

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each day our daily bread."

This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give.

Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always.

Sunday Collection

July 21/22, 2019 collection \$2,401.00

Calling All Vendors /Flea Market!!!

Only \$25.00 per table! (Please make check payable to Divine Mercy Parish). For questions or to reserve your table call Rina at 646-584-3340 or Ivette at 917-446-9581. Flea Market will take place on Sunday, October 20th, in Msgr. Vetro Hall, 26 Olive Street between Powers and Devoe Streets, from 10 am to 4 pm.

17º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de este domingo son una hermosa forma de invitación de molestar a Dios por medio de la oración. Molestar con insistencia hasta lograr lo que es bueno para la persona y para la sociedad. No en vano el Papa Francisco al final de casi todos sus discursos termina con un "por favor, oren por mí". Como un gran ejemplo también, tenemos a Abraham que en su oración se atreve a negociar con Dios sobre cuántos justos existían en la ciudad de Sodoma. "¿Es cierto que vas a exterminar al justo con el malvado?". (Génesis 18:23). ¿Qué pesa más ante Dios, la maldad o la bondad? La misericordia de Dios es infinita, aunque en este pasaje del Génesis, Sodoma y Gomorra son destruidas por no haberse encontrado ningún justo. (Vea Génesis capítulo 19).

El Papa Francisco habla hermoso sobre la oración: "La oración nos cambia el corazón. Nos hace comprender mejor cómo es nuestro Dios. Pero para esto es importante hablar con el Señor, no con palabras vacías. Jesús dice: 'Como hacen los paganos'. No, no, hablar con la realidad: 'Pero, mira, Señor, que tengo este problema, en la familia, con mi hijo, con este, con el otro? ¿Qué se puede hacer? ¡Pero mira que tú no me puedes dejar así!'. ¡Ésta es la oración! ¿Pero tanto tiempo lleva esta oración? Sí, lleva tiempo". (Homilía Casa Santa Marta, 3 de abril de 2014). En cada Eucaristía, confiadamente repetimos domingo a domingo la oración que Jesús nos enseñó. En cada reunión de familia al rezar el rosario u otras devociones, el Padre Nuestro es muy importante. Insistamos, pues, no dejemos de orar unos por otros, molestemos al Señor que si es para nuestro bien concederá lo que se le pide.

Readings for the week of July 28, 2019

Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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Message from Fr. Tom

One of the most important aspects of Luke's Gospel is the way in which his Gospel shows Jesus at prayer and the importance of prayer during the most important and challenging moments during his life and ministry—maintaining a relationship with God.

- Before his baptism in the Jordan River (3:21) Jesus prays.
- After revealing his healing power, Jesus withdraws to a deserted place (5:16) to pray.
- Before calling his disciples (6:12), Jesus prays.
- Before his transfiguration, Jesus goes up the mountain with the disciples Peter, John, and James (11:1) to pray.
- During his suffering and passion in the garden before he is handed over to death (22:41-44) Jesus prays.

Certainly prayer is and was an important part of Jewish life. But in our Gospel, the disciples must have recognized something different and extraordinary about the way in which Jesus prayed. Therefore they ask him; teach us how to pray. What is new is not the importance of prayer but how Jesus prayed. The prayer of Jesus to the Father affirms his intimate relationship with God. In our Gospel today, we are offered Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer which is shorter than the one we usually pray which comes from Matthew's Gospel. Jesus' expresses his dependence on God the Father through prayer.

Our Gospel describes real life circumstances and social relationships. One question: "How can I persist in my relationship with God and with prayer if I don't necessarily get what I pray for?" The best answer I can give you comes from Blessed Mother Teresa: "When people pray things may not change, but people change. And when people change, things change. When we change, the reality around us begins to change. If we who are sinful yet still know how to give good gifts, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him? Prayer cannot fail to bring about something even if it is not what we expect.

Mark in your Calendar

The First Weekend of Each Month in Divine Mercy Parish

1.) I continue to encourage you to take advantage of the First Saturday Devotion. As part of the Fatima promises, Mary the mother of Jesus invites us to make the following four (4) spiritual exercises on the first Saturday of five consecutive months:

- Attend Mass
- Pray the five decades of the Rosary
- Reflect for 15 Minutes on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary
- Go to Confession within 7 days prior or after the First Saturday

For the person who makes this devotion Mary promises to be with that person at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation. What a deal!

2.) Become a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society: Attend Nocturnal Adoration on Saturday, August 3rd in St. Cecilia's Chapel from 8 pm to 9 pm.

3.) Join us for a social on Sunday, August 4th, after the 7 pm Mass in St. Cecilia's Rectory. We will offer this on the first Sunday of every month

Sacramental Guidelines Regarding Communion—A Reminder!!!

In order to receive the Body of Christ worthily each Sunday the faithful Catholic must:

- Have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion;
- Be free of any serious or mortal sin—this means going to Confession regularly. If you have any questions about this—please speak to a priest!
- Fast one hour prior to the start of Mass.
- The preferred manner to receive the Eucharist/Holy Communion for at least the last 1,000 years is by mouth. This is supported by documents of the post-Vatican II era. However, you may also receive by hand if you wish. Please do not grab at the host with your hand. Receive Jesus like a beggar in need of his healing presence and grace.

If one receives by hand—hold out your hand like a plate. The communicant must respond with a firm 'Amen' before placing the host in their mouth and do so while they are in the presence of the priest. **NO ONE MAY WALK AWAY WITH THE HOST IN THEIR HANDS.** There have been reports of desecrations of the Sacrament, and we need to be on our guard and stay vigilant about this. The enemies of Jesus and the church are very real.

- Please arrive early before the start of Mass to pray and recollect yourself for the gift you are about to receive.

- Please stay to the end of Mass and remain a few minutes to recollect yourself and make a spiritual thanksgiving.

Thank you for bearing these points in mind.

Fr. Tom

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**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)

Today, let us pray for our neighbors: the poor, the homeless, the lonely and for those who have the courage and insight to serve them with love and hospitality.

Specific items needed: **Pasta/Pasta Sauce**
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – July 28, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Joan D’Arienzo by Frank Marino

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Joan D’Arienzo by Frank Marino

Joan D’Arienzo by Frank Marino

SANCTUARY LAMP

Joan D’Arienzo by Frank Marino

ALTAR CANDLES

Joan D’Arienzo by Frank Marino

Joan D’Arienzo by Frank Marino

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Joan D’Arienzo by Frank Marino

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**The Saint Theresa Guild Presents
“European Masquerade”**

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019

Time: 6:15 pm

Food, Wine, Dessert, Live Entertainment by the
Evan Arntzen Trio & Fabulous Prizes!

Where: St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

200 Woodpoint Road

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

Tickets are available at the Parish Office, or by calling
Marie Perrotto 718-389-1073 or Annette Marino 646-
361-8467 – arm718@aol.com.

Pray for Vocations

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

Saturday, July 27, 2019

5:00pm Wanda Zadworny by Mary Gentile &
Family

Sunday, July 28, 2019

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mr. & Mrs.
Francesco D’Arrigo & Family

11:30am Joan D’Arienzo by Family

Monday, July 29, 2019

7:45am Carmine Morelli

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

7:45am Florence Giglio by daughter Carlotta

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

7:45am Judith Conte by Iginio & Giovanna Falce

Thursday, August 1, 2019

7:45am Michael Favuzza by Theresa

Friday, August 2, 2019

7:45am Villella Family

Saturday, August 3, 2019

7:45am Jeannie Falabella

5:00pm Andrea Catalanotti by Loretta & Frank
Pizza

Sunday, August 4, 2019

8:00am Alfonso & Maria Maddaloni by
Daughter & Family

11:30am Our Lady of the Snow Ladies Auxiliary

Come Join Us

Adoration Monday in St. Francis of Paola Church from
11 am to 1 pm.

St. Cecilia’s Chapel located at 84 Herbert Street is open
weekdays following the 8:30 morning Mass until
approximately 3:00 pm.

The Wednesday Prayer Group will continue to meet on
Wednesdays from 3 pm to 4 pm, in the St. Cecilia’s
Chapel.

Adoration Monday through Thursday in St. Cecilia’s
Chapel from 9 pm to 10 pm.

Nocturnal Adoration at St. Cecilia, this Saturday,
August 3, from 8:00 pm to 9 pm.

Social on Sunday, August 4, after 7 pm Mass in St.
Cecilia’s Rectory.

JULY 28, 2019

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church**

Sunday, July 28, 2019

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

Sunday, August 4, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick:

Sister Miriam Daniel Pendar, C.S.J., Con Shanahan, Ernie Gentile, Phil Capano, Jackie Elsasser, Lucy Porcelli, Ana Marie Moreno, Michelle Torres

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Lucy Leone, Carmella Caiafa, Olinda Helen De Santo, Joseph Rinaldi, Margaret "Peggy" Mc Guinness

**Change in Distribution
of the Diocesan Weekly Paper the
Tablet**

We are fortunate to have a very fine Diocesan Paper the Tablet. I have traveled quite a bit and seen the media produced by other diocese. Having seen what is produced by other dioceses, I can say objectively; we have one of the best diocesan papers in the country. The cable TV and internet productions of DeSales Media stand out. A good sign of their quality is that they don't always give the 'cupcake' version of current events. They have run articles keeping us informed about problems within the church. All of this costs money and the parishes have been subsidizing this publication for many years now. That is going to change.

As you may have noticed, we will now be offering the weekly Diocesan Paper "The Tablet," in a dedicated kiosk or rack. Furthermore, we encourage you to subscribe to this paper for home delivery by mail. These forms are on the vestibule tables. When you pick up a copy of the Tablet in church, please pay for your copy. Place one dollar (\$1.00) in the PAY HERE slot for each copy taken. We will no longer be handing out these papers for free. You are expected to pay for each issue.

**Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church**

Sunday, July 28, 2019

9:30am Giuseppina Arlistico by Children
Deceased Members of the Zerilli Family

7:00pm Open Intention

Monday, July 29, 2019

8:30am Fred DeLuca

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

8:30am Luis Mendez

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

8:30am Frances Brancato (3rd Anniv. In Heaven)

Thursday, August 1, 2019

8:30am Healing for the Ron Taurick Family

Friday, August 2, 2019—First Friday

8:30am Purgatorial Society

Saturday, August 3, 2019

8:30am Open Intention

Sunday, August 4, 2019

9:30am Rosary Society
John Curcio
Mary Donovan
Pauline Carlo
Carmela "Millie" Trezza by Maryann,
Craig, Luke Carvana
7:00pm Open Intention

Magnificat

Energize your faith and renew your spirit this fall on a Magnificat pilgrimage.

France September 14-26, 2019

The Holy Land

September 7-18, 2019 and October 5-16, 2019

For more information contact Magnificat, PO Box 822, Yonkers, NY, 10702 or magnificat@magnificat.com.

Registration deadlines are quickly approaching.

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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

P.O. Andrea Haro

Office: (718) 383-3879

Cell: (929) 371-4355

Andrea.Haro@nypd.org

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

CTKK Summer Camp

CK Kids is proud to announce their partnership with Queen of the Rosary to offer a convenient summer camp opportunity! Christ the King has over 25 years of summer camp experience and is now offering transportation from the Queen of the Rosary campus.

July 5th August 12th, for Boys and Girls, ages 5 to 14. \$300 per week. Transportation to and from Queen of the Rosary and lunch are included.

For more information: WWW.CTKNT.ORG, or 718-366-7454 68-02 Metropolitan Ave., Middle Village NY., 11379