

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.

Sunday Collection

Sunday's Collection for January 26/27, 2019 was \$3,600.00.

SCOUTING TROOP 469 YOU'RE INVITED

On Sunday February 10, Scouting Troop 469 is inviting all members of Divine Mercy Parish to a Continental Breakfast after the 9:30 am Mass at St. Cecilia's, in the Auditorium, 24 North Henry Street. All are welcome.

4 Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

La estancia de Jesús entre sus paisanos siempre tuvo momentos de tensión; era cuestionado por su origen y por sus hechos. La gente se decía, "Pensar que es el hijo de José". Un conocido de ellos que de algún modo les daba referencias de una formación y educación dentro de una familia. Pero, de profeta nada, él no podía, era hijo de José. Jesús les echa en cara su proceder y da una respuesta segura: "Seguramente ustedes me van a recordar el dicho: Médico, cúrate a ti mismo. Realiza también aquí, en tu patria, lo que nos cuentan que hiciste en Cafarnaúm". (Lucas 4:23).

Pero, Jesús no calla; Sigue recordándoles lo que paso en Sarepta con la viuda y Naamán el sirio. Fue rechazado por aquellos que debían haberlo recibido con los brazos abiertos. Sus paisanos, al contrario, furiosos, lo conducen a las afueras del pueblo para hacerle daño. Sin embargo, nos dice la Escritura, "¿pasó por medio de ellos y siguió su camino". (Lucas 4:30). ¿Cuál es la buena noticia de todo este acontecimiento? ¿Cuál es la enseñanza de Jesús para la sociedad actual? La Buena Noticia es que nuestro Dios no es vengativo ni justiciero, por el contrario, es un Dios de infinita misericordia. Estamos muy necesitados del amor y el perdón entre nosotros; en especial la Iglesia que actualmente sufre por los errores cometidos por sus líderes. Recordemos que Dios sigue revelándose más allá de nuestros límites y nos llama a la conversión siempre. Busquemos con sinceridad al Señor; él es nuestro Salvador. Recibámoslo con un corazón abierto en esta Eucaristía dominical.

Readings for the week of February 3, 2019

Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

A Message from Fr. Tom

As I warned in my message to you of two weeks ago; the New York State Legislature, on Tuesday, January 22nd—the 46th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade—passed revisions to the abortion laws of New York State. Some of those revisions are:

- Abortion is permissible for any reason at any point up to the moment of birth
- No protections for babies born alive after an abortion
- Non-doctors can now perform abortions
- An abortion induced against the mother's will is no longer a crime
- Prohibitions against any Pro-Life news or options

Many politicians who claim to be Catholic have voted for this legislation. They have rejected the basic tenants of the Christian faith. I encourage you to sign a petition calling for their excommunication. This is not using church law or the Eucharist as a weapon. This is a charitable act and is an action meant for medicinal purposes. We are calling sinners to recognize the errors of their ways and to change them before the judgment of God; before a time when it will be too late for them to change. I believe by signing this petition you are helping these politicians. Lifenews.com is an independent news agency reporting on news for the pro-life community. You will find the petition on their web site. Go to www.lifenews.com

Fr. Tom

Thank you Fr. Alexandre Morard

After this weekend Fr. Alexandre Morard will begin his new assignment at Sts. Peter & Paul/St. Agnes in Cobble Hill. He is needed to minister to the needs of the many French speaking nationals who reside in that part of Brooklyn. It has been my privilege to serve with and learn from him. God Bless him and the Hearts Home Community.

Welcome to Ron and Patrick

Over the next few weeks you will notice two young men—Ron and Patrick—who will be working closely with Fr. Paul Anel and the Heart's Home Community. They are seminarians from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Let's us pray for them on their path to the priesthood.

11th Annual New York Encounter— Communion & Liberation

The 2019 New York Encounter, themed *Something to Start From* will take place February 15-17 at the Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street in Manhattan. This is a three-day, FREE, cultural event organized by members of Communion & Liberation. This year's Encounter will feature presentations by Fr. Julián Carrón, Austen Ivereigh, and Cardinal Sean O'Malley. For more information: <http://www.newyorkencounter.org>.

Receive Our Parish Bulletin Electronically

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TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

Do you have an interest in giving back in our community of Divine Mercy Parish? Is so, please consider spending some time with our young people. We have a weekly youth group meeting every Friday from 3:00 to 6:00 pm, at St. Francis. Any time you can spend with our youth is a gift to them.

For more information please call the rectory at 718-387-0256 or email our youth minister at youth@dmbk.org.

Divine Mercy Parish Concert Series

Please join us in the Green Door Gallery on Friday, February 8th for our next concert in the Divine Mercy Parish Concert Series: Low Art-Music for Saxophone and Keyboard. The concert will feature our own music director, Justin Fields, on keyboard. Concert begins at 7:00 pm. The gallery's current show, Advent: Mindful Waiting will also be on display.

SAVE THE DATE

Sun. Feb. 10	World Marriage Day
Thurs. Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Sat. March 2	Rosary Society Fundraiser
Tue. March 5	St. Anthony's "Carnevale"
Wed. March 6	Ash Wednesday

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Gifts of Love—Emergency Food Pantry
At Divine Mercy Parish**

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome...” (Matt 25:35-36)

It is your support of our food pantry that brings peace and sweet music to the hearts of our needy neighbors. Thank you!

Items needed this week: Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate
Food Pantry Coordinators and volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – February 3, 2019**

SAINT JOSEPH CANDLES

Dominic Ciorciari by Frank Marino
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Saint Blaise-Sunday / February 3, 2019

Throats will be blessed after each Mass on Sunday, February 3, 2019.

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Divine Mercy Parish Choir

Are you looking to participate more in the life of the parish? The Divine Mercy Parish Choir is an excellent opportunity to serve the parish and to enter into the life of the parish community. Our first rehearsal for the 2019 Lent and Easter season will be on

Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30 pm

In St. Cecilia Choir Loft.

Please feel free to speak with our music director, Justin Fields, after mass with any questions you may have.

St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will be on Thursday, February 7th, at 7:30 pm in the basement of St. Francis of Paola. All are welcome.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Francis of Paola Church**

Saturday, February 2, 2019

5:00pm Penny Farco by Niece

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mr. & Mrs.
Francesco D’Arrigo & Family
11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Monday, February 4, 2019

7:45am Rose Marie Beneventin by Marie &
Dom Perrotto

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

7:45am Joseph & Pauline Beneventin by Marie
& Dom Perrotto

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

7:45am Maria Goconda by Ada

Thursday, February 7, 2019

7:45am Felicia Nicodemo by Carlotta Giglio

Friday, February 8, 2019

7:45am Vilella Family by Children

Saturday, February 9, 2019

7:45am Anna & Vincent Vuzzo by Carl &
Valerie Battista
5:00pm Francis Tizzio & Bobbe Angioletti by
Family

Sunday, February 10, 2019

8:00am Cono Cimino & D. Antonio Babino by
Francesca Filomena & Family
11:30am Ann Marie Baialardo by Husband
Matthew

UP DATE

The boiler installation is complete and the heat is back on in St. Cecilia. The window restoration is nearing completion and scaffolding should be coming down soon, at St. Cecilia’s.

Scaffolding will be going up at St. Francis for ceiling replacement.

New doors and frame restoration should be completed by the spring, at St. Nicholas.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, February 3, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, February 10, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick: Remi Schandel, Anthony Scala, John Colasanti, Rae Pacifico, Sawziy Ali, Umberto Caleotafiore, Giuseppe Guadagno, Donato D'Asosto, Aniello De Sarno, Frank Morena, Clara Chang, Joe Bavuso, Marie Bavuso, Anthony Porcelli, Wanda Sadwarny, Carmine Giglio

Pray For the Recently Deceased

Anthony DeSena, Jose Vasquez, Kathleen Sullivan, Anna SanFillippo, Veronica M. Nicholson Murphy, David Baxter,

**St. Cecilia's Rosary Society
At Divine Mercy Parish**

Chinese Festival

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 at 6:00 pm

St. Cecilia's Auditorium, 24 N. Henry St.

Dinner, Dessert, Raffles, Door Prizes, 50/50

Cost \$25.00

Call the Parish Office for tickets or see a member of the Rosary Society.

Generation of Faith

As of January 15, 2019

Total Pledged \$456,237.00

Total Paid \$330,476.00

Donors 184

**Medjugorje & Dubrovnik
September 16-25, 2019**

Join Father Vincent Chirichella, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace and Father Thomas Mary Gilbert, OCD on this 7 day trip/tour. Accommodations at the Home of the Visionary Ivan Dragicevic. For more information please contact Bove Continental Travel Inc. 718-680-5600 or Cell: 917-859-9995 or e mail bovetravel@aol.com.

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, February 3, 2019

9:30am Tessie & Julia Caliendo

Fred Lovero

President Donald Trump: Living Intention

Joseph Walls

Rosary Society

7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, February 4, 2019

8:30am Gaetana Sepe by Marie Sepe

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

8:30am Clotilde Garcie Salazar

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

8:30am Kim Cariman

Thursday, February 7, 2019

8:30am Aniello De Sarno by Wife & Family

Friday, February 8, 2019 - First Friday

8:30am Michael & Fannie Namorato

Saturday, February 9, 2019

8:30am Rose C. Pettenato

Sunday, February 10, 2019

9:30am Susan Gernert

Ed & Jo Collins

Eamon & Ray McGinn

Maria Louisa Rodriguez

Rev. James Krische: Living Intention

7:00pm For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Rosary Society

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:00 pm, in the auditorium of St. Cecilia.

The Rosary Society wishes to thank the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish for their generosity in support of the Giving Tree, at Christmas time. The recipient this year was the St. Clare House for Woman. Also collected were hats, gloves and scarfs for the homeless and this also was a great success.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: Bread & Wine, Candles, Lamps are a wonderful way to honor and remember your loves ones. Please come to the Parish Office for information on available dates.

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RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94th Precinct who took the time to speak at a few concerning public safety issues. The old adage applies—If you see something, say something. Following is some information about reporting criminal or suspicious activity.

Call 911—Emergencies

Call 311—Quality of Life Issues

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Also note that a local community meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month with local police to receive your input at 155 Milton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222 at 7pm