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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

#### Rev. Alexander T. Cruz

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Resident Priest, extn 104

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Joseph Keefe

**Arlene Mione** 

Trustees

The Epiphany of The Lord

January 5, 2020

#### **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 appointment 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 confined in hospitals and would like to receive Holy Communion 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  $\mathbf{4}^{\mathsf{TH}}$  Saturday of the month

Spanish Community Reuniones Hispanas

Eucaristía Dominical 12:30 pm

Bautisos 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 Ilamada (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 Seguda 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**

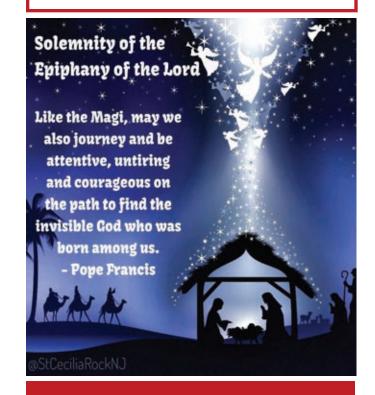
3:00 pm Every 4<sup>TH</sup> Saturday of the month

#### 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



#### **New Year Prayer**

#### Be Our Light for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,

Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for

A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.
Come, Holy Spirit,
Be with us today and always.

- Author Unknown



## SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

(Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm Thanksgiving by Rose Marie

George-Wiston

#### **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 Banos Cermeno

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

#### Feast of Saint Andre Bessette

12:00 pm People of the Parish

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

#### Feast of Saint Raymond of Penyafort

12:00 pm † Gloria Moore 7:00 pm † Albert Reitenmeyer

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

12:00 pm † John Reitenmeyer

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**

12:00 pm † Gilbert Brindley

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

9:00 am † Margaret Reitenmeyer

4:00 pm † Mary Pileggi

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

#### The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am † Albert Reitenmeyer 9:30 am † Gilbert Brindley 11:00 am † John Reitenmeyer 12:30 pm † Margaret Reitenmeyer

All general mass intentions and private mass schedules are now posted at the Parish website <a href="https://divinemercyrahway.church">https://divinemercyrahway.church</a>.

#### **Baptism**



Let's welcome and pray for the newly Baptized of our Parish community John J. Scott, and Aleiny Mena Marte.

#### 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, JANUARY 5**

9:30 am CCD classes 11:00 am RCIA classes 12:00 pm Food Pantry (Annex) 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Hall)

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 6**

7:00 pm Spanish Bible Classes (102)

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

7:00 pm CCD & RCIA classes in English7:00 pm Guadalupano (Ch)

8:00 pm BLD DCS Meeting (202)

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30 pm Juan XXIII (201)

7:30 pm BLD\_Single Parents (Hall)

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**

7:30 pm BLD All (AUD/ GYM)

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

4:00 pm Angeles (208)

7:00 pm Grupo De Oracion (Hall)

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#### 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	Mercedez Gamboa	\$300
Gabriela Salgado	\$25	Juana Perez	\$40
Carlos & Miriam Balseca	\$50	Ilda Monteroso	\$500
Fernando/ Maria Cardosa	\$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

#### **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!

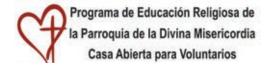
#### THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH



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 "Year of our Lord MDCCCLXXXVII" (1887). It will be placed 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.



Join us as we discuss opportunities available and how your gifts can used in service to the Lord. There will be two chances to attend. It will be on January 5, 2020 and January 12, 2020 from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM in the CCD office. We need you!



¡Llegado uno viene todos! Únase a nosotros mientras discutimos las oportunidades disponibles y cómo se pueden usar sus dones al servicio de nuestro Señor. Domingo, 5 y 12 de Enero 2020. 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM ¡Te necesitamos!



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

"On entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. " Matthew 2:11

"Epiphany" means manifestation. And the "Epiphany of the Lord" is Jesus' manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were "wise men" who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the "star" that God is using to call you. It's closer than you may think.

A second thing to note is that the Magi fell prostrate before the Christ Child. They laid their lives down before Him in complete surrender and adoration. They set a perfect example for us. If these astrologers from a foreign land could come and adore Christ in such a profound way, we must do the same. Perhaps you could try literally lying down prostrate in prayer this day, in imitation of the Magi, or at least do so in your heart through prayer. Adore Him with a complete surrender of your life.

Lastly, the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These three gifts, presented to our Lord, show that they acknowledged this Child as the Divine King who would die to save us from sin. Gold is for a King, frankincense is a burnt offering to God, and myrrh is used for one who would die. Thus, their adoration is grounded in the truths of who this Child is. If we are to adore Christ properly, we must also honor Him in this threefold way.



#### SUNDAY READINGS

Isaiah 60: 1-6

**Psalms** 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

**Ephesians** 3: 2-3A, 5-6

Gospel from Matthew 2:1-12



#### Continuation,

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

Reflection from https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/

#### **Prayer Suggestion**

Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. (Pray three times and then prostrate yourself before the Lord) Jesus, I trust in You.

On coming to the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him.

Matthew 2:11

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## What's My Name?

The **#WHATSMYNAME** Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

### **#WHATSMYNAME**

In Rememberance of Samantha Josephson