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Mass Schedule

Weekday	12:00 pm Monday to Friday
Martes	7:00 pm Misa en Español
Saturday	9:00 am, 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm Misa en Español
Holydays	6:00 pm (Vigil Mass) 12:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm Misa en Español

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Trustees

*Second Sunday of
Advent*

December 8, 2019

Parish Membership

Our parish embraces diversity. We may come from different origins but we are one in faith, love & devotion to the merciful Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join our growing community. Please come and visit our office to register.

Parish Office/Rectory

Hours: Monday to Friday from
9 am - 2 pm

Email: office@divinemercyrahway.church

Tel (732)388-0082, (732)388-0083

CCD (732)382-0004

Sacramental Schedule

Confession Monday to Friday after the Mass,
Saturdays 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm or call the priest
for an appointment

Baptism Call the parish office to make an ap-
pointment with a priest

Marriage Couples planning marriage must notify the Parish
rectory a year in advance for date and requirement. Call
the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick Contact a priest at any time.

Holy Communion For anyone who are homebound or con-
fined in hospitals and would like to receive Holy Commu-
nion please contact the parish office or rectory.

Divine Mercy Parish Community

Worship Apostolate meets in Room 104

Rosary Society meets four times a year

Filipino Community Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month with
the Filipino Choir, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Church

Divine Mercy Ministry of Jesus Meets at the Vigil Mass on every
4TH Saturday of the month

Spanish Community Reuniones Hispanas

Eucaristía Dominical 12:30 pm

Bautismos Por favor llamar la oficina de Lunes a Viernes.

Matrimonio Feligreses registrados tienen que presentarse un
año antes de la boda.

Reconciliación Cada Martes Despues de la Misa 12:00 pm Y de
la 7:00 pm, Cada Miercoles Despues de la Misa de la
12:00pm

Unción de los Enfermos Por favor llamar a la oficina para visitas
a las casa o hospital.

Mensajeras del Amor de Cristo Visitan los enfermos Diana
(732)535-0278

Educación Religiosa llamada (732)382-0004

Movimiento Juan XXIII Jueves 8:00 pm Parish School #104

Grupo Guadalupano Martes 7:00 pm Iglesia

Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús" Sábado 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Aula 208

Grupo de Oración Sábado 7:00 pm Connell Hall

"Grupos Voluntarios Limpian La Iglesia"

Mil Avemarias - Cada Primera Semana del mes, Miercoles
manana

Juan XXIII - Cada Segunda Semana del mes, Sábado

Guadalupanos - Cada Tercera semana del mes, Sábado

Grupo de Oracion - Cada Cuarta semana del mes, Sábado

*Devotions***Eucharistic Adoration**

11:00 am Every first Friday of the month,

Mary Mother of God

9:00 am Every first Saturday of the month

Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Every 4TH Saturday of the month

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal

Novena on Mondays after the 12:00 pm Mass

St. Jude

Novena on Thursdays after the 12:00 pm Mass

Prayer for Advent

*Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the
darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our prepa-
rations for Christmas. We who have so much
to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice
each day. We who are anxious over many things look
forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in
so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the
light. To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!" - Henri J. M.
Nouwen*

Advent / Christmas Schedule**CONFESSIONS**

Monday to Friday @ 12:30 pm

Saturday @ 4:00 pm

Martes Y Miercoles @ 12:30pm

Martes @7:30 pm

MASSES

Christmas Eve/ December 25

@4:00 pm Vigil Mass

7:00 pm Misa de Vigilia (Espanol)

10:00 pm Midnight Mass/ Jesus Birth

New Year's Eve/ December 31st

@ 6:00 pm

New Year's Day/ January 1st

12:00 pm, 6:00pm

And 7:00 pm (Espanol)



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
(Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm † Leo and Stella Psikus



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Robert Dolan
9:30 am Special Intention of Evelyn & Fred Wolff Jr
11:00 am † Rosemary Klandt
12:30 pm † Lidia Sanchez

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 pm † Cory Ramirez & Lucrisia Pineda
7:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

12:00 pm † Robert Vesey
7:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Feast of Saint Damasus I

12:00 pm People of the Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00 pm † Lynn Gruber

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Feast of Saint Lucy

12:00 pm † Ann Galleta

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Feast of Saint John of the Cross

9:00 am † Alicia Suarez
4:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Kathleen Rozanski
9:30 am † Ismael Rivera
11:00 am Special Intention of Claire Gable
12:30 pm † Guadalupe Zacatula

All general mass intentions and private mass schedules are now posted at the Parish website <https://divinemercurahway.church> under Mass Intentions.

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS



The Tabernacle Lamp is being offered for
† Albert F Reitenmeyer



The Altar Bread is being offered for
† John R Reitenmeyer
The Altar Wine is being offered for
† Margaret Reitenmeyer



The Altar Candles are being offered for
† Albert F Reitenmeyer



THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30 am CCD classes
11:00 am RCIA Spanish class (103)
12:00 pm Food Pantry (Annex)
7:00 pm AA Meeting (Hall)
7:00 pm Guadalupe (Ch & Aud)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 pm Guadalupe (Ch & Aud)
7:00 pm Spanish Bible Classes (102)
7:00 pm Bible Study—Gospel of John (104)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 pm CCD & RCIA classes in English
7:00 pm Guadalupe (Church & Aud)
8:00 pm BLD_DCS Meeting (202)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 pm Guadalupe (Church & Aud)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:00 pm Guadalupe (Church & Aud)
7:30 pm Juan XXIII (201)
7:30 pm BLD_Single Parents (Hall)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:30 pm BLD All (AUD/ GYM)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

12:00 pm BLD Christmas Party Youth (AUD/GYM)
4:00 pm Angeles (208)
7:00 pm Grupo De Oracion (Hall)

All parish schedules are now posted at the Parish web Site <https://divinemercurahway.church> Events & News.

FOOD PANTRY



Our Parish has perpetual feeding program for the poor every **Sunday @ 12:00 pm** at the Annex Building. Any act of kindness and generosity to help them will be very much appreciated. Please remember & keep them in your prayers specially this Christmas time & winter season. **God bless!**



Baptism

Let's welcome and pray for the newly Baptized of our Parish community **Gabriela Garcia** and **Hudson P. Decker**.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I am deeply humbled by your overwhelming support to all upcoming and ongoing projects of our Parish. I am truly grateful for all your cooperation, prayers and generous donations to the following projects;

1) THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

This campaign has concluded and the construction for this project has started. The excess donation from this project of \$520 will be used for the lamp post that will stand beside the memorial bells. The names of donors for this project are now published in our website.

2) ADORATION ROOM

		DONORS	
Mario Caballero		Donor and Architect	
Felipe Gallegos		Carpenter	
Elizabeth Rogers		Donated Divine Mercy Frame	
Alex Marble & Juana Guadalupe Lima	\$750	Norma	\$100
Miguel Caranza	\$50	Mil Aves Marias	\$300
Sonia Estremera	\$25	Anonymous	\$100
Carlos & Graciela Rodriguez	\$50	Victoria Batista	\$50
Gabriela Salgado	\$25	Luis & Erika Olle	\$150
Carlos & Miriam Balseca	\$50	Mercedes Gamboa	\$300
Fernando/ Maria Cardosa	\$60	Juana Perez	\$40
Robert & Maria Castro	\$50	Ilda Monteroso	\$500
Rosa Garcia	\$40	Jose & Angela Osorio	\$200
Rosary Society	\$200	Eunice Urdinola	\$50
Filipino Choir	\$100	Amanda Gonzalez	\$100
Marie Hyppolite	\$150	Jorge & Heminilda Betancur	\$500
Stephen McCarthy	\$50	Robert Sivitsky	\$25
Anonymous 2	\$200	William & Noreen Rack	\$500
Eleanor Orpilla	\$50	Anonymous	\$50
† Nina Baynosa	\$400	Darlene Beadling	\$150
Anonymous 4	\$100	Dolly Cardona	\$50
Knights of Columbus 1146	\$250	Juanita Dickson	\$100
Citsay Family	\$50	Anonymous 5	\$50
Yolanda D Burgos	\$50	AJ Landscaping	\$100

I am very excited to inform all of you that the construction for this project has started. The Adoration Room will be located at the right front wing of the Church. The estimated cost of this project is **\$7,977.76**. The total donations as of **12/03/2019** is **\$6,165**. Again from the bottom of my heart thank you very much for your continued support and generosity!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Alexander T. Cruz



Parish **Giving Online** is now available at Divine Mercy Parish. Sign-up is quick and easy via the link on our website (<https://divinemercyrahway.church>). For any questions or inquiries, please send an email to webadmin@divinemercyrahway.church

Saint of the Week

December 9 & 12 are Feast Days especially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary



Prayer to the Virgin of Guadalupe

O Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Fair love, protect our families so that they may always be united and bless the upbringing of our children.

Our hope, look upon us with pity, teach us to go continually to Jesus, and if we fall help us to rise again and return to him through the confession of our faults and our sins in the sacrament of penance, which gives peace to the soul.

We beg you to grant us a great love of all the holy sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth.

Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our consciences, with our hearts free from evil and hatred, we will be able to bring to all others true joy and true peace, which come to us from your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

(By Pope Saint John Paul II)

Reflection for the Second Week of Advent

When the Lord comes "he baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Do you want to be on fire for God and for the return of the Lord Jesus when he comes in his glory? Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deut. 4:24), righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). It is also used of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:11 and Acts 2:3). God's fire both purifies and cleanses, and it inspires a reverent fear of God and of his word in us.

John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion -- to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was *filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb* (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leapt in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit?

John the Baptist was *more than a prophet* (Luke 7:26). John was the *voice* of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matt. 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.



Continuation...

With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus. John's baptism was for repentance -- turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). Jesus is ready to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy and truth of the gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. His word has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Christ in the way you live, work, and speak?

"Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ."

Reflection by Don Schwager <http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/matt3v1.htm>

SUNDAY READINGS

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

Psalms 72 : 1 - 2, 7 - 8, 12 - 13, 17

Romans 15: 4 - 9

Gospel from Matthew 3: 1 - 12



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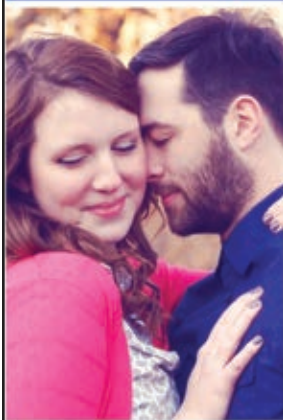
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