

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost? let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home.

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**Sunday Collection:** Aug. 31/Sept. 1, 2019 \$2,663.00 and Sept. 7/8, 2019 \$3,469.00.

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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 Advent and Christmas season will be on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the St. Cecilia Choir Loft. Please feel free to speak to our music director, Justin Fields, after Mass if you have questions.

**24° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

En este Evangelio, la audiencia de Jesús cambia. El domingo pasado caminaba con el un gran gentío; hoy los publicanos y los pecadores se acercaban para escucharle. Los Fariseos y los escribas, por el otro lado, lo observaban y lo criticaban entre sí. Todo su fin era ponerlo a prueba o tenderle una trampa. Jesús, por su parte, les contesta con tres parábolas: La oveja perdida, la mujer que pierde una moneda de las diez que tiene y el hijo pródigo. Jesús les dramatiza los mensajes con el amor y compasión de Dios hasta lo máximo. Cuando Dios ofrece misericordia, la respuesta es el arrepentimiento del pecador. "Yo les digo que de igual modo habrá más alegría en el cielo por un solo pecador que vuelve a Dios que por noventa y nueve justos que no tienen necesidad de convertirse." (Lucas 15:7).

Reflexionando en las parábolas de Jesús, vino a mi mente la siguiente pregunta: ¿Cómo responde ahora la Iglesia a las personas que le siguen? La Constitución Pastoral *Gaudium Et Spes*, (La Iglesia en el Mundo Actual) da respuesta de la siguiente forma: 1. Los gozos y las esperanzas, las tristezas y las angustias de los hombres de nuestro tiempo, sobre todo de los pobres y de cuantos sufren, son a la vez gozos y esperanzas, tristezas y angustias de los discípulos de Cristo. Nada hay verdaderamente humano que no encuentre eco en su corazón. La comunidad cristiana está integrada por hombres que, reunidos en Cristo, son guiados por el Espíritu Santo en su peregrinar hacia el reino del Padre y han recibido la buena nueva de la salvación para comunicarla a todos. ¡La Misericordia de Dios sigue presente en su Iglesia!

**Thinking of becoming a Catholic?****Thinking of being confirmed?**

If you or someone you know is thinking of this, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the right step for you to take. The RCIA is a process that consists of a combination of participating at Sunday Mass and instructions on the teachings and customs of the Roman Catholic Church.

RCIA is also for baptized Catholics who have not received both First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

The sessions meet weekly. If you are seriously thinking of entering this program call the Parish Office.

## A Message from Fr. Tom

Today's Gospel gives us three parables. All three speak of the loss of something: the lost sheep; the lost coin; and finally the lost son. All three parables speak of the extravagant love and mercy of God which knows no limits. There are many aspects to these beautiful parables—certainly the prodigal son parable is the most popular in all Sacred Scripture. However, one aspect that might be overlooked is that each parable ends with a communal celebration of joy: he/she “calls together [their] friends and neighbors and says to them, ‘Rejoice with me.’” Each one of us has been found by the love of God. We have been freed by Jesus from captivity to sin and death. This is the fundamental truth of our religion. Whenever we gather as Christians—most especially at Mass—we celebrate in thanksgiving this reality of our election by faith that must be celebrated with joy.

“The best way to show our gratitude to God is to accept everything with joy—even our problems.”

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## Honoring St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Procession with Bishop DiMarzio on Sunday, October 6th, 2019

As you may know, the City of New York held a competition to recognize notable women who contributed to the life of our city. Although St. Francis Cabrini received the most votes in this competition—she was denied the recognition of a public statue. As Catholics, we should be upset by this dismissal of a great woman of faith who did so much for the poor and orphaned of this city. Let us participate in a procession honoring this great Catholic woman and saint:

When: Sunday, October 6th, 2019  
Where: Mother Cabrini Park  
41 President Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11231  
Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
End Location: 4:00 pm - Mass Sacred Hearts—  
St. Stephen

We will process through the streets of Carroll Gardens to the Church of Sacred Hearts—St. Stephen for a Mass at 4 pm. Light refreshments and entertainment will follow the Mass.

Please call the Rectory office by Monday, September 30th to indicate your desire to go. If sufficient numbers commit, DMP will charter a bus. Please sign up to attend. **Fr. Tom**

## Letter to a Suffering Church by Bishop Robert Barron

### Dear Faithful of Divine Mercy Parish,

Last weekend we distributed free copies “Letter to a Suffering Church” by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles in both English and Spanish. We still have extra copies on our vestibule tables. This mini-book surveys the landscape of the church today and the crisis of faith created by the sexual abuse within the church. Many ask themselves today why should I remain a Catholic? Let us remember that Jesus promised that the gates of hell would not prevail over his church and that he would be with us until the end of the age. I hope this book—which is short and easy to read—will be a help to fortify your faith and help you to remain Catholic during these most difficult and confusing times. **Fr. Tom**

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## Divine Mercy Youth Choir

Our youth choir will sing at every 11:30 am Sunday Mass, beginning on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, with rehearsals taking place 30 minutes prior each Sunday. Additional commitments include the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass and the 11:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday.

Permission slips can be obtained in the Religious Education Office and online at [divinemercy-brooklyn.org/music](http://divinemercy-brooklyn.org/music).

The choir is open to all students ages 7 to 13. Although many of our members participate in our Religious Ed Program, it is not a requirement for being in the choir. Please feel free to speak with our music director, Justin Fields, with any questions you may have.

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## Divine Mercy Parish & Various Knights of Columbus Groups Present

### A Viewing of Outcasts A Film about the Franciscan Friars Of the Renewal

September 27, 2019 at 5:30 pm  
In St. Francis Auditorium

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office, price \$10.00 (at the door \$12.00).

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## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

“In giving, we imitate God: we mirror God’s  
unselfishness and love” (Father Robert Lauder)

Specific items needed: **Canned Meats**  
Food Pantry Coordinators and Volunteers

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**St. Francis of Paola Church  
Memorial Gifts – September 15, 2019**

**BREAD & WINE**

Aniello Disarno by Felicia Tulumello

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLES**

Tommy De Luca by Anna & Joe Fusco  
Ralph Strocchia by Anna & Joe Fusco

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Patricia San Felipe by Loretta & Frank Pizza

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**Calling All Vendors**

Only \$25.00 per table

For questions or to reserve your table at our Flea  
Market call Rina at 646-584-3340 or Ivette at 917-446-  
9581. *(Please make check payable to Divine Mercy  
Parish).*

**The Flea Market:** will take place on Sunday,  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, in Msgr. Vetro Hall, 26 Olive Street  
between Powers and Devoe Sts., from 10 am to 4 pm.

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**St. Theresa Triduum**

Wednesday, 9/25

Thursday, 9/26

Friday, 9/27

St. Francis of Paola Church – 7:15 pm

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**Queens of the Rosary Catholic Academy**

*Invites you to their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual*

**Brooklyn Bingo Night**

Friday, October 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm

St. Francis of Paola Auditorium

Price: \$10.00. Includes; one card, snack, coffee &  
dessert. Plus... Extra cards and raffles will be sold.  
Purchase tickets at QRCA School (11 Catherine Street)  
by 9/27. No tickets sold at the door. Doors will open at  
6:30 pm. Children under 16 NOT permitted.

**Prizes to be won!!!**

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

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

5:00pm Charles & Mary Micka by John &  
Dorothy Colasanti

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

8:00am In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus by Carol Carannante  
11:30am John D’Arienzo by Wife & Children

**Monday, September 16, 2019**

7:45am Ariella Rahimov by Family

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

7:45am Jean Falabella by Carlotta Giglio

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019**

7:45am Maribel Santana (Living Intention) by  
Manuel Kuilan

**Thursday, September 19, 2019**

7:45am Vilella Family by Children

**Friday, September 20, 2019**

7:45am Antoinette Lorenzo by Lorenzo Family

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

7:45am Giovanni Guadagno by Dennis Torre  
5:00pm Michael Loguercio by Family

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

8:00am Helen & Tom De Santo by Cousins Rita  
& Lynne  
11:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

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**Queen of the Rosary Catholic Academy  
Fourth Annual Benefit Dinner**

*Honoring Sr. Joan Losson, O.P., Sue Ann Roye  
Marian Mingo (formerly Hernandez)*

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

6 – 10 pm

Giando on the Water

\$125.00 per Person

**For Tickets, Commemorative Journal  
Submissions & Further Information:**

[QOTRDinner.eventbrite.com](http://QOTRDinner.eventbrite.com)– website

[QOTRDinner@gmail.com](mailto:QOTRDinner@gmail.com)– email

718-388-7992 - phone

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Nicholas Church

#### Sunday, September 15, 2019

10:30am For the People of Divine Mercy Parish

#### Wednesday, September 18, 2019

7:00pm Open Intention

#### Sunday, September 22, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

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### Pray For the Sick:

Ana Marie Moreno, Sister Miriam Daniel Pendar, C.S.J., Jacqueline Meneel, Nancy & Vincent Gonzalez, Valarie Bruno, Michael Dick, Felicia Tulumello, Michael Vayda, Jackie Elsasser, Tom Napolitano

### Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Cono Babino, Charles Altadonna, Joseph Bavuso, Ann Romano, William J. Gerdes

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## Religious Education News

**Registration for Religious Education has begun.** The office at 206 Skillman Avenue is open every day from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Special office hours will be on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. If you need to schedule an appointment for a different time please call the Faith Formation office at 347-521-0068 or email us at [faithformation@dmbk.org](mailto:faithformation@dmbk.org)

**Catechist Commissioning:** On **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019** we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday **"STAY WITH US"**. The Catechist Commissioning will take place at St. Francis of Paola at the 11:30 am Mass.

**VIRTUS TRAINING:** on **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019** we will be presenting Protecting God's Children Training at 5 pm at 206 Skillman Ave. All volunteers need to take this course and agree to a background check. You may register directly online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)

**Religious Education:** Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**. Parents, catechists, and students of St. Francis of Paola are expected to be at the Rectory basement on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10 am for instruction and orientation.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Cecilia Church

#### Sunday, September 15, 2019

9:30am All Innocent Victims of Violence

Eliot Roldan

7:00pm Open Intention

#### Monday, September 16, 2019

8:30am Alfredo Varela

#### Tuesday, September 17, 2019

8:30am Washack Family

#### Wednesday, September 18, 2019

8:30am Leonard Rossi

#### Thursday, September 19, 2019

8:30am Caitlyn Hopkins

#### Friday, September 20, 2019

8:30am Donald Force

#### Saturday, September 21, 2019

8:30am Michael V. Quinn

#### Sunday, September 22, 2019

9:30am For the Unborn

7:00pm Open Intention

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## Wedding Banns

October 6, 2019- St. Nicholas  
Claudia Lopez & Diomedede Aquino  
October 12, 2019 – St. Cecilia  
Rebecca Salois & Daniel Fava  
October 19, 2019 – St. Cecilia  
Daniel Gallo & Amanda Sullivan

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### Catechist & Volunteer Seeking an Apartment

Violet Anthony has been worshipping with us here in Divine Mercy Parish for the past year. She is a close friend and a resident of St. Clare House which Angela Scannapieco directed. St. Clare House will be closing soon and Violet is looking for an apartment to rent in our neighborhood. Please keep her in mind if you know of something available.

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## Golden Age Members

St. Francis Golden Age will meet in the Rectory basement of St. Francis on Monday, Sept. 16, instead of the auditorium. Regular time. This is for one Monday only.

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### **RECENT PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

Divine Mercy Parish is deeply grateful to Captain Williams Glynn and representatives of the 94<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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