the fact that the majority of our volunteers fall into the vulnerable category, home visits by Ministers of Care cannot be made at this time. If your loved one 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 or 847-881-6664. One of our priests will respond to your call.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

LECTOR SCHEDULE

January 30, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 5:00 p.m. Chris Hartman

January 31, 2021 St. Philip the Apostle Church 8:00 a.m. Susan Seeberg

January 31, 2021 Sacred Heart Church 10:00 a.m. Cathy Lehman

If you are interested in the ministry of Lector at either Sacred Heart or St. Philip the Apostle, please contact Ron Vanasdlen, via email rvanasdlen@divinemercynorthshore.org

If you are able to assist our Greeter ministry, please contact Michelle Wasielewski via email mwasielewski@divinemercynorthshore.org

No other ministers are being scheduled. If you get an email from Ministry Scheduler Pro, please disregard it.

PLEASE PRAY

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,
Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Dennis Braun,
Wendy Braun, Valrie Doppke, John Dory, Lisa Franke,
Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Mario Iturino,
Gina Quirk Lazicki, Ruth Martin, Beth O'Brien, Quinn Stepan,
Challen Sullivan and Lisa Zitella

For Those Who Have Died

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Note that the Wednesday Mass currently is closed to the public. Only the Sacred Heart School students are allowed to attend. It may be viewed on our website homepage via livestream.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK AT BOTH SACRED HEART AND ST. PHILIP

MONDAY, January 25 (SH) 7:00 a.m. -

TUESDAY, January 26 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. - For the unborn

WEDNESDAY, January 27 8:30 a.m. -

THURSDAY, January 28 (SH) 7:00 a.m. - Thomas Scannell

FRIDAY, January 29 (SPA) 8:00 a.m. -

SATURDAY, January 30 (SH) 5:00 p.m. - Elizabeth "Betty" O'Sullivan

SUNDAY, January 31

8:00 a.m. **(SPA)** - Marianna Wartalowicz

10:00 a.m. **(SH)** - Parishioners of Divine Mercy

THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

All meetings at Divine Mercy Parish are currently suspended until further notice.

SACRAMENTS

Please call the Parish Office temporary number at 847-881-6664 for the most current information regarding Sacraments during this time.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered at both of our worship sites. Sacred Heart Church offers the Sacrament on Saturday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and at St. Philip the Apostle Church on Wednesday afternoons with Fr. Javier Del Castillo from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. And there is no need to make a reservation! We remind everyone to wear a mask, and that you'll be greeted by someone from our reopening team.

Please know that if it has been a while since your last confession, "Do not be afraid!" (Matthew 14:27). *The priest will help guide you*.

A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy. (Rite of Penance, no. 45)

DO YOU HAVE A BULLETIN SUBMISSION?

Please adhere to the following specifications when submitting an item for the bulletin. The deadline is Tuesday, 9:00am for the following Sunday.

BULLETIN SPECS:

FONT STYLE: Corbel

FONT SIZE:

Headlines: 12 (ALL CAPS & BOLD)

Body text: 10 LINE SPACING:

Before and After Paragraphs: opt

Between Lines: 1sp

Avoid outlining text boxes, if you can.

Continue to create ads for special events like Nite Lites. We simply ask you incorporate the Corbel font style when you are able. Please submit all items to:

divinemercybulletins@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY OFFICES

Given the constraints of the pandemic, our offices are currently closed. You can still reach us by calling our temporary office number at 847-881-6664.

You can also reach any staff member via email. You can find that directory on the next page.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

Making Disciples • Building Church • Serving Others

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