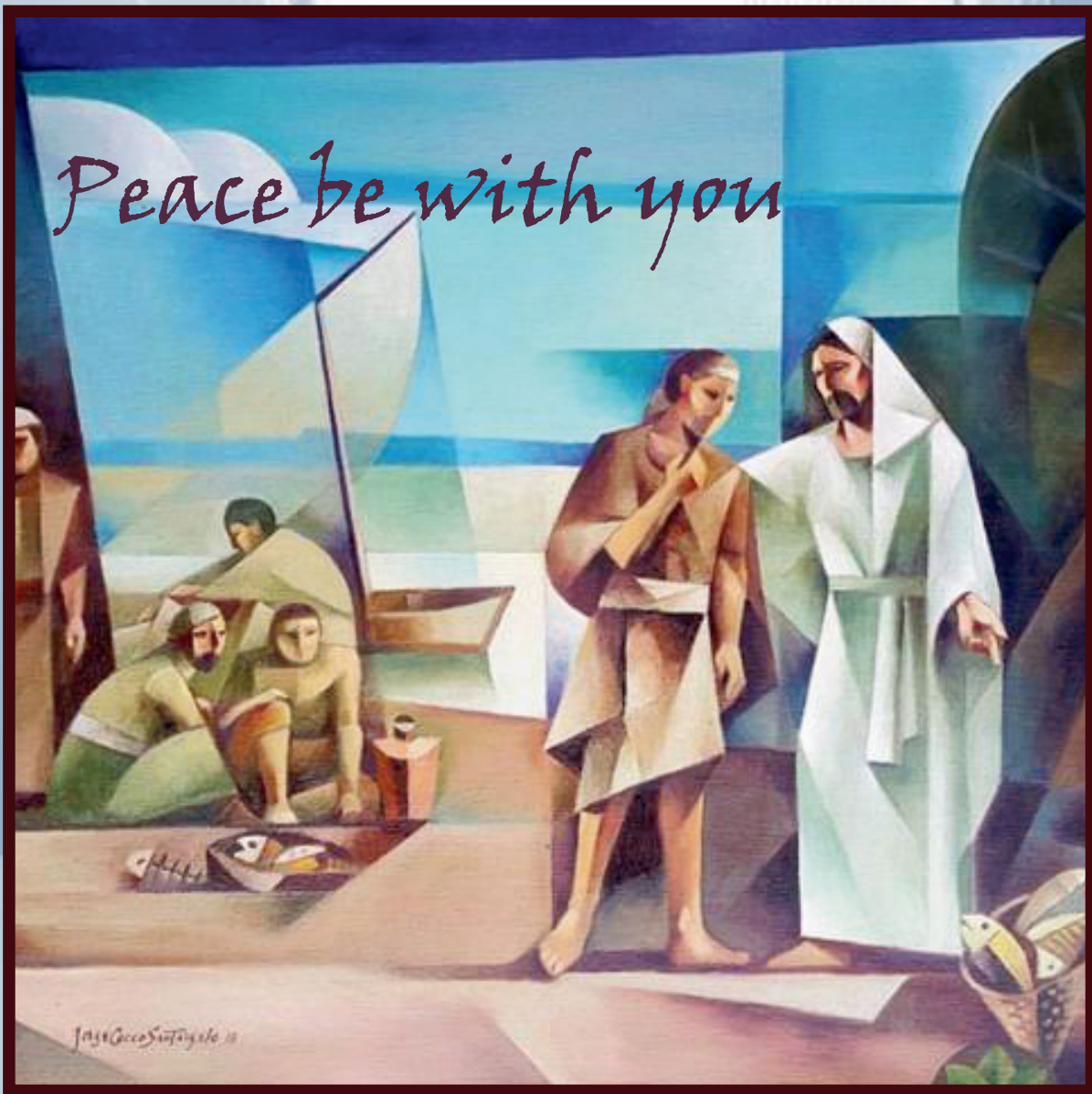


Peace be with you



Yes, it is I indeed

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The Very Reverend Kenneth D. Whittaker, V.F.
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil
4:00 p.m.

Sunday
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday
9:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:15—3:45 p. m.



Baptisms and Weddings

Please contact the parish office

Office Hours Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Goal \$64,271.00

Pledged \$43,280.00

< Balance \$20,991.75 >

Welcome

Our Lady of Mercy Church, the clergy and faithful, welcome you to the parish. In Word and Sacrament, we pray you find the spiritual and communal life of grace which the Church promises to all who approach her. You are welcome in faith.

Third Sunday of Easter

Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins.

Christ died for the sins of the world.

As God the Father raises him to life in his

Resurrection we too find life.

In the light of Easter we turn away from
sin as we discover the peace of Christ.



2021 ABCD

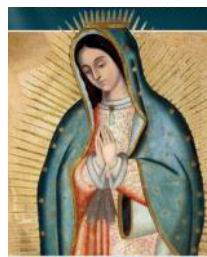
As you can see by the recent collections, the ABCD campaign is in a serious shortfall this year. Please consider a gift to the ABCD on behalf of the parish to fulfill our goal.

At the current deficit, an additional \$450.00 weekly will be needed to pay the balance. That means a cut in services somewhere in the budget. We have become accustomed to the Mass schedule, music program, parish office hours, and availability for visits to the Lady Chapel during the day. Somewhere there would need to be financial decisions made in order to balance the budget.

If you have not yet pledged to the ABCD as a part of your stewardship to the parish, please do so at this time.

In Christ,
Father Whittaker

Our Lady of Guadalupe



We want to thank everyone who expressed an interest in the restoration of the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mr. and Mrs. Juan Carreras have memorialized the restoration. Thank you.

Hail Mary, full of grace...



Archbishops Charities
and Development Appeal

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The ABCD Goal established by the Archdiocese is a non-negotiable figure which is necessary for both budgeting and equity among the parishes for funding the apostolates of the Archdiocese. Any deficit from that parish goal is added to the parish Assessment (*Cathedradicum*) for the year.

Currently, our deficit for ABCD is \$20,991.75 which means an additional \$450.00 weekly due the Archdiocese if we do not meet our goal.

Please make your pledge to ABCD on behalf of the parish as we work to remain without debt.

Raphael, lead us toward those we are waiting for, those who are waiting for us: Raphael, Angel of happy meeting, lead us by the hand toward those we are waiting for. May all our movements be guided by your light and transfigured with your joy.

Wedding Anniversary

Bill and Mary Healy
42 Years April 19, 2021



A STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

Becoming more and more aware that everything is *gift* and *blessing*—that all that we are and have is a gift from God. This means *accepting the biblical truth that we own nothing*. It reminds us that we come into the world with nothing and we leave the world with nothing (Job 1). A stewardship way of life involves recognizing *God* as the sole creator and owner of all that we are and have, and accepting the fact that we are merely the stewards or managers of God's gifts and blessings. Our job or mission is to manage and use wisely and responsibly all that God has placed in our care.

As we grow into a stewardship way of life, we gradually develop a lifestyle marked by *generosity*. A life of generosity is a clear sign that we do in fact believe and accept the biblical truth that God owns it all. Conversely, when we keep our gifts and talents, we assign ownership of our good fortune to ourselves and not to God, doing with them as we please.

As we seek to develop a stewardship way of life, we are aware that one day we will have to account for our stewardship here on earth. How well did we use God's gifts to bless the lives of others?

"The Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in charity and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

Time — Talent — Treasure

Seven Day Devotional Candles

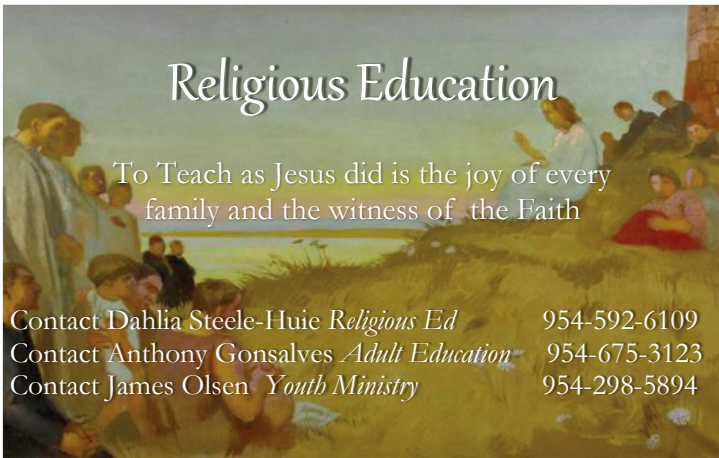


Now available in the Gift Shop and Parish Office — Seven Day Devotional Candles. The suggested donation is \$5.00.

Let my prayer rise like incense to you O Lord.

EASTER *Madonna and Child*
Winning Raffle Ticket

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Religious Education

To Teach as Jesus did is the joy of every family and the witness of the Faith

Contact Dahlia Steele-Huie *Religious Ed* 954-592-6109
 Contact Anthony Gonsalves *Adult Education* 954-675-3123
 Contact James Olsen *Youth Ministry* 954-298-5894

Religious Education

Participation in the Religious Education program is determined by

Mass Attendance

**Support of the Parish through Envelopes or WeShare
Parents attend The Family Hour**

If you need to receive a sacrament, contact Dahlia Steele-Huie for more information.

Respect and love for life from conception to natural end

Remembered in Prayer

A time and a season for all things...

A time to heal...

Mirtha Catalano	John Lane
Michael David	Mary Moss
Felix DeVito	Joan Nichols
Dorothy Dunn	Richard DeVito
Frank Dyer	Louisa Psinakis
Barbara Karol	Frank Scandariato
William Kasten	Maura Stepanski
Barry Kimbal	Betty Treacy

A time to die...

A time of war...

And a time of peace. Ecclesiastes

« Mass Intentions »

- Saturday, April 17
 - 9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel
 - 4:00 p.m. Vince Crist
- Sunday, April 18
 - 8:30 a.m. Richard DeVito
 - 10:30 a.m. Pro + Populo
- Monday, April 19
 - 9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel
- Tuesday, April 20
 - 9:00 a.m. Erricho Aurrichio
- Wednesday, April 21
 - 9:00 a.m. Flora Kay
- Thursday, April 22
 - 9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel
- Friday, April 23
 - 9:00 a.m. Erricho Aurrichio
- Saturday, April 24
 - 9:00 a.m. Vince Crist
 - 4:00 p.m. Carmelina Circelli

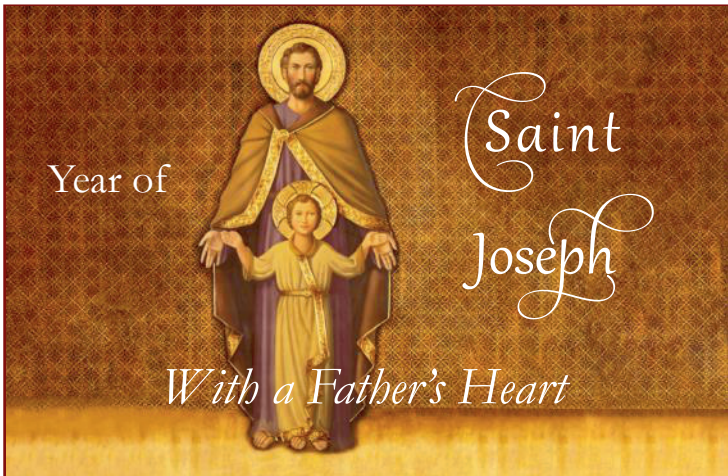


Rosary to Our Lady - Prior to daily Mass
 Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament—Thursday
 8:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.



WE REMEMBER

Week of April 18, 2021
 Sanctuary Candle, Altar Bread and Wine
The DeVito Family
 Say my prayer rise like incense, O Lord



Year of

Saint
Joseph

With a Father's Heart

*Hail, guardian of the Redeemer.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Covid 19 Protocols

Hygiene of washing hands frequently

Face masks or covering

Social distancing

Use of sanitizer

Respect for others

Parish Pantry

The Parish maintains a small pantry of dry goods and emergency supplies for the needy. Please support this charity by bringing non-perishables that will assist someone for the short term. *Thank you!*



HOLY HOUR

*Thursday
8:00 a.m.*

LADY CHAPEL



This month we mark one year since the pandemic dramatically disrupted our lives, ushering in immense suffering for too many. Last year, in the early days of the pandemic, Pope Francis reflected on the apostles and their fears when a tempest overtook them in a boat while Jesus slept. (cf Mark 4)

This past year has tried us sorely: We faced sickness — our own or that of our loved ones; we mourned the deaths of relatives and friends; we suffered the anxiety of economic uncertainty and experienced loneliness as we were forced to “stay apart”; and, we worried as we saw racial unrest and partisan bickering threaten the domestic tranquility of our nation’s life. Yet, we have proven resilient, for the Lord does not leave us to the mercy of the storm.

And certainly, the many acts of kindness of neighbor to neighbor, the selfless courage of front line workers, the quiet dedication of our teachers, the steady accompaniment of our priests — even when public participation in the Eucharist was not possible — were rays of hope dispelling the darkness. We look forward to the day when all can meet again in full churches for Mass and the normal life of our parishes can resume.

“Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?” This was Jesus’ reproach to the Apostles when they awoke him in the midst of the storm. As we look to get on the far side of this pandemic, let us entrust ourselves to the Lord. “By his cross we have been saved in order to embrace hope embracing the Lord in order to embrace hope: that is the strength of faith, which frees us from fear and gives us hope.” of despair.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski

« *Musica* »

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

#508 in Word & Song

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the holy anthem rise,
And the choirs of heaven chant it
In the temple of the skies;
Let the mountains skip with gladness,
And the joyful valleys ring
With Hosannas in the highest
To our Savior and our King.
2. Alleluia! Alleluia! Like the sun from out the wave,
Christ has risen up in triumph
From the darkness of the grave,
Glorious splendor of the nations,
And the lamp of endless day;
Christ the very Lord of glory
Who is risen up today.

Eye Has Not Seen

#728 in Word & Song

Refrain:

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who love him.
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind of Jesus;
teach us the wisdom of God.

1. When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord;
Forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up with in your peaceful word.
2. Our lives are but a single breath,
we lower and we fade;
Yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.
3. To those who see with eyes of faith,
the Lord is ever near,
Reflected in the faces
of all the poor and lowly of the world.

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I Received the Living God

#573 in Word & Song

Refrain:

I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

1. Jesus said: I am the Bread
Kneaded long to give you life;
You who will partake of me
Need not ever fear to die.
2. Jesus said: I am the Vine,
And my branches you shall be;
Come and drink the saving cup,
Till the kingdom you shall see.
3. Jesus said: I am the Way;
And my Father longs for you;
So I come to bring you home
To be one with us anew.
4. Jesus said: I am the Truth;
If you follow close to me,
You will know me in your heart,
And my word shall make you free.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

#614 in Word & Song

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy this blest assurance gives!
Christ lives, he lives, who once was dead,
He lives, my everliving head!
2. Christ lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
Christ lives in majesty above;
He lives to guide the Church in love.
3. Christ lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
Christ lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives, all blessings to impart.



give

I give because the parish is the church and community where I belong.

In a state of alarm and fright when the disciples beheld the Risen Christ, they thought they were seeing a ghost. Jesus said to them, "Look at my hands and feet, touch them if you must—yes, it is I indeed.."

What frightens us into failing to see the Lord of life, the Savior of our Redemption, and the Promise of Eternity? Challenge your fears and greet the Lord, the only one who can give the Gift of Peace.

I give to my parish.

"Peace be with you."

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