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*Jesus says, "Truly, truly, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."*

*John 3:3,5*

### Mass Schedule

<b>Weekday</b>	12:00 pm Monday to Friday
<b>Martes</b>	7:00 pm Misa en Español
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am, 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm Misa en Español
<b>Holydays</b>	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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**Arlene Mione**

Trustees

*The Baptism of  
The Lord  
January 12, 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@divinemercurahway.church](mailto: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 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  
4<sup>TH</sup> 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 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

### *FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

*January 12*



### **Congratulations !!!**

#### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS**

##### **FIRST PRICE**

Flat Screen TV - Greg Hudzik ticket # 1474

##### **SECOND PRICE**

Refrigerator - Jane Fuentes Ticket#1498

##### **THIRD PRICE**

BBQ Grill - Wendy Guevarra Ticket#1024

##### **FOURTH PRICE**

Vacuum - Monserrat Cruz Ticket#0721

##### **FIFTH PRICE**

Heater - Edwin Fernando Ticket#2229



- SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**  
( Vigil Mass )  
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
- MONDAY, JANUARY 13**  
*Feast of Saint Hillary*  
12:00 pm People of the Parish
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**  
12:00 pm † Bill & Connie Flanagan  
7:00 pm † Gilbert Brindley
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**  
12:00 pm † Carl Gilbert
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**  
12:00 pm † Gilbert Brindley
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**  
*Feast of Saint Anthony*  
12:00 pm † Antonio M. Pineda
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**  
9:00 am † Trinidad Paguiligan  
4:00 pm Stephanie Sotomayor (Birthday)
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**  
8:00 am † Therese Novak  
9:30 am † Gilbert Brindley  
11:00 am † Jose Agustin Hernandez  
12:30 pm † Gilbert Brindley  
5:00 pm † Gilbert Brindley

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

**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 12**  
9:00 am Food Sale (AUD)-Bible Class  
9:30 am CCD classes  
11:00 am RCIA classes  
12:00 pm Food Pantry (Annex)  
7:00 pm AA Meeting (Hall)

- MONDAY, JANUARY 13**  
7:00 pm Spanish Bible Classes (102)  
7:00 pm Bible Class (104)

- TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**  
7:00 pm CCD & RCIA classes in English  
7:00 pm Guadalupano (Ch)  
8:00 pm BLD\_DCS Meeting (202)

- THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**  
7:30 pm Juan XXIII (201)  
7:30 pm BLD\_Single Parents (Hall)

- FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**  
7:30 pm BLD All (AUD/ GYM)

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**  
1:00 pm Labitan Baptism Reception (Hall)  
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.



**For the Recently Deceased of the Parish**  
Let us pray for the eternal repose for the soul of **Janet Dowds**. Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord let perpetual light shine upon them. May she rest in peace. Amen



**Baptism**

Let's welcome and pray for the newly Baptized of our Parish community **Jared A. Batres**.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish of Divine Mercy is truly blessed with your kind and generous heart which made the following projects possible.

**THE ADORATION ROOM**

The Adoration room was completed December 20, 2019 & was blessed last December 21, 2019 by Bishop Marconi. It is now open to all the faithful from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Monday to Friday. For its weekend hours please consult the person in charge of the Adoration room. It is located at the right front wing of the Divine Mercy Church. Please call the rectory to register for the holy hour. Rev. Jozef Krajnak Ph.D. is the priest in charge of the Adoration Room.

**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.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Alexander T. Cruz



To all religious education student and parents please be advised of the following schedule;

**Sunday, January 12, 2020 @ 9:30 am**

**Mandatory First Communion Parent Meeting**

This meeting is only for parents whose children will be receiving their first Penance and First Communion this year.

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 7:00 pm**

**Mandatory Confirmation Parent Meeting**

This meeting is only for parents whose children will be receiving their Confirmation this April.

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020 @ 7:00 pm**

**Protecting God's Children Training Workshop & Certification**

The workshop is for all parents and volunteers interested in working with the youth.



Divine Mercy Parish  
Religious Education Program  
Volunteer Open House

Join us as we discuss opportunities available and how your gifts can be 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!



Programa de Educación Religiosa  
de la Parroquia de la Divina Misericordia  
Casa Abierta para Voluntarios

¡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://divinemercurahway.church>). For any questions or inquiries, please send an email to [webadmin@divinemercurahway.church](mailto:webadmin@divinemercurahway.church)

**REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

The Baptism of the Lord is the great event celebrated by the Eastern churches on the feast of Epiphany because it is the occasion of the first public revelation of all the Three Persons in the *Holy Trinity*, and the official revelation of *Jesus as the Son of God* to the world by God the Father. Hence, it is described by all four Gospels. It marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The Christmas season, celebrating the Self-revelation of God through Jesus, comes to an end with the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. Christmas is the feast of God's Self-revelation to the Jews, and Epiphany celebrates God's Self-revelation to the Gentiles. At his Baptism in the Jordan, Christ reveals himself to repentant sinners. The liturgical season of Christmas comes to a conclusion this Sunday with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

**Life messages:**

1) **The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity and mission.** First, it reminds us of *who we are* and *Whose we are.* By Baptism we become the adoptive sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven and temples of the Holy Spirit. We become incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made sharers in the priesthood of Christ [CCC #1279]. Hence, "Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1213). Most of us dipped the fingers of our right hand into the holy water font and blessed ourselves when we came into Church today. *Why?* This blessing is supposed to remind us of our Baptism. And so when I bless myself with Holy Water, I should be thinking of the fact that I am a child of God; that I have been redeemed by the Cross of Christ; that I have been made a member of God's family; and that I have been washed, forgiven, cleansed and purified by the Blood of the Lamb.

2) **Jesus' baptism reminds us of our mission:** **a)** to experience the presence of God within us, to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children and to appreciate the Divine Presence in others by honoring them, loving them and serving them in all humility; **b)** to live as the children of God in thought, word and action so that our Heavenly Father may say to each one of us what He said to Jesus: "You are My beloved son/daughter with whom I am well pleased." It means that we are to let His thoughts direct our thoughts, His mind control our mind, His concerns be our concerns. In the Church we all share the same intimate connection with Christ; we are all brothers and sisters in Christ; **c)** to lead a holy and transparent Christian life and not to desecrate our bodies (the temples of the Holy Spirit and members of Jesus' Body) by impurity, injustice, intolerance, jealousy or hatred; **d)** to accept both the good and the bad experiences of life as the gifts of a loving Heavenly Father for our growth in holiness;

**Continuation....**

**e)** to grow daily in intimacy with God by personal and family prayers, by reading the Word of God, by participating in the Holy Mass, and by frequenting the Sacrament of Reconciliation; and **f)** to be co-creators with God in building up the "Kingdom of God" on earth, a Kingdom of compassion, justice and love, and to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In other words, He has called us to help others to see, through the love that we show and the help that we give, that God loves them, that He also invites them to be His sons and daughters and that He wants to be their helper and strength through all the troubles that life in this world can bring.

3) **This is the day for us to remember the graces we have received in Baptism and to renew our Baptismal promises:** On the day of our Baptism, as Pope St. John Paul II explains, "We were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, the sign of Christ's gentle strength, to fight against evil. Blessed water was poured over us, an effective sign of interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We were then anointed with Chrism to show that we were thus consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father's Anointed One. The candle lighted from the Paschal Candle was a symbol of the light of Faith which our parents and godparents must have continually safeguarded and nourished with the life-giving grace of the Spirit." This is also a day for us to renew our Baptismal promises, consecrating ourselves to the Holy Trinity and "rejecting Satan and all his empty promises," which our profane world is constantly offering us through its mass-media of communication. Let us ask Our Lord today to make us faithful to our Baptismal promises. Let us thank Him for the privilege of being joined to His mission of preaching the "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.

Reflection by Fr. Antony Kadavil ,excerpt from

<https://www.vaticannews.va/>

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**Isaiah** 42: 1-4, 6-7

**Psalms** 29 : 1 - 2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

**Acts** 10: 34-38

**Gospel from Matthew** 3: 13 - 17

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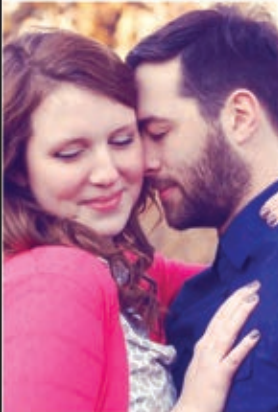
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