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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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*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

December 29, 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@divinemercurahway.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 Commun-
ion 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

December 29



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 24

@4:00 pm Vigil Mass

7:00 pm Misa de Vigilia (Español)

10:00 pm Midnight Mass/ Jesus Birth

Christmas Day/ December 25

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm Español

New Year's Eve/ December 31

@ 6:00 pm

New Year's Day/ January 1

12:00 pm, 6:00pm

& 7:00 pm (Español)



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28
(Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm † Disney Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am † Joseph & Helen Hudzik

9:30 am † Vincent Badalis Jr

11:00 am † Richard Tobin

12:30 pm † Paulina Maria Rivas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:00 pm People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Feast of Saint Sylvester I

12:00 pm Thanksgiving by Elizabeth James

6:00 pm † Jean Joseph & Elizabeth Pierre

7:00 pm † John Reitenmeyer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

12:00 pm † Franklin Ferguson

6:00 pm † Albert Reitenmeyer

7:00 pm † Margaret Reitenmeyer

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Feast of Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

12:00 pm † Rafael Cadavid

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:00 pm † Geogy Joy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 am † John Reitenmeyer

4:00 pm (Thanksgiving) Rose Marie George-Winston

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am † Frank Swart

9:30 am † Agnes Hogan

11:00 am † Albert Reitenmeyer

12:30 pm † Familia Baños Cermeño

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 29

NO CCD & RCIA classes

12:00 pm Food Pantry (Annex)

1:00 pm Parish Christmas Party

7:00 pm AA Meeting (Hall)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:00 pm Spanish Bible Classes (102)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NO CCD & RCIA classes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 pm BLD_DCS Meeting (202)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

7:30 pm Juan XXIII (201)

7:30 pm BLD_Single Parents (Hall)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

11:00 am HOLY HOUR (Church)

6:30 pm ROSARY, Knights of Columbus (Church)

7:30 pm BLD All (AUD/ GYM)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 am 1,000 Hail Mary (Church or 101)

4:00 pm Angeles (208)

7:00 pm Grupo De Oracion (Hall)

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



Baptism

Let's welcome and pray for the newly Baptized of our Parish community **Mia Victoria Bustos, Justin T. Colon & Lucas Isaac Yanes.**



For the Recently Deceased of the Parish

Let us pray for the eternal repose for the soul of **Gilbert Brindley**. Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord let perpetual light shine upon them. May she rest in peace. Amen

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 .

ADORATION ROOM

DONORS

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

The Adoration room was blessed last December 21, 2019 and now open for the faithful from 8:30 am to 1:00pm. It is located at the right front wing of the Church. Please call the rectory to register for the holy hour. Fr. Jozef Krajnak is the priest in charge of the Adoration Room.

The total donations for this project as of 12/16/2019 is \$7,165. Again from the bottom of my heart thank you very much for your continued support and generosity!


Yours in Christ,
Rev. Alexander T. Cruz

THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH



We are pleased to announce the completion of construction work for the Memorial Bells of the former St. Mark's Church. The memorial has been erected in front of the parish rectory using several bricks from the church. We were able to salvage the original cornerstone from the church with the inscribed marking of "A.D. MDCCCLXXXVII" (Year of our Lord 1887). It is located in the left corner of the monument. We will be scheduling a dedication date sometime in the spring of 2020. Please watch our bulletin and website for further details. We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners and benefactors who have made this endeavor possible.





FOOD PANTRY

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



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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Last October I was honored by an invitation to preach at a suburban Philadelphia parish for its annual Forty Hours Devotion. I was warmly received by the pastor and his staff. I soon learned from the parish secretary that she and others on the staff had all attended the parish school together. That coincidence added to their camaraderie at the lunch table. That same secretary had opined that for them “this town is the center of the universe.”

That description of a certain beloved place could easily have applied at a unique time to a tiny, dusty village called Nazareth. It was God’s choice for at least 30 years as “the center of the universe.” We know why. But that very idea would have been laughable to Our Lord’s contemporaries. For all its subsequent fame and ultimate glory, little Nazareth is not even mentioned in the whole Old Testament. As for that prophecy we read today, scholars tell us that St. Matthew was using a little creative imagination based on texts that only hinted at the town’s name.

On this Holy Family Sunday, dare I take that heartfelt description of a town and apply it to our families? They are, or should be, the center of our little universes, should they not? I know that’s a risky thing to say, seeing how so many families struggle these days. Just staying in touch is sometimes difficult. Staying together often develops into a challenge. Using our cell phones, tablets and computers helps. Social media may ease the strain.

But none of those can overcome the devastating effects of divorce. Skipping over other possible obstacles, there is also that anger and resentment that arises sometimes once the will of a parent or other relative is presented by the family lawyer. The Reconciliation Room walls in many a Catholic church could tell you more.

Yet all those obstacles are not insuperable. This is especially so when we meet them with good will and open minds, topped off by the attitude Jesus taught by word and example about our dealings with other residents of our planet. Add to that St. Paul’s “recipe” for right relations in this weekend’s Second Reading.

**CONTINUATION...**

We know that even the Holy Family had its difficulties. There were those inconvenient travel orders given to St. Joseph which he met with his exemplary obedience. The burden was shared by a pregnant Blessed Mother. Later, both parents were faced with the fright and temporary helplessness of a lost child. Then came that boy Child’s upsetting question: “*Did you not know that I had to be about My Father’s business?*” To these we add the presumed early death of St. Joseph. Then there were the seven sorrows foretold by Simeon of Mary, leading to her place at the foot of the Cross.

One substantial help for all our families amid the present social upheaval in our Western culture is that attributed to the late Father Patrick Peyton: “*The family that prays together stays together.*” It’s not an outdated slogan. I even spotted that recently on a roadside billboard. I believe it’s worth a try. To which I add that that’s the real beauty of a family at Mass. I admire the parents of babies and toddlers, who bring them to church nicely dressed and ready for prayer, despite the work that must entail.

While we all work to heal our center, there’s always humor to soften the edges of the effort. Here is a sampling of family-based humor from three past comedians. From the late Bob Hope: “*I grew up with six brothers. That’s how I learned to dance—waiting for the bathroom!*” Buddy Hackett: “*As a child, my family’s menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.*” And finally Sam Levenson: “*The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they have a common enemy.*” **Today, take some time to enjoy being part of a family.**

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

SUNDAY READINGS

Sirach 3: 2 - 6, 12-14

Psalms 128 : 1 - 2, 3, 4 - 5

Colossians 3: 12 - 21 or

Colossians 3: 12 - 17

Gospel from Matthew 2: 13 - 15, 19-23

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