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Luke 11:9  
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—St. Thomas Aquinas

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mundo de amor y de  
paz

Benedicto XVI

**YO SOY**  
la **resurrección**  
y la **vida**; el que **cree**  
en **mí**, aunque esté  
muerto, **vivirá.**

Juan 11:25

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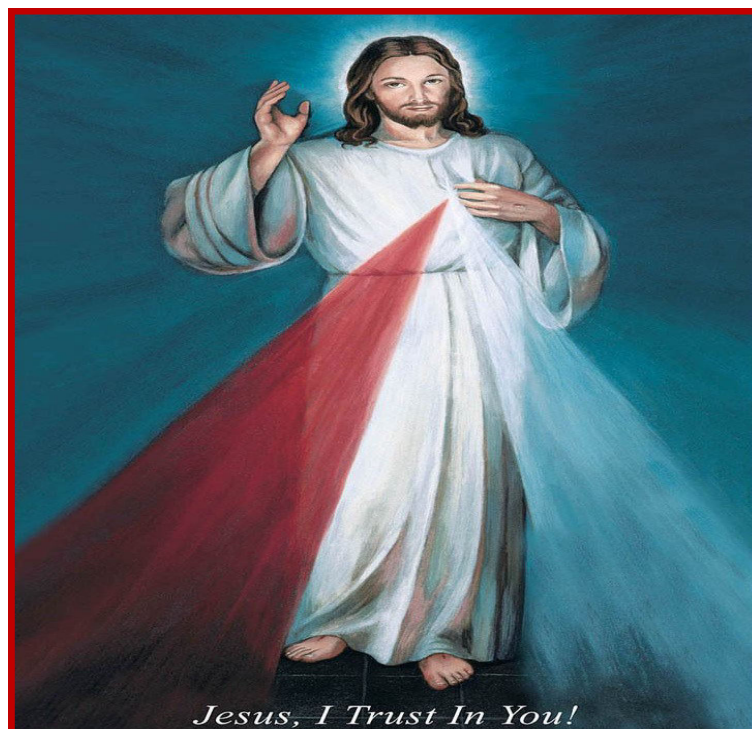
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# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

9350 Amber Ave. Laredo TX, 78045



*Jesus, I Trust In You!*

### 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. They 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

### 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.

## 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 2023

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
05:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (English)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
10:00pm Mass (English)  
12:00pm Mass (Spanish)  
04:00pm Mass (Spanish)

**MONDAY, APRIL 24** No Mass

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25**  
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**  
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**  
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**  
06:30pm Mass (Spanish)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**  
05:00pm Sunday Vigil Mass (English)

## Sunday Readings

**FIRST READING**  
Acts 2:14, 22-23 It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
Psalm 16 "Lord, you will show us the path of life."

**SECOND READING**  
1 Peter 1:17-21 We were saved with the precious Blood of Christ.

**GOSPEL**  
Luke 24:13-35 They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

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	\$ 2,034.00
10:00am Sunday Mass	\$ 1,694.66
12:00pm Sunday Mass	\$ 1,862.00
04:00pm Sunday Mass	\$ 1,286.00
Sunday Collection Online	\$ 986.00
Building Fund	\$ 27.00
Online Building Fund	\$ 100.00
2nd Collection (non-parochial)	\$ 215.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,204.66</b>



## Monthly Dedications (Devotions)



## The Holy Eucharist

### Third Sunday of Easter

Luke tells us one of the most beautiful stories of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection in his account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Though they do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them, they realize at once that their hearts had been burning within them as he broke open the scriptures for them on their journey. May the scripture we hear today set our own hearts aflame as we take in the wonder and triumph of the Easter event.



*Lucas nos cuenta una de las historias más hermosas de las apariciones de Jesús después de su resurrección en su relato de los discípulos en el camino a Emaús. Aunque no lo reconocen hasta que parte el pan con ellos, se dan cuenta de inmediato de que sus corazones habían estado ardiendo dentro de ellos cuando les abrió las Escrituras en su viaje. Que la escritura que escuchamos hoy encienda nuestros propios corazones mientras asimilamos la maravilla y el triunfo del evento de Pascua.*

### Question Of The Week

Luke says that at first the disciples' "eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (24:16). What prevents me from recognizing the Lord in our midst?

*Lucas dice que al principio "los ojos de los discípulos estaban impedidos de reconocerlo" (24:16). ¿Qué me impide reconocer al Señor en medio de nosotros?*

### Sor Faustina Quotes

"Although temptations are strong, a whole wave of doubts beats against my soul, and discouragement stands by, ready to act. The Lord, however, strengthens my will, against which all attempts of the enemy are shattered as if against a rock. I see how many actual graces God grants me; these support me ceaselessly. I am very weak, and I attribute everything to the grace of God." (1086, page 406)

### This Week Observances

Sunday 23	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Monday 24	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday 25	St. Mark, Evangelist
Wednesday 26	Easter Weekday
Thursday 27	Easter Weekday
Friday 28	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Saturday 29	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**  
05:00pm Divine Mercy Parishioners

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**  
10:00am † Matthew E. Bondoc  
† Jose E. Rodriguez  
† Juan Cesar Gonzalez

12:00pm Daughters of Divine Mercy Petitions  
† Rodolfo Villa  
† Pablo Rivera  
† Ruben Ballesteros

04:00pm Ana Ramos (B-Day)  
Rosa Cantu (B-Day)  
† David Garcia

**MONDAY, APRIL 24**  
No Mass

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25**  
06:30pm Maria Teresa Guardiola (Health)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**  
06:30pm † Luis Rodriguez

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**  
06:30pm † Eduardo Javier Martinez

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**  
06:00pm Marina Greig ( Health)  
Ambrosio Castro ( Health)



### Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle burns for  
† Juan Cesar Gonzalez  
From April 22 — April 29, 2023

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### LAST DAY OF CCD CLASSES

May 7th, 2023

#### FIRST COMMUNION:

#### CONFESSIONS

Friday, May 12 4:30pm to 6:30pm

#### FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Saturday, May 20, 2023 10:00am



#### CONFIRMATION:

#### CONFESSIONS

Friday, May 19 6:00pm to 7:30pm

#### CONFIRMATION MASS

Tuesday, May 23, 7:00pm



## Announcements

### Why Do Catholics Light Candles?

- Candles represent the eternal light of God.
- Throughout the Bible, fire is associated with God.
- Lit candles provide you an object for focusing your thoughts and prayers.
- We light candles for an individual. This may be for the soul of a deceased loved one or someone who is sick. Prayers are said for those in need of divine intervention or a divine blessing. We also light prayer candles when seeking divine guidance or in gratitude of blessings bestowed on you.

When you light a candle in prayer you feel a spiritual connection / communion with Christ.

### ¿Porque los Catolicos Encendemos Velas?

- Las velas representan la luz eterna de Dios.
- En toda la Biblia, el fuego está asociado con Dios.
- Las velas encendidas le proporcionan un objeto para enfocar sus pensamientos y oraciones.
- Encendemos velas para un particular. Esto puede ser para el alma de un ser querido fallecido o para alguien que está enfermo. Se dicen oraciones por aquellos que necesitan la intervención divina o una

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