

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 13, 2018

DIVINE MERCY PARISH

PARISH PRAYER

Merciful Father,

You create us in love, giving us abounding grace and providence to endure all the trials of life; granting us the vision of hope. Look with favor upon us, the parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish, for we place our trust in you. May your love and Spirit find its dwelling deep within our hearts. May we become witnesses of your mercy, so that in ministry and service, we may proclaim with great joy your justice and salvation, that it may be upon us and upon the whole world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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CALLED TO SERVE



For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as “one mightier than I.” But he did as Jesus asked, and the “Holy Spirit descended” and heaven’s voice spoke to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son.” Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today’s second reading, he announces the heart of the message, “peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.” Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God’s word.

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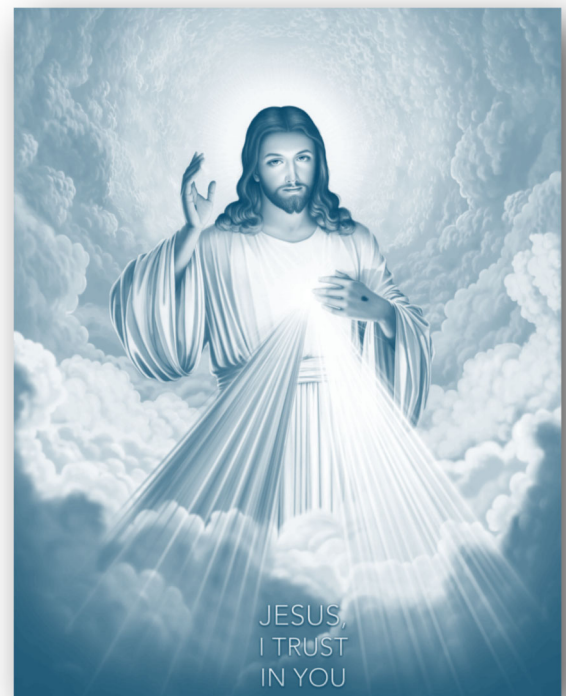
DIVINE MERCY CORNER

The Cross and the Resurrection

By Robt. Stackpole, STD (Oct. 6, 2005, thedivinemercy.org)

Although the message of Divine Mercy is prominent in the teachings of Jesus, and expressed through His works of healing throughout His Galilean ministry, the gospel writers emphasize that it is the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus, above all, that is the most decisive breakthrough of God's merciful love in this fallen world. For example, after St. Peter's confession of faith in Christ in chapter 9 of St. Luke's gospel, the rest of the book tells the story of Jesus' final missionary walk from Galilee to Jerusalem, His arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection. In other words, the story of the Cross and of Easter really begins at Lk. 9:22, and continues right to the end of the gospel in chapter 24! This clearly illustrates the overwhelming importance of these events in the story of God's merciful love that Luke is narrating

When our Lord was dying on the Cross, He never ceased to shower his merciful love upon those around Him. For example, He prayed for His persecutors: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Lk. 23:34). He gave the hope of pardon and eternal peace to the penitent thief crucified alongside Him: "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with me in paradise" (Lk. 23:43). He even made provision for the care of His mother from the Cross, and gave her to us as Mother of all Christians: "Woman, behold your son...son, behold your mother!" (Jn. 19:26-27).





WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2019:

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 26, 2019. This year our parish is partnering with St. Theresa's parish to participate in the walk as a community. We'll start with Mass at 8:30 a.m. in St. Lawrence O'Toole church then travel together to San Francisco. The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For more details see Joe or Marie Strusinski after Mass or sign-up on the interest sheet in the church entry. For complete information about the Walk, visit our parish website DivineMercy-Oak.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Vigil, January 12

- 4:00 STPB People of the Parish
- 5:30 SLOT Joe Padilla †

Sunday, January 13

- 8:30 STPB
- 10:30SLOT Juan & Delfina Dolores †
- 1:00 SLOT People of the Parish

Monday, January 14

- 8:30 SLOT Julia Anne Tully †

Tuesday, January 15

- 8:30 SLOT Ron

Wednesday, January 16

- 8:30 STPB
- 6:30 SLOT Carlos E. Mendez

Thursday, January 17

- 8:30 SLOT Larry Maynard

Friday, January 18

- 8:30 SLOT Roger Piegai †

Saturday, January 19

- 4:00 STPB
- 5:30 SLOT People of the Parish

Sunday, January 20

- 8:30 STPB
- 10:30SLOT Maximino & Beatriz Tacla †
- 1:00 SLOT



CONGRATULATIONS

... to our newly baptized: Manuel, Maya, Matias, Victor, Melissa, and Cleophas

Welcome and may God bless you with many graces!

THE BOX FOR SOCKS

We are all called to give with a cheerful heart and to be servants to the needy. From January 19th to January 27th the Saint Vincent De Paul Society of Divine Mercy Parish will be collecting "New Socks" for the homeless. Warm socks can bring such joy and comfort to the poor in the cold months ahead. If you'd like to make a "New Sock" donation, please drop in "The Box for Socks" box located in the vestibules of both Divine Mercy locations. All sizes of socks are welcome. Used socks are not acceptable. Thank you for your generous spirit and together we will walk in their shoes.



Envelopes: if you use envelopes for your offerings then please look for the 2019 envelope boxes in the church entry. Please be sure to take the box with your name and envelope number. Please note: all checks for parish contributions or offerings need to be paid to the order of "Divine Mercy Parish". Please call the office if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP

Divine Mercy Parish

January 6	\$ 6,784
Christmas	\$10,775

Thank you for your generosity!

**TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION IS FOR THE SEMINARY.
PLEASE USE THE SPECIAL COLLECTION ENVELOPE
AS THE BASKET WILL ONLY BE PASSED ONCE.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9;
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins

Thursday: St. Anthony

Friday: Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity
begins



Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany);
Blessed Virgin Mary

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:

Helen Cruz, Denise Sanford, Guadalupe Zaragoza, Felix Mba, Pamela Davis, Hernan Caceres, Veronica Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Arruabarrena, Robert & Barbara McNair, Marie Dezani, Rhea Rodgers, Anna Alberti, Joanne Tornatore-Pili, Sue Ann Dunford, David Pantalone, Jonathan Pantalone, Marilyn Yager, Richard Selby, Scott Hall, Bill Slon, Kathie Slon, Helen Weber, Gustavo Caceres, Carlos E. Mendez, Betty Tully, Kathy Ditlefsen, Castora Vivit, Dakota Soublet, Norma Perry, Steven Sheffield, Michel Johnson, Huda Prucha, Iman Johanbin, James Downing, Bella Lawson, and Leila Tassano

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Fr. Robert Blyman, Fr. Dan Danielson,
Simon Aguilar Bolanos, Claudia Blancher,
Sister Timothy Cronin, SHF, Lola Garcia
and Robert "Bob" Dianda

Please note the prayers for the sick will be refreshed every three months. If anyone listed on Ministry to the Sick would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Sister Mario at 510-530-0761 x104.

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Vigil Saturday 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. (Vietnamese)
Sunday 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. (Spanish)

ST. PASCHAL BAYLON

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
1st Friday 8:30 a.m.
Vigil Saturday 4 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Mass & Devotion
(St. Lawrence Church)

Pray the Chaplet in song, Confessions,
and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

BAPTISMS: Please contact the office to discuss the steps to Baptism for your children. We offer Baptism preparation classes in Spanish 1st Monday of the month; in English 2nd Monday @ 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples should contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired wedding date. Marriage Preparation is required.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (R.C.I.A.)

Call or email Fr. Brandon

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Before Masses Sunday or Wednesday 7-8:00 p.m. at
SLOT or call the office for an appointment

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