

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’ The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It’s important to remember that we do have a place at God’s table. But we don’t “earn” it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we’re imitating the Good Samaritan. We’re visiting Jesus! We’re growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we’re seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we’re meant to be? That is, is this where we’re meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” But, ultimately, we’re not the ones doing the deeds. We’re not the ones “earning” the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

Sun. Collection: Sept. 28/29, 2019, \$3,613.00.

**Gospel of Luke Bible Study
with Fr. Tom**

Beginning Wednesday, October 2nd

Please join Fr. Tom as we continue our series of 8 evenings covering the Gospel of Luke. We will start on Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:45 pm in St. Francis of Paola Rectory. The Bible Study runs for eight weeks until Wednesday, November 20th. Call the parish office to confirm your participation.

27° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Los tiempos que se están viviendo en la sociedad actual con referencia a la injusticia y la facilidad para la violencia son alarmantes. Los medios de comunicación muestran todos los días el cómo se quita la vida humana, la destrucción del planeta, de las plantas y animales. La primera lectura del Profeta Habacuc, su reclamo a Dios en su tiempo es un reflejo del nuestro: “¿Por qué me haces ver la injusticia?” ¿Acaso no estamos cansados de todo lo que vemos y escuchamos? Tal pareciera que Dios no escucha ni interviene en la miseria humana. Pero no, no es así. Dios responde e invita al Profeta a escribir su visión: “El que vacila nunca contará con mi favor, el justo si vivirá por su fidelidad.” (Habacuc 2:4). Los eventos de la vida del ser humano están en los planes de Dios. Depende de nosotros la fidelidad y el compromiso. ¿Estás de acuerdo con el Profeta? ¿En qué sentido?

El Evangelio, por otro lado, nos muestra la forma de alinearnos con la gente buena para hacer cosas que ayuden a la sociedad a crecer en justicia y promover la paz. Esa paz que tanto se necesita en las fronteras del mundo, con los refugiados y los que caminan en caravana dejando sus países. Sin embargo, el punto principal de todo es la fe. Por eso, los apóstoles piden que se aumente su fe. El Maestro responde y da ejemplos palpables para llegar hasta mover montañas y agrega lo siguiente: “Así también ustedes, cuando hayan hecho todo lo que les ha sido mandado, digan: Somos servidores que no hacíamos falta, hemos hecho lo que era nuestro deber.” (Lucas 17:10).

Readings for the week of October 6, 2019	
Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
Monday:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

A Message from Fr. Tom

This spring I bought a packet of sunflower seeds for about three dollars and planted them in our garden at the corner of Humboldt and Conselyea Streets in late April. As you can see, they are flourishing. A few of these plants are truly massive!! If the flowers were not so heavy with seeds, some of the plants would stand over 11 feet tall!!! The seeds I put into the earth 5 months ago were smaller than my finger nail. Just look and marvel at what has become of them. How can something like this be possible? It seems that a miracle has taken place before our very eyes. So it is with faith. As so Jesus uses the example of a small seed—a mustard seed—to call our attention to the power of faith. Faith of course grows by acting upon it. This requires our trust in God. God has a plan for each of us. Faith is a reality that we actively participate in and which is affirmed by this active and conscious participation. Faith helps us to see divine realities at work in our seemingly ordinary lives. May the grace of our celebration help us to place our trust in God and put our faith into action.

It's Still Not Too Late to Participate in Honoring St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Procession with Bishop DiMarzio on Sunday, October 6th, 2019

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. **Fr. Tom**

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. Classes meet Mondays at 7:30 pm in St. Francis Rectory. Call the parish office to register.

Mass Book 2020

The 2020 Mass book will open on
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 for Masses for
January through June

In order to give everyone an opportunity to book Masses, for the first week that the Mass Book is open, requests must be made in person at the Rectory, and each person is limited to 2 weekend masses and 3 weekday masses.

Mail in requests and phone in requests, are also limited to 2 weekend Masses and 3 weekday Masses, and will be entered into the Mass book as soon as possible.

The stipend for Masses is:

\$20.00 for a weekend Mass

\$15.00 for a weekday Mass

The 9:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Cecilia, the 10:30 am Sunday Mass at St. Nicholas and the last Sunday of the month at the 11:30 am Mass at St Francis will all be collective Masses.

Organizations and Societies are asked to contact the Rectory to request their Masses before the Mass book is opened to the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish.

Parish Mission Sunday October 20, 2019

From time to time, we must consciously ask others to participate or actively serve in our mission. Jesus says that when a person lights a lamp they do not immediately place it under a basket, but rather put it in a place where the light can be given and shared.

On Sunday, October 20, 2019

after each of our morning Masses:

9:30 am St. Cecilia

10:30 am St. Nicholas

11:30 am St. Francis

we invite all parishioners and friends to the auditorium or church basement to meet the various groups and societies that are hosting our Parish Mission Sunday. If you were thinking about joining a group or society now is the time.

You can also register as a member of the parish if you are not already registered.

Coffee and cake will be served

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 14, 2019 in observance of Columbus Day.

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

God our Father and Giver of all gifts, make us grateful for what we have and help us to share with those who have less. May our possessions never get in the way of loving you and our brothers and sisters. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

**St. Francis of Paola Church
Memorial Gifts – October 6, 2019**

BREAD & WINE

Wendy Nunziato by Annette Marino D'Arienzo

ST. JOSEPH CANDLES

Joseph Rinaldi by Carol Carannante & Family
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BLESSED MOTHER CANDLES

Maryann Thompson by Carol Carannante & Family
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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– website

QOTRDinner@gmail.com– email

718-388-7992 - phone

Family Day Trip Saturday, October 26th

Divine Mercy Parish will again offer a family day outing this fall to the Our Lady of the Island Shrine. We will depart in front of St. Francis of Paola Church on Saturday, October 26th at 8:30 am immediately following the morning Mass.

We will go pumpkin picking after our trip to the shrine site. Please call the parish office to reserve your seat on the bus. We ask a nominal reservation fee of \$5.00. Please bring a packed lunch.

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

Saturday, October 5, 2019

5:00pm for the People of Divine Mercy Parish

Sunday, October 6, 2019

8:00am Antoinette & Savino Ciorciari by Anolfo Family

11:30am Andrea Catalanotti by Carannante Family

Monday, October 7, 2019

7:45am Gloria Garavuso by Theresa & Marion

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

7:45am Marie & Antonio Trocchio by Daughter

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

7:45am Dominick Giusto by Dominick & Josephine Siano

Thursday, October 10, 2019

7:45am Linda Anacrelico by Santaromita Family

Friday, October 11, 2019

7:45am Open Intention

Saturday, October 12, 2019

7:45am Open Intention

5:00pm Joan D'Arienzo by Frank San Pietro

Sunday, October 13, 2019

8:00am for the People of Divine Mercy Parish

11:30am Salvatore Livornes by wife Gaetano

Flea Market / St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, October 20, 2019

from 10 am to 4 pm

Msgr. Vetro Hall

26 Olive Street between Powers and Devoe Sts.,

For questions or to reserve a table at the Flea Market call Rina at 646-584-3340 or Ivette at 917-446-9581.

Price per table \$25.00. (Please make check payable to Divine Mercy Parish).

St. Theresa Guild

The next meeting of the St. Theresa Guild will take place on Thursday, October 10, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the St. Francis of Paola rectory basement. Please bring a gift for our "Halloween" themed raffle. New members are always welcome.

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Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Nicholas Church

Sunday, October 6, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

7:00pm Milagros Jimenez by Sciangula Family

Sunday, October 13, 2019

10:30am Open Intention

Pray For the Sick: Michael Dick, Felicia Tulumello, Michael Vayda, Tom Napolitano, Marlena Ferone Washack, Onelia Velez, Antoinette Tucillo, Valarie Bruno

Pray For the Recently Deceased:

Evelyn Latimer, Victoria Solano, Luz Maria Javier, Michael Nunziato, John Monaco, Celia Auriemma

Religious Education

- No class on Sunday, October 13, Columbus Day celebration.
- Sunday, October 20, 2019 Mission Sunday after the 11:30 am Mass.
- Saturday, October 26, 2019 Trip to O.L. Shrine and Pumpkin Picking, starting with the Holy Mass at 7:45 am, departure after the mass. Please register at the parish office.

All the students are expected to dress up as a Saint of their devotion for the All Saint's Celebration on Sunday October 27, 2019 at SFPA at 9:30 am.

Rosary Society of Divine Mercy Parish
Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday, November 16, 2019

6:30 P.M. – St. Cecilia's Auditorium

Tickets \$25.00 dinner included

50/50, Raffles, Money & Door Prizes

You can purchase your ticket at the Parish Office or in back of Church after the 9:30 Mass.

We're Baaacckkk!!!

Golden Age meets every Monday, at 12 noon, to play BINGO, coffee and cake and friendship. Come and join us. Place 200 Woodpoint Road, St. Francis auditorium. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions for the Week
St. Cecilia Church

Sunday, October 6, 2019

9:30am Jo & Ed Collins

Eamon & Ray McGinn

Rosary Society

Gifford Family

Marlena Washack: Health

7:00pm Lady of Pompeii by Maria Sepe

Monday, October 7, 2019

8:30am Katica Hrzic by Maria Sepe

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

8:30am Kiuisza Family

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

8:30am Tortora Family

Thursday, October 10, 2019

8:30am Stella Viscardi

Friday, October 11, 2019

8:30am Rev. James Krische Living Intention

Saturday, October 12, 2019

8:30am Lou & Angie Papadiero

Sunday, October 13, 2019

9:30am Rose Del Vicario Happy Birthday

Nicholas Vitolo

7:00pm Open Intention

Living Rosary & Novena

All are welcome

Are all invited to join the Rosary Society for the Living Rosary & Novena outside St. Cecilia's Church on all Mondays in October 7, 14, 21 & 28. Time 7:00 pm.

Rosary Triduum

Monday, October 7 St. Cecilia Church 7 pm

Tuesday, October 8 St. Cecilia Church 7 pm

Wednesday, October 9 St. Cecilia Church 7 pm

Refreshments will follow Triduum on Wednesday, October 9, in St. Cecilia's auditorium.

Open House

Regis High School; 55 East 84th St, N.Y., N.Y., Mon., Oct. 14, 1:00 am - 4:00 pm (212-288-1100 ext 2057)

Xavier High School; 30 West 16th St., N.Y., N.Y., Sat., Oct. 19, 11:30 am – 4:00 pm (212-924-7900)

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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

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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

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