



*I will make you fishers of men*

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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*Pastor*

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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.

*In uncertain times, you can be certain of this:*

*Your generosity will deliver hope and help not because  
those receiving are Catholic, but rather, because we are  
Catholic.*

### **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 Ordinary Time**

Repent and believe the good news.

As Christians we review our lives in the light of the gospel. This daily exercise reminds us that God will direct our path as we learn to choose the right and moral choice. The world is passing away and we quickly come to lands end.

To prepare ourselves we repent and believe.



## ABCD

Archbishops Charities  
and Development Drive

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With this invitation, Jesus promises that our lives will change as we change the lives of others. ABCD, the annual appeal for the Archdiocese is that same invitation to transform our lives of faith and spirit and so change the lives of those whose needs are often beyond the spirit. The elderly and handicapped, children and young people, individuals and families, Catholics and non-Catholics; these and many more are caught, as in a net of goodness, by our discipleship in fulfilling the work of the Lord.

The parish sacrificially fulfills it's goal each year which is in addition to the immediate needs and budget for our own operation and maintenance. The goal for 2021 is:

**\$64,272.00**

Pledges are paid over a ten month period beginning March 2021 and for those who make the monthly gift, the ABCD Office sends a reminder and a return envelope.

The past year has reminded all of us of the uncertainty and anxiety which can significantly affect our lives—especially of faith. As we support the needs of those profoundly touched by the Covid virus; financially, reduced support systems, and a growing sense of isolation and abandonment, we cast the wide net and become the “fishers of men” Jesus has called us to be.



JANUARY 23-24

**TOGETHER WE ARE the CHURCH**

The time is now. When our world is shaken by fear, anxiety or despair, the Church while not “of the world” must be “in the world” to witness God’s love. By faith and baptism, we are incorporated into the Body of Christ: we are the Church. Uniting as Disciples in Faith and Missionaries of Hope, we can serve those most in need by bringing Christ to them wherever they are.

The Love of Christ urges on no matter what challenges may come our way. Together, as **One in Faith, One in Hope and One in Charity**, please open your hearts to those we serve through the ABCD and make a gift of hope today.

***Remembered in Prayer***

*A time and a season for all things...  
A time to heal...*

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Because there are so many weekly requests for urgent prayer, we will need to limit the requests printed in the bulletin. Of course, prayers will always be offered for the needs of parishioners, families, and friends. After one month, a new list will be composed of those requesting urgent prayer. Remember to enroll your requests each month.

- Mirtha Catalano
- Sandra Otero
- Michael David
- Frank Dyer
- Barbara Karol
- Barry Kimbal
- John Lane
- Mary Moss
- Kathy Norman
- Louisa Psinakis
- Michael Rand, Sr.
- Frank Scandariato
- Maura Stepanski
- Betty Treacy
- Mary Jane Wunder

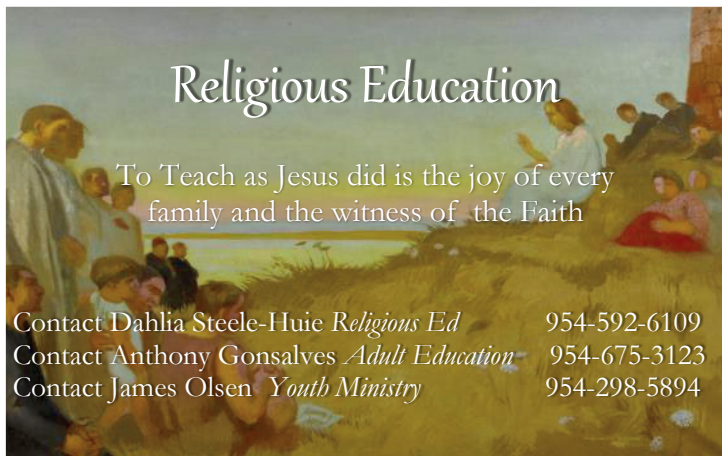
*A time to die...  
A time of war...*

*And a time of peace. Ecclesiastes*



Archbishops Charities  
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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**

The program here in the parish for teaching the Faith as a gift and as knowledge has not resumed for the simple reason that most of the families previously enrolled have not returned to Mass. Some have and I hope they are being served and recognized for their fidelity. If your child is at Mass and not yet in contact with Dahlia, please do so to continue their faith formation.

The family is the first teacher of the faith and the best teacher—encourage those you know to resume their Mass attendance and religious education.

### **2021 Offertory Envelopes**

Please check the tables in Sullivan Hall for your **2021** envelopes. Some of the offertory envelope numbers have changed as our parishioner enrollment has decreased since the virus—check with the Parish Office if you do not find your set. Thank you for supporting the parish.

### **Thank you for the Calendars**

Each year, KRAEER Funeral Home generously provide the parish calendar which mark the times and seasons of our lives. We thank them for their support through the bulletin and annual calendar distribution. *God Bless You*

### **Visitors and Guests**

If you are visiting the parish and considering a church home, we pray you will find a welcome here at Our Lady of Mercy. Membership in a parish is a statement that signifies not only attachment and a sense of responsibility for the common good but also personal accountability participating in the Body of Christ.

**All are Welcome**

### **« Mass Intentions »**

Saturday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Vince Crist

4:00 p.m. Cedric Francis

Sunday, January 24

8:30 a.m. Vince Crist

10:30 a.m. *Pro Popolo + For the People*

Monday, January 25

9:00 a.m. Richard Corcoran

Tuesday, January 26

9:00 a.m. Michael Vasquez

Wednesday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel

Thursday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Erricho Aurricchio

Friday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Madeline Hollwedel

Saturday, January 30

9:00 a.m. Vince Crist

4:00 p.m. Edith Iacono Liotto

*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 January 14

*Sanctuary Candle, Altar Bread and Wine*  
In Memory of Rev. Daniel Kubala

***Our Lady of Guadalupe***



The statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe in front of the church has been brought inside as the paint has deteriorated and the statue is in need of restoration. If you would like to consider underwriting this memorial restoration, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

The community has commented on the absence of Our Lady and we hope to soon restore her to a place of protection for the Faith community.

***Mass Intentions***

The Mass Intention book is available for 2021 and now is the perfect time to reserve your day and time for a memorial, anniversary, or special remembrance. The intention remembering in a spiritual manner someone esteemed is a benefit to the recipient and the giver. Share your gift of Faith in the celebration of the Body and Blood of the Lord with others.

*Remember to turn off your cell phone*

***Marriage Anniversaries***

Let us know when you are celebrating a wedding anniversary so that we can publish it in the bulletin and you can enjoy the prayers and good wishes of the parish community. The bulletin deadline is Tuesday morning. ***Ad Multos Annos***

***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!*

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**HOLY HOUR**  
*Thursday*  
*8:00 a.m.*  
**LADY CHAPEL**

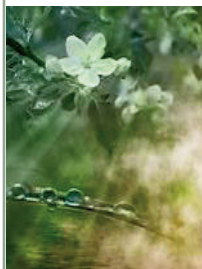
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul:  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

***Considering Cremation?***



While the Church prefers the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited. Human cremated remains should not be scattered, or kept in one's home, nor should they be divided among one's family members. Cremated remains should be placed in a blessed niche or grave as a sign of respect and hope in the resurrection.

Contact Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Miami for guidance and assistance with your arrangement needs. Visit Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cemetery and Mausoleum located in North Lauderdale or call **954-972-1234** for a compassionate and experienced counselor.

***He who believes in me will never die***

***Planning for the Future***

When you next update your estate plan, please consider continuing your generosity to Our Lady of Mercy Parish through a bequest or memorialization. Let us continue your tradition of stewardship in the Lord.

*God bless your generosity and goodness to the Church.*

JANUARY 23-24

**TOGETHER WE ARE** *the* **CHURCH**

# « *Musica* »

## *For the Beauty of the Earth*

#805 in Word & Song

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,

*Refrain:*

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale an tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light,
3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight,

## *Lord, When You Came to the Seashore*

#673 in Word & Song

1. Lord, when you came to the seashore  
You weren't seeking the wise or the wealthy,  
But only asking that I might follow.

*Refrain:*

O Lord, in my eyes you were gazing,  
Kindly smiling, my name you were saying;  
All I treasured, I have left on the sand there;  
Close to you, I will find other seas.

2. Lord, you knew what my boat carried:  
Neither money nor weapons for fighting,  
But nets for fishing, my daily labor.
3. Lord, have you need of my labor,  
Hands for service, a heart made for loving,  
My arms for lifting the poor and broken?

## *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 long for you;  
So I come to bring you home  
To be one with us anew.

## *God We Praise You*

#774 in Word & Song

1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you!  
God, we name you sov'reign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angles worship,  
Father, by your Church adored:  
All creation shows your glory,  
Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,  
Singing "Holy, holy, holy  
Lord of hosts and God alone.
2. True apostles, faithful prophets,  
Saints who set their world ablaze,  
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,  
Join one growing song of praise,  
While your Church on earth confesses  
One majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
God, our hope eternally.

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give

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

*What will happen once the Covid vaccine is widely distributed? Some think all will be normal again and others believe that the Church will be smaller and, in fact, poorer. The call to discipleship and stewardship will determine the future which we are now very much a part of as we embrace the challenges with an abiding trust in God's Providence. Not a relinquishing of responsibility, but rather, a trust in our participation as disciples in God's plan of salvation for ourselves and those we serve.*

I give to my parish.

*"The time has come" he said " and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the Good News." And at once they left their nets and followed him.*

*Mark 1: 14-20*

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