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BEBER, TIENES QUE IR A UNA FUENTE O A UN POZO.

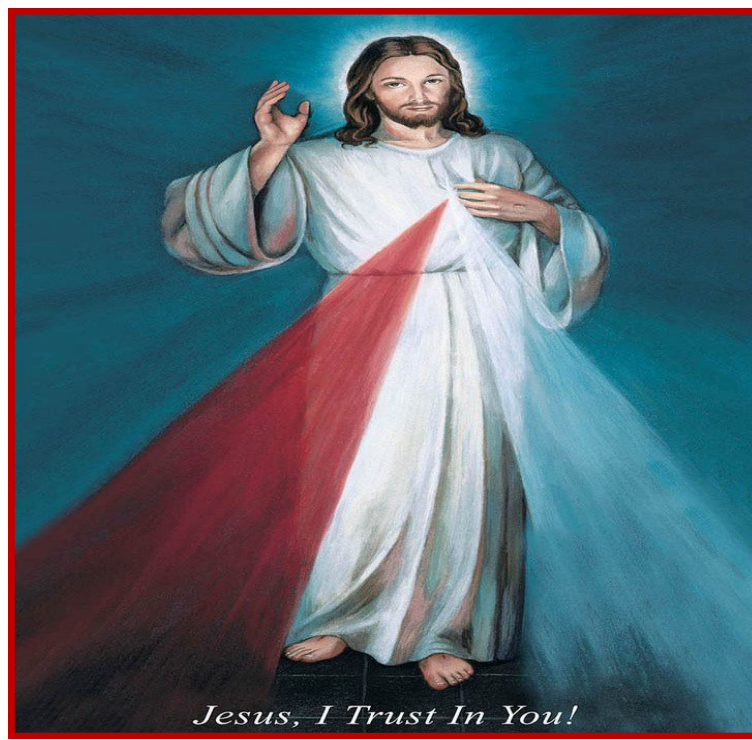
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Mission Statement

Divine Mercy Catholic Church strives to create a parish that reflects unity by witnessing, teaching and proclaiming the love of our Lord Jesus Christ; to educate our community through the teachings of the Catholic Church by spreading the message of mercy; to dedicate ourselves to the mission of Christ through the celebration of the sacraments, evangelization and services to others.

Clergy and Staff

- Father Michael A. De Leon, Pastor
- Father Luis E. Mares, Parochial Vicar
- Deacon Mario Guerra
- Deacon Gerardo Mares
- Deacon Michael Santasieri

Aby Acosta Administrative Assistant
Imelda Castro Administration / Office Assistant
Veronica D Garcia.. Coordinator of Religious Education

Ministries and Organizations

Any information about Ministries, Parish Groups, Organizations or Parish events please call the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday to Friday: 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass (English)
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Mass (English)
12:00 noon Mass (Spanish)
4:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday to Friday: 6:00 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.
At other times call for appointment

Sacraments

♦ **Baptisms**
By appointment only. On the third Saturday of each month at 10:00 A.M. Contact the Parish Office for more information regarding preparation.

♦ **Marriage:**
By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the proposed wedding date to avoid any complications or scheduling conflicts.

♦ **Quinceañeras Mass:**
By appointment only. Please contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the proposed Quinceañera date. They must have received: Baptism, and First Communion. The also must be enrolled in Confirmation Classes and/or Youth Group.

♦ **Anointing of the Sick:**
Please call the Parish Office when someone is seriously ill so that we can provide spiritual care.

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Parish Office (956)726-0210 ext. 100
Religious Education Office (956)726-0210 ext. 113

Welcome New Parishioners



We are glad you were led by God to join us!
If you are new to Divine Mercy Parish, we invite you to register as a parishioner.

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
07:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
10:00am Christmas Mass (English)
12:00pm Christmas Mass (Spanish)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30
6:30pm Mass (Spanish)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
07:00pm Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 01
10:00am Christmas Mass (English)
12:00pm Christmas Mass (Spanish)

Christmas Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
God's sentinels cry out with joy, for the saving power of God has become incarnate in our world. The Word is made flesh for us on this holy day. God's word now dwells among us, bringing light, bringing truth, bringing grace, bringing peace, bringing good news, bringing salvation.

Take home a candle that was lit in the presence of our Lord



Donation per candle \$6.00 @ the Office

Last Week Offertory Collection

05:00pm Saturday Mass	\$ 892.00
10:00am Sunday Mass	\$ 1,358.00
12:00pm Sunday Mass	\$ 1,419.00
04:00pm Sunday Mass	\$ 1,072.00
Sunday Collection Online	\$ 467.00
Building Fund	\$ 85.00
Online Building Fund	\$ 0.00
2nd Collection (non-parochial)	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,303.00



Monthly Dedications (Devotions)

Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

The Nativity of The Lord

"In the beginning," John began, as did the author of Genesis centuries before (1:1). The first humans were God's creation, made in God's own image, as is every human born into the world since. But not until Jesus was born, when the Word became flesh, when God's own Son took on our human nature, did we truly become brothers and sisters of Jesus and children of God. Then, when Jesus, fully divine and fully human, suffered and died and was raised, a measure of God's own immortality was bestowed upon us. As the fourth-century bishop Saint Athanasius said, God was made human so that we may become divine. From the beginning, the seeds of our divinity have been present. Through the Word made flesh, they have been sown.



"En el principio", comenzó Juan, como lo hizo el autor del Génesis siglos antes (1:1). Los primeros humanos fueron la creación de Dios, hechos a la imagen de Dios de él, como lo es cada ser humano nacido en el mundo desde entonces. Pero no hasta que nació Jesús, cuando el Verbo se hizo carne, cuando el propio Hijo de Dios asumió nuestra naturaleza humana, no nos convertimos verdaderamente en hermanos y hermanas de Jesús e hijos de Dios. Entonces cuando Jesús, plenamente divino y plenamente humano, sufrió y murió y resucitó, medida de la propia inmortalidad de Dios nos fue concedida. Como el obispo del siglo IV San Atanasio dijo que Dios se hizo humano para que nosotros nos hagamos divinos. Desde el principio, las semillas de nuestra divinidad han estado presentes. A través de Verbo hecho carne, han sido sembrados.

Question Of The Week

Can I accept Jesus into my heart despite the darkness that already dwells there? How can I show that I have accepted Jesus into my heart?

¿Puedo aceptar a Jesús en mi corazón a pesar de la oscuridad que ya habita allí? ¿Cómo puedo demostrar que he aceptado a Jesús en mi corazón?

CCD REMINDER
CHRISTMAS BREAK FOR CCD STUDENTS
No classes on December 25th, 2022 and January 1st, 2023.
Classes resume on January 8th, 2023.

Holiday Office Schedule
The Office will be Close to public from Dec. 26 through Dec. 29, and Jan. 02

This Week Observances

Sunday 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas Day)
Monday 26	St. Stephen, The First Martyr
Tuesday 27	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday 28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thursday 29	Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday 31	Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas St. Sylvester I, Pope

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

07:00pm Fam. Tirado (A.de G.)
† Roberto Pomares
† Francisco Urbina
† Luis Rodriguez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00am † Matthew E. Bondoc
† Ana Alicia vonZiegler
12:00pm Rocio Cardoza (B-Day)
† Rodolfo Villa
† Pedro Fernando Martinez
† Roberto Martinez

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

06:30pm Benditas Animas del Purgatorio

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

06:30pm † Consuelo Villegas

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

10:00am Adriana Ramos (B-Day)
† Petrita Alonso

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

06:30pm † Ernestina Escamilla
† Rosalio Cuevas



Sanctuary Candle



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From December 24 — December 31, 2022



Announcements

FELIZ 26 ANIVERSARIO SACERDOTAL PADRE LUIS E. MARES
DICIEMBRE 27

¡FELIZ 26 ANIVERSARIO SACERDOTAL PADRE LUIS MARES!

Amado Señor, hoy queremos darte gracias por la vida sacerdotal de nuestro pastor el Padre Luis E. Mares. Gracias por esa vocación que pusiste en su corazón, por haberlo elegido para servirte en ese ministerio que nos guía y nos permite estar más unidos a ti. Continúa derramando sobre él los dones de Tu Santo Espíritu para que continúe abriendo nuestros corazones para comprender Tu Palabra.

Padre Luis, con mucho cariño pedimos al Señor de la Divina Misericordia, que le siga fortaleciendo en su vocación de servirte y que siga derramando en usted esa alegría propia de Su Santo Espíritu, ya que además de traernos la alegría de la Eucaristía le hace también hacernos sonreír en este mundo lleno de penas con esa alegría propia de quien goza de la presencia del Espíritu Santo en su vida.

Ofrecemos nuestras oraciones pidiendo a Nuestra Santísima Madre la Virgen María quien en la sencillez de la gruta de Belén dió vida a Jesús le acompañe siempre a usted, sacerdote de su Hijo, al cuál le hace nacer cada día eucarísticamente en el altar.

¡Oh María, Reina de la esperanza, tú conoces la debilidad de los hombres, ayuda a Padre Luis y a todos los sacerdotes a ser fuertes ante la tentación, a caminar siempre con la fortaleza del que se sabe acompañado de tu amor, ayúdalos a soportar la incompreensión de la sociedad! Amén

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Dec. 24, 2022 Christmas Vigil Mass
7:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass (Bilingual)

Dec. 25, 2022 Christmas Day
10:00am - Christmas Mass (English)
12:00pm - Christmas Mass (Spanish)

Dec. 31, 2022 Vigil: Holy Mary Mother of God
7:00pm - Mass (Bilingual)

Jan. 1, 2023 Holy Mary Mother of God
10:00am - Mass (English)
12:00pm - Mass (Spanish)

