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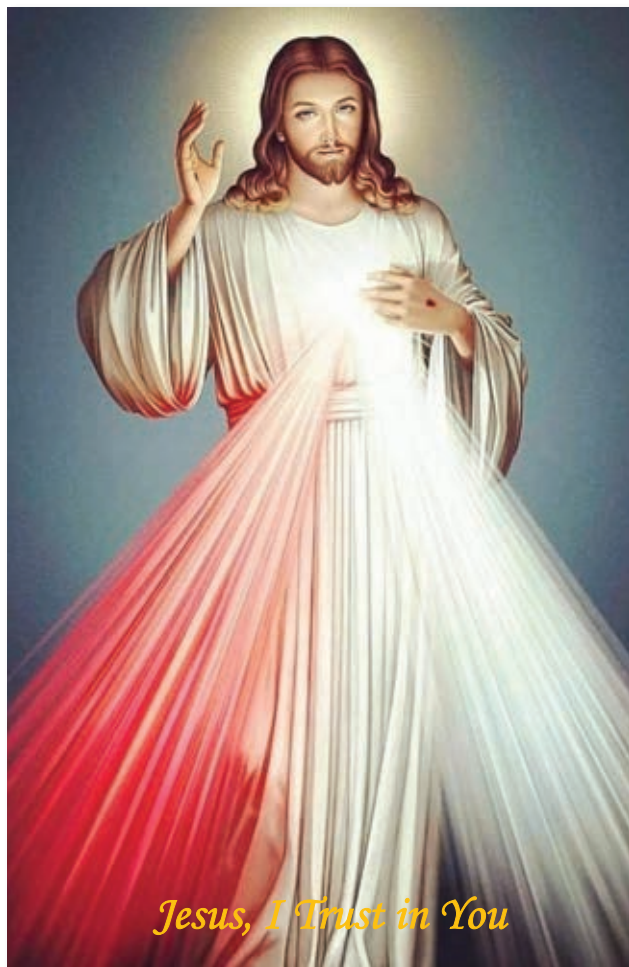
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"The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Mk 1:15



The Perfect Prayer in time of Covid19

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.*

New 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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 24, 2021

Parish Membership

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

Parish Office/Rectorry

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23**

4:00 pm (V) † Geraldine Krimson

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am † Albert Reitemeyer
 9:30 am † Tom & Arline Rooney
 11:00 am (FBL) Rose Delizo (Birthday Blessing pls)
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Lucina Gonzalez

MONDAY, JANUARY 25*Conversion of Saint Paul*

12:00 pm People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26*Feast of Saints Timothy & Titus*

12:00 pm † Marianne Brodie (Death Anniversary)
 7:00 pm (SP) Heidi Zapata (Pregnancy special intention)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27*Feast of Saint Angela Merici*

12:00 pm † Giovanna Iannelli Truppa

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28*Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas*

12:00 pm Jeff Spohr (Health & Well being)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

12:00 pm Rowena D. Pabayos (Birthday)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 am † Atilio Berrios
 4:00 pm (V) † Anthony & Jennie Truppa

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 am † John Reitemeyer
 9:30 am Diana Rivera (Birthday blessing please)
 11:00 am (FBL) † Raymond Allen Temple
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Paulina Rivas

Legend: (V) Vigil Mass, (SP) Spanish Mass, (F) Filipino Mass,
 (FBL) Facebook Livestreamed Mass @ the parish
FB page [Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ](https://divinemercuryrahway.church)

MASS INTENTIONS ONLINE

Mass offerings and available dates for mass intentions are now visible at <https://divinemercuryrahway.church/mass-intentions>. Credit cards and bank transfers are accepted mode of payments for mass offering. You can still visit the parish office from 9am to 3pm, Mon to Fri.

**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY****SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 PM Pastoral Meeting (Church)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00 PM RCIA English Class (104)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

7:00 PM John XXIII (Church)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

1:00 PM Baptism Mia Kristine & Kiaralee (Church)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

Check Events & News @ <https://divinemercuryrahway.church>**Prayer to Saint Joseph**

(Prayer every Wed. after mass & every 19th of the month)

To you, O blessed Joseph,
 do we come in our tribulation,
 and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
 we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
 to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
 and through the paternal love
 with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
 we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
 which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
 and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
 defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
 O most loving father, ward off from us
 every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
 O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
 and from heaven assist us in our struggle
 with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
 so now protect God's Holy Church
 from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
 shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
 so that, supported by your example and your aid,
 we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
 and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

**Baptism**

Friends, let's welcome and pray for the newly baptized of our parish community *Jordan James Cruz*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VATICAN MODIFIES DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY February 17, 2021

The congregation of Divine Worship releases a note laying out the procedures priest around the world are to follow for the distribution of ashes at the start of lent .

The health situation caused by Covid-19. Continues to force changes on daily life, which are also reflected in the Church's sphere.

Ahead of the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday, 17 February. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has published a note detailing how Catholic priest are to distribute the ashes.

New procedure on distribution of ashes during Pandemic

1. After the blessing of the ashes and sprinkling of holy water in silence.
2. The priest addresses everyone, all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."
3. The priest cleanses his hands, puts on a mask, and distribute the ashes to those come to him, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places.
4. The priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them to each person's head without saying anything. (No more ashes on the foreheads)

FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE BLESSING OF THROAT DURING PANDEMIC February 3, 2021

Because of the touching involved, the individual Saint Blaise blessing of throats with crossed candles have been prohibited during the Pandemic. The blessing will be administered to everyone at once as part of the concluding rite of the Mass. Your Amen to the invocation indicates your affirmation of what the Church asks in your name.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

"Pray this during communion of our livestreamed Mass on our Facebook account Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ Every Sunday at 11:00 am & 12:30 pm."

• HOSPITAL VISITS

For the spiritual needs of your sick family members, please call our hospital Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Krajnak Ph.D. at 732-877-6835.

• FREE COVID TESTING

Free Covid-19 testing is available to everyone at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Linden, NJ. Covid testing is every Tuesday @ 2 pm. Please call the parish first for an appointment before going for a test. Below is their contact information; Tel: (908) 486-2514, Address: 220 East Blanke Street, Linden, New Jersey 07036.

• COVID Alert NJ

Covid Alert NJ is a phone app highly recommended by the Archdiocese of Newark for all the faithful due to the rising cases of Covid-19 and due to exposure to people after the holiday season. It is an exposure notification mobile app that anonymously notifies users of potential exposure to Covid-19 while maintaining user privacy and security. It is free and secure, available to anyone 18 and older who lives, works, or attends college in New Jersey. The app can be downloaded from Google play store or Apple App store.

• COVID-19 REMINDER

COVID19 cases in our parish is rising. Please follow safety instructions inside the church.

PLEASE we are asking for full cooperation, if you traveled recently or you are sick or anyone in your family is sick due to Covid-19 stay home and do not go to church!

• 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark— namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care of the poor and those on the margins. Please consider making a donation. Your gift will make a difference. For all checks and pledges the envelopes will be distributed this week. Checks should be made payable to the 2021 Annual Appeal. For donation by mail pls send it to: *Development Office/Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 9577 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104* For online donation please follow this link <https://www.rcan.org/appeal> or <https://www.rcan.org/ways-to-give> or www.rcan.org/sharing. Please pray for the success of this campaign. Thank you very much and God bless you all.

• PASTORAL MEETING on January 25, 2021 @ 7PM Church



Please remember to include our parish in your prayers. Everyone can still send weekly offerings to our Parish by signing up at Parish Giving online. It is fast, secure and easy. Thank you and be safe. God bless.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
DIRECTIVES in time of Pandemic

The Church is open for **SUNDAY Masses**. Only **50% capacity** of the Church or **70 people** are allowed inside the Church.

**STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE CARDINAL'S DIRECTIVE
BELOW FOR REOPENING IS WITHOUT EXCEPTION**

1. Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will remain in effect.
2. **Social distancing** should be strictly observed while inside the church (**6ft apart from each other**).
3. **NO MASK NO ENTRY**. Mask should be worn inside the church at all times
4. Parishioners should take their temperature before coming to Mass. **Anyone showing symptoms of sickness must stay home**.
5. Parishioners are asked not to congregate after all Masses and should leave the church immediately unless they plan to spend time in quiet prayer/worship.

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The **Tabernacle Lamp** is being offered for

† Albert F. Reitemeyer.

The **Altar Bread** is being offered for

† John R. Reitemeyer.

The **Altar Wine** is being offered for

† Margaret Reitemeyer

The **Altar Candles** are being offered for

† Albert F. Reitemeyer.



ORATIO IMPERATA AGAINST THE COVID-19

God our Father

we come to You in our need

to ask Your protection against the 2019 N-coronavirus that has claimed lives and has affected many.

We pray for Your grace

for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease

and of stemming the tide of its transmission.

Guide the hands and minds of medical experts

that they may minister to the sick

with competence and compassion

and of those governments and private agencies that must find cure and solution to this epidemic.

We pray for those afflicted.

May they be restored to health soon.

Grant us the grace

to work for the good of all

and to help those in need.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Mother Mary, help of all Christians, pray for us.

St Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

St Roch, pray for us.

**CDC and Archdiocesan Guidelines in
Celebrating Mass during Pandemic**

1. Everyone **MUST WEAR MASK** all the time while inside the church.
2. The front of every **available seat** is marked with a **WHITE TAPE**. Seats without the white tape should be left vacant.
3. To follow and maintain social distancing **70 to 80 people only** will be allowed inside the church.
4. Keep social distancing at all times (**6 feet apart from each other**) Couples and families living in one roof may seat next to each other
5. **NO SHAKING OF HANDS** and **NO KISSING** during the giving of the sign of peace. **NOD** and **WAVING OF HANDS** are the acceptable means of giving the sign of peace.
6. Use the **middle aisle** to receive **Holy Communion**. Stay on the floor markings to keep social distancing. Use the left or right aisle to return to the pew.
7. **Communion by hand** is highly recommended and encouraged at this time.
8. Anyone who feels the need to step out of the church during mass for a moment to breath may do so and may return to the seat afterwards.
9. The **Chapel** at the left side of the church will be used as extension of the church during mass and will be open for people with special condition and those in need of space and flexibility. The chapel has a **maximum capacity of 6 people** at this time. Communion will be served to all parishioners by a Eucharistic minister.
10. Please maintain social distancing when leaving the church.
11. **Congregating after the mass** inside the church is not allowed.
12. Please follow all the guidelines religiously.

**Thank you very much for your cooperation
and understanding.**



Sacramental Schedule

Confession Weekdays after the 12 pm mass
Saturdays 3:00 pm to 4:00 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. Hospital visits are still limited due to Covid-19.

Holy Communion For anyone who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the parish office or rectory.

Missalettes are for sale for personal use at \$5. Please inquire at the parish office if interested.

SUNDAY REFLECTION**First Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5,10

God spared the people of Nineveh because they heeded the message God sent through Jonah.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul warns the Corinthians that they must act differently because the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

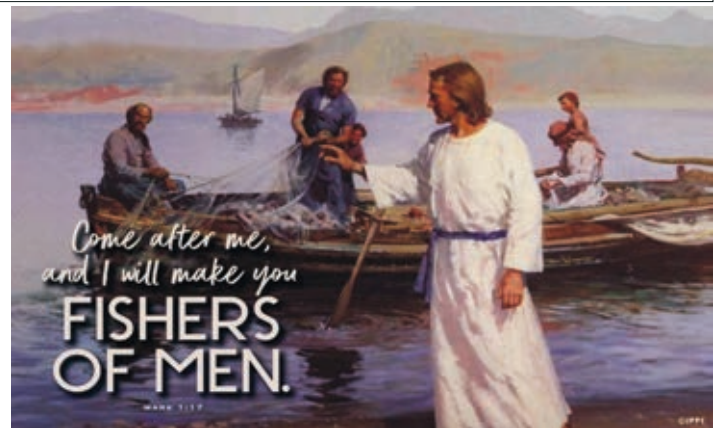
Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

Reflection : "The Kingdom of God Is at Hand"

God rules over all . In the Book of Daniel we are told that this kingdom is given to the *Son of Man* (Daniel 7:14,18,22,27). The *Son of Man* is a Messianic title for God's anointed King. The New Testament word for "Messiah" is "Christ" which literally means the "Anointed One" or the "Anointed King". God sent us his Son not to establish an earthly kingdom but to bring us into his heavenly kingdom - a kingdom ruled by truth, justice, peace, and holiness. The kingdom of God is the central theme of Jesus' mission. It's the core of his gospel message.

As soon as John the Baptist had finished his testimony, Jesus began his in Galilee, his home district. John's enemies had sought to silence him, but the gospel cannot be silenced. Jesus proclaimed that *the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand*. Jesus takes up John's message of repentance and calls disciples to *believe in the gospel - the good news he has come to deliver*.

Two conditions for the kingdom - repent and believe. How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: *repent and believe*. When we submit to Christ's rule in our lives and believe the gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by sin and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). That is why repentance is the first step. Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of my heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. If we are only sorry for the consequences of our sins, we will very likely keep repeating the sin that is mastering us. True repentance requires a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17) and sorrow for sin and a firm resolution to avoid it in



the future. The Lord Jesus gives us grace to see sin for what it really is - a rejection of his love and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what is good and in accord with his will. His grace brings pardon and help for turning away from everything that would keep us from his love and truth. To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself. He is our Father and he wants us to live as his sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe that the gospel - the good news of Jesus - has power to free you from bondage to sin and fear?

Like fishermen - we are called to gather in people for the kingdom of Christ. When Jesus preached the gospel message he called others to follow as his disciples and he gave them a mission - "to catch people for the kingdom of God." What kind of disciples did he choose? Smelly fishermen! In the choice of the first apostles we see a characteristic feature of Jesus' work: he chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these individuals, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you believe that God wants to work in and through you for his glory?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, you have called me personally by name, just as you called your first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Help me to believe your word and follow you faithfully. Fill me with the joy of the gospel that your light may shine through me to many others. Amen

Reflection excerpted from

<https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jonah 3 : 1 - 5, 10

Psalms 25 : 4 - 5, 6 - 7, 8 - 9

1 Corinthians 7 : 29 - 31

Gospel from Mark 1 : 14 - 20

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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of
Samantha Josephson



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