



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Mass Schedule for the Week of January 19, 2025

*Monday, January 20, 2025*

7:30 AM DM Jack Wright by Charlotte & Dave Kriner  
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

*Tuesday, January 21, 2025*

7:30 AM DM Orlando by Sr. Helene

*Wednesday, January 22, 2025*

7:30 AM DM NO MASS  
1-4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*Thursday, January 23, 2025*

7:30 AM DM Patrick McDonald – 8th Anniversary of Death by  
Wife, Mary & Family

*Friday, January 24, 2025*

7:30 AM DM Larry Stremba by Stremba Family

*Saturday, January 25, 2025*

3:40 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
4:00 PM DM Vincent Ryan Jr. by Wife & Family

*Sunday, January 26, 2025*

7:30 AM DM Barry Boyer by Steve Sajda  
9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet  
10:00 AM DM Joseph P. Savakinas by Sister  
12:30 PM DM Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown

*En Espanol*

### **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.

### **Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

**Prayer to Your Guardian Angel** Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God's love Commits me here, Ever this day, be at my side, To light and guard, Rule and guide. Amen.

**Prayer for Our Country** Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of America, please help our country. Help us to return to what is decent, right and proper. Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, into truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline and, especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings. Protect us from those who would destroy us from within. Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantel. Pray for us and help us. Amen.

### **Important Phone Numbers**

Divine Mercy Pre K  
Sister Patricia Maureen Mount, IHM  
570-462-3927  
Divine Mercy PREP  
Sister Mary Glackin, IHM  
1-484-888-1358

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month  
Time: 3:00 PM  
Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

### **Divine Mercy Collection**

1/12 - \$8,015.00

### **OFFICE CLOSED....**

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 21st at 8:30 AM.

**Tax Time** is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet? Again, this year we will not be mailing out the contribution sheets to every parishioner of our parish. Therefore, if you would like a copy for tax purposes, it is necessary for you to call the parish office at 462-1968 in a request for your contribution sheet for 2024. We will mail this sheet directly to you.

### **Help Catholics Come Home**

Do you know someone who was baptized Catholic but has stopped attending Mass, is questioning the faith, or hasn't found a parish home? Why not help your friend to come home? Perhaps you can act as a resource or offer to attend Mass together. If you aren't sure how to help, ask your pastor or priest for advice.



**Divine Mercy Memorial Fund**  
**Diane M. Kalyan**  
 \$20 Husband, Ron & family  
**Colleen Billie**  
 \$10 Debra Abrachinsky  
**James L. Lawrence**  
 \$5 Mary McDonald  
**Camille Derr**  
 \$10 Jo Marie & Maria Rittle  
**Patricia Squierdo**  
 \$20 Jo Marie & Maria Rittle  
 \$20 Joseph Rittle  
**Melvin Martin**  
 \$10 Peter Ulicny  
**Marie Dower**  
 \$10 Dolores Micko  
**Special intentions**  
 \$5 Anonymous

**You may schedule additional Masses for 2025**  
 and book is open to non-parishioners.  
**The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10.00.**



**Christmas Memorials**  
 \$25 In memory of Diane Dovovan by Edward Donovan  
 \$5 In memory of Richard McKay by George & Jessica McKay  
 In memory of Joseph Skubel by Jessica & George McKay

**Trust God**  
 If we let him, God will work in our lives. Because he's perfect, God can't make mistakes. When we trust him completely, we feel a sense of personal well-being, security, and peace.



**Devotional Candles**  
**Divine Mercy**  
**Sanctuary** In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano  
**Blessed Mother** Good health & God's blessings for Hunter Zellin by family  
**Blessed Mother** Good health & God's blessings for Hunter Zellin by Ray Kendricks  
**Blessed Mother** Good health & God's blessings for my Brother, Paul by Joe & Mary Uholik  
**Blessed Mother** In loving memory of my Brother, Edward Buhl Jr. – 3rd anniversary of death by sister/family  
**Blessed Mother** In loving memory of my dad, Edward Buhl Sr. – 94th birthday in heaven by daughter/family  
**St. Ann** Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family  
**St. Joseph** In honor, praise & thanksgiving  
**St. Joseph** In loving memory of Hank Faleski by Wife, Julie  
**St. Joseph** In loving memory of our dear "Pop" Buchinsky by family  
**OLMC** Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman  
**OLMC** In memory of Sam Curreli by H. Mikita family  
**OLMC** Special intention for John Kelly family  
 Jesus Crucified 14 day – Inner peace by Ann Futyma

**St. Casimir**  
**Sanctuary** In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria  
**Divine Mercy** Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski  
**Divine Mercy** Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., Z.S., T.S., C.M., G.M., J.B., L.B., R.G. and G.S.  
**Divine Mercy** In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg  
**Blessed Mother** In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by wife & mother  
**Blessed Mother** In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children  
**Blessed Mother** Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes  
**Blessed Mother** Special intentions by Joan Madaffari  
**Sacred Heart** Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes  
**Sacred Heart** Special intentions by Mary Kufro  
**St. Anthony** Missing my parents, Anthony & Helene Seroka by Daughter, Janet Lukashunas

**Chapel**  
**Sanctuary** Our special intentions by Karen & Leo Kayes  
**Blessed Mother** Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by Uncle Ed & Aunt Kerri  
**St. Joseph** Special intentions by Msgr. B

**Feast of the Presentation** Blessing of the candles will take place on Saturday, February 1st at 4:00 PM Mass and Sunday, February 2nd at 7:30 AM Mass and 10:00 AM Mass at Divine Mercy. Candles will then be available after Mass, available on weekends and also at the parish office. Candles are for home use – **All Blessed Candles \$ 4.00 – two candles per box.**



**Feast of St. Blaisé - Blessing of Throats** will only take place on Monday, February 3rd at 7:30 AM Mass.

**A Simple Act of Care for 2025**

As we pause and reflect on our blessings after the holidays and a busy winter season ahead, the Diocese of Allentown invites you to show simple act of care to yourself, your loved ones, and even [Parish]: **creating your will.** In thanks for your support, we partner with **FreeWill** so you can make a will and find peace of mind for the year ahead. It's completely free to use and takes as little as 20 minutes. Please scan the QR code or visit <https://allentowndiocese.mygiftlegacy.org/> to get started.



**A New Group .....  
for Divine Mercy Parish**

A few parishioners would like to form a group dedicated to spreading devotion to Divine Mercy. Various groups called Cenacles are active throughout the U.S. and the world. The Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (EADM) is a lay Apostolate of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception based in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. The ministry promotes the Divine Mercy Message as given to St. Faustina Kowalska, prayer for the sick & dying, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, pro-life, and more. There will be an organizational meeting for those wishing to learn more about the message of Divine Mercy Cenacle on Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 PM at the Fr. Ciszek Center. All are invited and encouraged to attend if you want to learn more about this devotion. Any questions, please contact Barbara Pukavige 570-789-4926 or Virginia 570-205-9417.

**Bautismos Todos** están invitados a bautizar a sus hijos. Aún si usted no está casado en la Iglesia se puede bautizar a su bebé. Sin embargo, le pedimos que seleccione una pareja que se casó en la Iglesia Católica para ser sus padrinos. Si un padrino / madrina es una persona soltera, él / ella puede convertirse en una condición de que, esa persona ha recibido el bautismo. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que una pareja, civilmente casada o una persona que vive junto a otra persona como una pareja no está calificada para ser un padrino/madrina. Si son de fuera de nuestra parroquia, por favor, díles de obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su pastor al menos dos semanas de anticipación. Padre llevará a cabo clases de bautismo, tanto para los padres y padrinos y administrar el rito del bautismo. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquia(108 W.Cherry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (4621968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.



**Marian Catholic High School**

Open House, Sunday, January 26th, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.... Tour the school, meet faculty and administration, and learn how to make a Marian education possible. For more information, contact Mary Milosh at 570-467-3335 ext. 117 or [mmilosh@mariancatholic.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholic.org)

**Food Truck Again at Divine Mercy Parish..... Change of date!**

Catholic Charities' Community Café Food Truck will be on site at the Divine Mercy Church Parish parking lot on **Thursday, January 30th** from Noon to 1:30 PM. All are welcome to join us for a complimentary hot lunch! Meet Catholic Charities' staff and volunteers and enjoy a delicious meal! The food truck will be visiting Divine Mercy each month, so keep an eye out for further dates. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the food truck ministry, please contact Pam Russo at [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org) or 610-871-5200, ext. 2204. Anyone is welcome to come and receive a free meal .... No questions asked or no payment or donation is requested.



**Do You Love God or Fear God More?**

Is your relationship with God dominated by guilt and fear, or by love? Do you worry how he thinks of you and dread praying to him? Yet Jesus taught us to always meet God joyfully in prayer and worship and to be confident of his love.

**Don't fear God in the wrong way.** It is healthy to be in awe of God as our creator and creator of the universe. But we should never be afraid of God becoming angry every time we make a mistake or punishing us every time we fail. *"But you, our God, are good and true, slow to anger, and governing all with mercy"* (Wisdom 15:1). God appreciates honest effort.

**Let God help you change.** Most of us have areas in our lives that need improvement. If we ask, God will change them. It isn't always pleasant but even transforming change is possible when we allow God to work in our lives.

**Don't carry guilt.** The problem with guilt is that it can keep us from God. Instead, use it to take responsibility for sins, make amends, and start fresh – then let the guilt go. Catholics are blessed to have access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Use it often so you can meet God joyfully in love and peace which is what he prefers.

**God's Mercy is Real**

Pope Francis recently said, "Mercy is real. It is the first attribute of God." How can we experience God's mercy ourselves in a powerful and personal way?

**Practice it.** Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." In order to receive mercy, we must offer it ourselves. Release your debtors, whether it is a material, emotional, spiritual, or psychological debt they owe to you. Then learn to ask for mercy from others. You will find that kindness is contagious and God's mercy will flow through you. **Open the door to it.** The door of your parish church is the door to the path of salvation. Use it at least weekly to attend Sunday Mass. **Ask for it.** The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the offer of mercy God never withdraws. We may be afraid to ask. To return to the embrace of our Father, all we need do is recognize our wrongs.



**Diocesan Information**

**If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor... You are not alone. There is help.** The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, . Johnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245. **Victim Assistance Coordinator** The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. **Victim Assistance Coordinator—Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209.** To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown’s Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on “Youth Protection ” in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

**Attention all Safe Environment Coordinators!**

Mandated reporter trainings and Protecting God’s Children Workshops will now be available virtually. If you are interested, please contact Pam Russo Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services  
P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
610-871-5200 ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

**Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562

**Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos**

Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un Obispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) o llamando al 800-276-1562

**WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 25TH & 26TH**

Mass Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM @ DM	Maskornick, Sherri	Brophy, Marty	Hernandez, Omar Arias, Paco Jesus
7:30 AM @ DM	Daynorowicz, Nolan	Bronk, Cathy	Daynorowicz, Nolan
10:00 AM @ DM	Taylor, Anne	Domkus, Frances	Estrada, Jose & Caesar



*is not believing that God can  
it is knowing that He will*

**December Lotto Winners**

Ed & Fran Domkus	12/2	Eve	#315	\$50.00
Estelle DeLuca	12/6	Eve	#222	\$75.00
Ray Dunsavage	12/7	Eve	#314	\$50.00
Cynthia Skubel	12/8	Eve	#329	\$50.00
Paul Straka	12/9	Eve	#355	\$25.00
James Kufro	12/12	Day	#338	\$25.00
Finn & James	12/14	Eve	#141	\$25.00
Paul Straka	12/16	Eve	#355	\$50.00
Peg McGuire	12/17	Day	#303	\$25.00
Joann Zogby	12/20	Eve	#220	\$25.00
Joann Zoby	12/20	Day	#220	\$25.00
Alice Palek	12/21	Eve	#254	\$50.00
Karen Donchak	12/24	Day	#214	\$25.00
Georgine Sinkus	12/26	Day	#247	\$25.00
Betty Ann Bugden	12/30	Day	#322	\$25.00

**Find Peace in Difficult Times**

If you follow news about national or world events, the reporting can rob you of peace. With stories of financial insecurity, unemployment, disease, depression, and division, how can we find peace?

**Talk it out.** Bringing worries into the light and confiding them to someone we trust can cut them down to size. Even better – talk about worries with God. Prayer has the added advantage of surrendering your problems into powerful hands. “Jesus, I trust in You!”

**Focus on what you can do,** not what you can’t. Stress results from feeling powerless. Focusing on what we can’t do can “paralyze” our problem-solving abilities. Start making a list of steps you can take toward solving your problem. Whatever is beyond your control, leave to God.

**Immerse yourself in God’s all-powerful love.** Whether we feel it or not, whether we believe it or not, we are God’s precious children. He watches over us very closely. He knows what we can handle and is more than ready to help us with all the rest.

**Well-Placed Faith**

Our world is filled with pain, sorrow, and suffering. Putting our faith in worldly powers guarantees disappointment. Putting faith in God guarantees that we will never be disappointed. “Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to thy people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32).

**Redner’s “Save – A- Tape” Receipts**  
**Divine Mercy Parish** is still collecting the “Save-A-Tape” from Redner’s Markets. Please drop off your receipts in the collection or mail box or bring them to the parish office during regular office hours. The parish will receive a check for 1% of what is collected. Please support your parish and collect the receipts. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. **Please do not cut any of the receipt away.**

**A Little Reminder For Cemetery Lot Owners** in order to keep bringing all our Parish Cemeteries in line with the guidelines and regulations of the Diocese the following will still be enforced: all bricks, fine & crushed stone, plants, fresh & plastic flowers not in containers, fences, borders of all types will be removed & discarded immediately due to the fact that they cause a problem for maintenance of your lot. Again, anything that interferes with the mowing & trimming of grass will be removed at the family’s expense. Containers should not interfere with the care of the cemetery grounds. If they do, the containers will be removed immediately. No planting of flowers, trees, or shrubs allowed. Plastic flowers must be in containers also.  
**All Summer flowers must be removed!**

**Payments for Parish Funerals**  
 Funeral fees must be paid 24 hours prior to the burial. We ask that the family of the deceased come to the parish office and pay directly to the church. Please make no payment to the funeral directors. If payment is not received within 24 hours of burial, there cannot be any burial in the parish cemetery. Also, all Lot Care (Perpetual Care/Cemetery Care) must be current including current burial.



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**Financial Report - November**

Net November Income	\$ 32,632.84	Expenses	\$ 31,752.16
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 32,632.84	Total Expenses	\$ 43,197.16
		<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$ 10,564.32</b>



**Our parish is in need of Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in any of these ministries, we ask that you please call the parish office at 462-1968..**

**Works of Mercy**

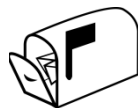
The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are actions we can perform that extend God’s compassion and mercy to those in need.

**The Corporal Works of Mercy** are these kind acts by which we help our neighbors with their material and physical needs.

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| Feed the hungry           | Visit the sick       |
| Give drink to the thirsty | Visit the imprisoned |
| Clothe the naked          | Bury the dead        |
| Shelter the homeless      |                      |

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy** are acts of compassion, as listed below by which we help our neighbors with their emotional and spiritual needs.

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| Counsel the doubtful  | Forgive offenses                 |
| Instruct the ignorant | Bear wrongs patiently            |
| Admonish sinners      | Pray for the living and the dead |



**Mailing of Bulletins**

If anyone would like the bulletin mailed to their home, we ask that you please contact the office. However, bulletins will be sent to only **shut-ins free of charge**. All others will need to **send a check or cash** to the parish office **for the postage**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**A Prayer for Healing**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, like a watchful shepherd, you care for us, and provide us with all that we need. You shower us with your love and send people into our lives to help care for us, especially in time of sickness or pain.

I pray for healing for myself and for all who suffer because of illness or advanced age. I pray especially for ... (Mention your intentions here.)



In the midst of our pain and weakness, strengthen our faith that we may be filled with hope in you. In the midst of our frustrations and discouragement, give us patience that we may accept our own limitations. In the midst of our loneliness and fears, help us know we are not alone, that you walk with us each moment of our lives.

Be with us, Lord, in our time of need. Heal us in body, soul and spirit that we may rejoice in your grace and blessings in this world and come to enjoy the fullness of your presence in the life to come.

We make this prayer in your name, for you are our Risen Lord, Jesus. Amen

Nativity BVM High School is accepting applications for the position of **Head Girls Softball Coach** for the 2025 spring season. Head coaching experience preferred. Interested candidates should send resume, certifications and all clearances by January 25th to: Nativity BVM High School, Attn: Mrs. Lynn Sabol, Principal, One Lawtons Hill, Pottsville, PA 17901 or Isabol@nativitybvm.net

**Parish Dues for 2025 for Divine Mercy Parish** are now payable for any registered parishioner 21 years of age and older at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. If dues are paid by January 31, 2025, dues are \$ 50.00 per individual. If paid after January 31, 2025, dues are \$ 60.00 per individual.

**The Tree of Life has been** placed in the vestibule of Divine Mercy Parish in the corridor leading to the former crying room. Take a moment and stop by to look at it. If anyone is still interested in making a donation to the new chapel in memory of someone or a special intention that you may have, please contact the parish office at 462-1968 as soon as possible. Your choices are: Leaf \$ 300.00, Acorn \$ 500.00, Foundation Stone \$ 1,000.00 and Mini-Tree \$ 1,500.00. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the chapel.

**5 Tips For Greater Holiness**

Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

1. Become aware of Jesus’ presence every day. If you struggle to find him, ask for his help. Not only will awareness of him help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.
2. Don’t be afraid of work or suffering. Jesus experienced both in his time on Earth and used them to pave our way to Heaven.
3. Give God your full attention. Speak to him, ask him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell him you love him. Visit him regularly in Church.
4. Nurture your faith. Just as air and food keep our bodies alive, faith feeds our souls. It’s the bond that unites us to God. Read Scripture every day. Learn about the saints. Listen to the Pope.
5. Practice patience. It’s the first step toward holiness.

**Nativity Happenings**

Members of the Interact Club collected winter clothing during the month of November. Members of the club also collected diapers and all items were donated to Catholic Charities. The Interact Club sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on November 4, 2024. We met our goal and collected 35 units of blood. The club will sponsor this event again in the spring. The next event will be the writing of Christmas cards to the students in Pre-K through 2nd grade in our partner schools.

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jenifer Daubert in the Development office with any enrollment questions.

**OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION:**

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 26, 2025 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert @ 622-8110 with any questions.



Many parishioners have asked about having past bulletins on our website: [www.dmparish.com](http://www.dmparish.com). Good news, we now have the past 6 months of bulletins on our website. All you have to do is go to our website, [www.dmparish.com](http://www.dmparish.com) and click on About Us and Bulletin Archive and you can click on whichever one you would like to read.

**Need a Map?**

Christian morality is like a road map for life. If we don’t know where we are headed, we don’t need a map at all. A Christian road map will help us get to Heaven.

**I Make Terrible Decisions. How Can I do Better?** It’s true that bad decisions can lead to sin. Try to take a formal approach to decision making.

**Get all the facts.** That helps you know your options. **Pray.** Place yourself in God’s presence and ask for his guidance. **Listen to your conscience.** Your conscience is the ability within you that helps you discern right from wrong. “Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him ... to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil.” (CCC #1777). **Choose to do the right thing,** choose to follow your conscience. This requires courage. **Ask for help.** When in doubt, ask a trusted advisor. **Be accountable.** Take responsibility for any decisions you make and for their consequences. Although blaming others in some cases is justified, it usually is not productive. **Admit mistakes.** Learn from mistakes you make and apply what you have learned to future situations. Don’t get thrown by errors. Continue to persevere, despite setbacks.

