



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Week of March 10 to 16

Monday March 11

*Jean & Ken White; John McGrath & Deceased Family;
Dennis King & Deceased Family*

Tuesday March 12

*Regina McBride; James McKenzie;
Martha & Michael Slaney*

Wednesday March 13

*Paul, Dale & David Perry; Peter & Elizabeth Rodgers;
Bill & Agnes Allen & Deceased Family*

Thursday March 14

*Special Intention (MC); Gerald Winston Stone;
Special Intention (MZ)*

Friday March 15

*Marilyn Lawlor & Deceased Family;
Annie Lambe & Deceased Family; Jia Hua Sun*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm (Newfoundland Drive Site)

**Sunday 9:00am
(Outer Cove Site)**

**11:00am
(Newfoundland Drive Site)**

Daily Mass:

Monday to Friday 9:30am

Daily Mass takes place at our Newfoundland Dr. site.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am -12:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Join us for Adoration and Benediction every **Tuesday, 2:00 to 3:30 pm** in the church at our St. Paul's site and every **Thursday, 11am to noon** and **Friday from 11am to noon** at our St. Francis Site.

Divine Mercy Parish Contact Information:

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Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. Pastor Email: john@ekon.ca Telephone 416-417-1513

Sacrament of

Reconciliation:

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays:
8:30 to 9:15 am**

Saturdays 3-3:45pm

By appointment:

Please call 709-726-9924 or email info@divinemercynl.com

Sacrament of the Sick & Home

Visits

Do you know someone in hospital or who is homebound with health concerns? Arrange a visit for the Sacrament of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion. Call the Parish Office at 709-726-9924

Pastor's Note

Imagine God speaking the following words: "I am sick with love." These words are from the Song of Songs in the Old Testament. It is more than hard to imagine God speaking these words about each of us. And yet they are spoken by him as they are God's Word. It is through these words that we are able to make sense of what we hear in this week's Gospel.

Our Gospel from John contains a teaching that is both what we want to hear and that which is so difficult to believe. We are told that "the Son of Man be lifted up," that is, he will be lifted up on the Cross. The Lord then reveals that "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son." The Son was sent not to "condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." How can it be that

God would do all these things for each of us? How can it be that we each are so valued by him that he would be lifted up on the Cross, that he would give himself so that we may be saved? It seems nonsensical and too good to be true. Yet, it is fully true. The incarnate God, Jesus Christ, reveals both the Father to us and we to ourselves. And so it is fully true. How do we make sense of it? How do we understand that which is beyond understanding? Fortunately, there are a few words that provide the simple lens: "If you see my Beloved, tell him I am sick with love."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Divine Mercy Parish New Mass Schedule

Begins April 6 & 7

Saturday 4pm (St. Paul's site)

Sunday 9am (St. Paul's site)

Sunday 11am (St. Paul's site)

Sunday 3pm (St. Francis site)
Mass will begin at 3:15 pm
following the Chaplet of Divine
Mercy with Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament)

Lenten Penance Service

When we go to Confession, the forgiveness that flows from God's mercy in our lives is ritualized. The Sacrament is celebrated, so that we experience the gift and power of the Lord's saving Grace.

We come to the Sacrament with a sense of joy for what God has already done through Jesus Christ in our lives and what God continues to do – fill us with his mercy and love.

Our **Lenten Penance Service** will take place on **Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30pm**. We will have several priests available for individual confession. Join us in celebration of the gift of God's faithful and merciful love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Way of the Cross

Fridays throughout Lent: Mar 15, & 22

5:45 pm: Join us for a hot bowl of soup

6:30 pm: Stations of the Cross begin in the church.

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Parish Ministry Fair

“Gather Us In”

April 13-14

In the Gym at our St. Paul’s site

Discover the heart of Christian ministry here at Divine Mercy Parish. Celebrate the life of our growing parish. There will be lots to see, friends to meet and fun to be had. You may even find a place for your own gifts and talents. We hope to see you there!

Ministries & Groups You’ll See:

- ✦ Lectors ✦ Eucharistic Ministers ✦ Ushers
- ✦ Music Ministry ✦ Hospitality ✦ Counting Ministry
- ✦ Children’s Liturgy ✦ Baptism Preparation
- ✦ Sacrament Preparation ✦ RCIA
- ✦ Bereavement ✦ Parish Food Bank
- ✦ Catholic Women’s League ✦ Knights of Columbus
- ✦ and some new Ministries in the planning stages

Enjoy some hospitality as you meet and talk with people in the different ministries of the parish. Join our scavenger hunt! Lots of fun.

Fr. John will be away for the next week:

Fr. John will be away giving two retreats at the Jesuit Retreat Centre in Pickering, Ontario. He will be back home in St. John’s on Monday, March 18. Let us pray for Fr. John and all the retreatants that their time in prayer and reflections may be filled with many consolations.

Offertory Collection Week of March 3

Offertory	\$	6,656.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	75.00
Holy Thursday	\$	25.00
Good Friday	\$	25.00
Easter Offering	\$	25.00
Flowers	\$	45.00
Food Bank	\$	1,195.00
Development & Peace	\$	25.00

E-transfers can be made through

dmparishnl@outlook.com

(Please include your full name and a message indicating what the E-transfer is for)

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

Knights of Columbus: The Silver Rose on Display and Prayer Service:

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, wanted to show their gratitude to Our Lady of Guadalupe for all she had done for her people in Mexico. The group of young men in Knights of Columbus Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey. The rose was chosen to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses, an important part of the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

On Monday, March 11 at 7pm, our Knights of Divine Mercy Parish St. Paul’s Council 11776 will have the Silver Rose on display for a prayer service at Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul’s site). Monsignor Francis Puddister has kindly agreed to lead us in the Silver Rose Prayer Service. All parishioners and members of the Knights of Columbus are welcome. Tea and coffee will be served after this Prayer Service.”

St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish presents a Lenten Mission March 10, 11 and 12 with Andre Regnier (cofounder of Catholic Christian Outreach – CCO). The retreat talks begin at 7 pm. The theme of the talks is “Prayer-An Encounter With Jesus.”

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, March 18 in observance of St. Patrick’s Day.



Why Serve?

*“What has He done for me?
 He has loved me and given me His whole self.
 What shall I do for Him?
 I shall love Him and give myself to Him
 without reserve.”*
 ~St. Ignatius of Loyola

In a more intense and prolonged way in Lent, our thoughts and prayers deepen and linger around the great gift of Love that God has made to us through Jesus Christ. As Christians, It is natural, to want to respond in love to the Father who gave his only son, and to Jesus who gave himself in self-sacrificial love – in other words, to live generous lives of self-giving.

Most of us do random acts of generosity, we help out when we see someone in need, reaching out as the moment arises. When we choose to serve intentionally, that inherent goodness within us is cultivated into a habit of generosity – a habit of caring and giving that changes us over time, transforming us into people whose deep desire and inclination is wanting to give freely and generously to all, just as God does.

On the weekend of April 13 and 14, our parish will hold a Ministry Fair. This is an opportunity to see all that is growing and at work in the parish. It will also be an invitation to become more involved in the ministries and groups in the parish and to consider where you might share your gifts and talents and serve in ministry.

Remember, there are no small acts of generosity. Seemingly small acts can be life-changing for the recipient. But also, those many acts repeated and repeated can become a habit. It will also strengthen our parish community and help heal our world. In your gift of self, you will find yourself united in love with the Lord who gave himself fully for us.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday- March 24

Saturday 4:00pm (St Paul’s Site)

Sunday 9:00am (St Francis Site)

Sunday 11:00am (St Paul’s Site)

Holy Thursday – March 28

Mass of the Lord’s Supper

7pm (St. Paul’s Site)

Altar of Repose

Located in the foyer of our St. Paul’s site. The Church will remain open until 11pm for those who wish to pray with the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday – March 29

Stations of the Cross (St. Paul’s Site) 9:30 am

Stations of the Cross for Children (St. Francis Site) 11:00 am

The Lord’s Passion 3pm (St. Paul’s Site)

Easter Vigil- March 30

7pm (St. Paul’s Site)

Easter Sunday – March 31

Sunday 9:00am (St Francis Site)

Sunday 11:00am (St Paul’s Site)