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*"One does not live by  
bread alone,*

*but by every word that  
comes forth from the mouth  
of God."*

*Matthew 4:4B*

### 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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**Joseph Keefe**

**Arlene Mione**

Trustees

*First Sunday of  
Lent*

*March 1, 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](mailto: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 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 Después de la Misa 12:00 pm Y de la 7:00 pm, Cada Miércoles Después 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 "Ángeles de Jesús"** Sábado 4:00pm - 6:00pm Aula 202

**Grupo de Oración** Sábado 7:00 pm Connell Hall

#### "Grupos Voluntarios Limpian La Iglesia"

**Mil Avemarias** - Cada Primera Semana del mes, Miércoles mañana

**Juan XXIII** - Cada Segunda Semana del mes, Sábado

**Guadalupanos** - Cada Tercera semana del mes, Sábado

**Grupo de Oración** - 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

### Divine Mercy Parish Lenten Mission 2020

"Everyone is invited to our Parish Lenten Mission from **March 7 - 11, 2020**. We especially invite those who are suffering bodily and spiritual sickness to avail of these opportunity to experience the healing mercy of our Lord

Jesus Christ.

Our spiritual guide for this year will be **Rev. Robert Joel T. Cruz**, Healing Priest/Pastor of St. Andrew Church Amelia, Louisiana."

**March 7 & 8** Fr. Robert will preach in all Masses

**March 9 & 10**

6:30 pm Mass, Fr. Robert, celebrant

7:00 pm Praise/Worship/Q&A/ testimony

**March 11**

6:30 pm Praise/Worship,

7:00 pm Mass & Healing Service with Fr. Robert

**March 9 to 11**

Consultation & Healing @ Room 104 & 101

9:00 am to 12 pm & 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

### Adoration Room Schedule

Please sign up for the **HOLY HOUR** in preparation for the **Parish Lenten Mission**. Our Adoration room is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please contact Fr. Joseph Krajnak if interested @732-3880082.



### For the Deceased of the Parish

Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Irene Mc Elroy & Mary Heim**. Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



### Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to **Arnulfo Alvarez & Maria de Jesus Gonzalez**. May Christ bless you with forever.



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**  
*( Vigil Mass )*

4:00 pm † Albert Reitenmeyer

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**  
*First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am † Michael Muke  
9:30 am † Donna Cherry  
11:00 am † Jose Alvarez  
12:30 pm † Nelida Carino

**MONDAY, MARCH 2**

12:00 pm † Pacifico Marcelo

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

*Saint Katharine Drexel*

12:00 pm People of the Parish  
7:00 pm Raquel Fernandez ( Health & Well Being)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

*Saint Casimir*

12:00 pm † Lorraine Smarsch

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

12:00 pm † Michael Joseph D'Agostine  
7:00 pm † Albert Reitenmeyer (Spanish Mass)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

12:00 pm † Jose Alvarez

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

*Saints Perpetua and Felicity*

9:00 am † Ellen Crane  
4:00 pm † Mary Pileggi

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am † Maria & Camillo Gerbino  
9:30 am † Arthur Greslin  
11:00 am † Franklin Ferguson  
12:30 pm † John Ariel Benites

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



To Sign-up for Parish **Giving Online** please visit our website <https://divinemercyrahway.church>. For any questions or inquiries, please send an email to [webadmin@divinemercyrahway.church](mailto:webadmin@divinemercyrahway.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, MARCH 1**

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 2**

7:00 pm Spanish Bible Classes (102)  
7:00 pm Bible Class (104)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3**

7:00 am RCIA/CCD classes  
7:00 pm Guadalupano (Ch)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

7:30 pm BLD DCS Meeting (203)  
7:30 pm Catechist Class Juan XXII (201/202)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5**

7:30 pm Juan XXIII (201)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

11:00 am HOLY HOUR (Church)  
5:00 pm BLD All (AUD/ GYM/Church)  
6:30 pm Rosary—Knight of Columbus

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

*Start of Lenten Mission*

7:00 am BLD All (AUD/GYM/Church/208)  
9:00 am 1,000 Hail Mary (101)  
4:00 pm Angeles (202)  
7:00 pm Grupo De Oracion (Hall)

All schedules are posted at the Parish website <https://divinemercyrahway.church> Events & News.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this Lenten message, you probably notice how days are getting longer. The light of day is conquering the darkness of night which is exactly what LENT is all about. The word Lent from the old English means "spring" which is just around the corner.

Lent is the springtime of our Christian faith. We are all invited to search the light through prayers, fasting and abstinence. Remember how God broke the darkness of the world by bringing us light in the beginning of time, "Let there be light", He said. Then he offered his Son to be the light of the human race. I pray this Lent for God's light for all of you, that He may break and shine into your lives to light your path forward. A blessed Lent to you all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Alexander T Cruz

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dearest Parishioners,

I am very happy to inform all of you that we are to start our first project for 2020 which is the renovation of the old restroom & the addition of new restrooms for our church. There will be separate restrooms for the ladies and gentlemen. The estimated cost of the project is \$10,000. As of **February 26, 2020** the total donation is **\$8,040**. Please help us pray and raise funds for the success of this project.

## DONORS

**Ilda Monterroso - \$500**      **Grupo de Oracion - \$1,000**  
**Spanish Group - \$1,000**      **❤️ Dinner Dance - \$3,000**  
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Thank you very much and may God bless you all.

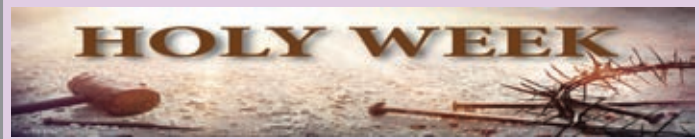
Yours in Christ,

Rev. Alexander T. Cruz

## Fasting &amp; Abstinence

**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

SCHEDULE  
(HORARIO SEMANA SANTA)**Palm Sunday (Mass)/Domingo de Ramos**

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm Misa en Espanol

**Monday/ Lunes de la Semana Santa**

12:00 pm Mass & Station of the Cross after Mass

7:00 pm Movie Night "St. Paul the Apostle"

**Tuesday/Martes de la Semana Santa**

12:00 pm Mass & Station of the Cross after Mass

7:00 pm Misa en Espanol 7:30pm to 9pm Confesiones

**Wednesday/Miercoles de la Semana Santa**

12:00 pm Mass & Station of the Cross after Mass

6:30 pm Confession in English 8:00 pm Tenebrae

**Holy Thursday/ Jueves Santo**

7:00 pm Mass & Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)

Adoration after Mass until 11:00 pm

**Good Friday/ Viernes Santo**

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy (Bilingual)

4:30 pm Via Crucis (Espanol)

6:00 pm Confession & Stations of the Cross (English)

**Holy Saturday/ Vigilia Pascual**

12:00 pm Mediodia Mater Dolorosa Espanol

8:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday/ Domingo de Pascua del Senor**

7:30 am Salubong/Encuentro

**Mass Schedule**

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm Misa en Espanol



## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

To all students and parents please be advised of the following schedule;

**Confirmation Student Retreat**

Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 9:00 am to 5 pm (4 pm Mass)

**First Penance of First Communion Recipients**

Sunday, March 22, 2020 @ 2:00 pm

**Good Friday, Children's Station of the Cross**

Friday, April 10, 2020 @ 10:00 am (Church)

**First Communion Rehearsal**

Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 10am to 12 pm (Church)

**Confirmation Rehearsal**

Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 1 pm to 3pm (Church)

**First Communion Mass**

Saturday, May 2, 2020 @ 12 pm (Church)

**First Communion Spanish Mass**

Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 12:30 pm (Church)



### Reflection

Life teaches us humility, whether we desire it or not, and in a particular way — by constantly reminding us of just how much we don't know, or ever *will* know. Our arc of wisdom takes a curious direction, almost akin to the film *Benjamin Button*, whose protagonist was born old and aged backwards toward infancy. In life, many of us start off believing we burst onto the world fully formed, and fully armed with wisdom and knowledge. We put our confidence ourselves, considering ourselves to be the largest part of the world, and believing deeply that we really know everything there is to know and that we can run things better than anyone else. As we age, we grow smaller, less arrogant, while the world expands impossibly around us.

Today's readings bring this to mind. In our first reading from Genesis, the creation of man is explained, and then the fall from Eden. Adam and Eve are young, close to the Lord, but full of desire to master the world. The serpent tempts them to disobey by promising that they will become God's equal when they eat the forbidden fruit, able to discern good from evil and run things themselves rather than trusting in the Lord to do so. They eat the fruit and thus gain knowledge and experience — but it also teaches them just how unprepared they are for the role they hoped to usurp. They discover their nakedness, hide from the Lord, and end up having to leave the Garden and brave the wilderness on their own — and find out how much they really *don't* know.

Through this act of disobedience and arrogance, Adam and Eve transform the world of the Lord into the world of men, and of original sin. From this point forward, we can divide reality into two parts: the world as God willed it, and the world that man created through devotion to his own will. Throughout the Old Testament, God continuously called men and women back to His will, only to have us choose repeatedly to serve our own will instead. The Lord called Israel out of Egypt to bear His word in Jerusalem as a nation of priests, so that all nations could hear His law and be saved. Israel instead chose to be a worldly nation of alliances and wars, and wound up destroyed and exiled. The Lord restores them to their land, only to have them fall back on their own sin and desires, and wind up under the thumb of the Greeks and then the Romans.

This brings us to our Gospel reading today, where Satan offers three temptations to Christ in the desert. At each turn, Jesus redeems the great failures of mankind. He first refuses to sell His birthright for food, answering both Esau and the Israelites' rebellion that prompted the Lord to provide manna in the desert. Jesus then rejects Satan's taunting demand for a test of His identity, answering the Israelites' faithless idolatry of the Golden Calf as a way of rejected Moses and the Lord.



### Continuation....

Finally, and most importantly, Jesus rejects the temptation that felled Adam and Eve — the promise of power that rightly belongs to the Lord. Jesus, sent to save mankind as the Word made incarnate, understands His place as the servant of the Father's will. Rather than get caught up in His own desires and arrogance, Jesus accepts the will of the Father and refuses to bend to sin as the one *true* man, the redeemed Adam. He remains obedient, rather than usurp the Lord's role.

By doing so, Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, Jesus bridges the gap between the world of men and the world of God. "Just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all," Paul instructs. "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous."

What is righteousness, though, except the realization of our proper relationship with the Lord, and through that with each other? The law and the prophets all aim at two eternal truths — there is one God, and we are not Him. Therefore, we should not murder, steal, or blaspheme, because to do so is to claim God's place as our own and to reject eternity for a bite of dangerous fruit. *Love your neighbor as yourselves* is the practical command that is predicated on the basis that we occupy the same relative status as our neighbors when it comes to the authority of God, and the same knowledge of all the world — far too limited to run it, and most times too blinkered to realize it.

Serving righteously may be difficult to do in this world made from the will of mankind, disordered as it is by human beings clinging to their own wills rather than the Lord's. But perhaps this disorder serves the Lord's will, too, in a way. As free beings, we can choose to accept or reject the Lord, part of the gift of free will and being made in His image. In some manner, we *all* face that temptation — to usurp the Lord, assuming we can control the world and have enough knowledge and will to run it for ourselves. We spend this life exhausting ourselves in those efforts, slowly learning our limitations and shortcomings, and finally understanding just how little we truly understand. If we allow it, that provides a powerful formation process to ready ourselves to accept the Lord's will in our hearts, as well as by our actions.

Reflection by *Ed Morrissey*, excerpt from

<https://hotair.com/>



### SUNDAY READINGS

*Genesis* 2 : 7 - 9; 3 : 1 - 7

*Psalms* 51 : 3 - 4, 5 - 6, 12 - 13, 17

*Romans* 5 : 12 - 19 or 5 : 12, 17 - 19

*Gospel from Matthew* 4 : 1 - 11

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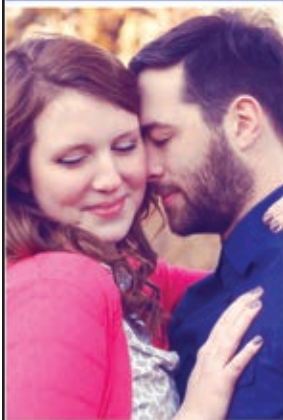
## What's My Name?

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.

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