



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Week of March 17 to 23

Monday March 18

*Special Intention (HF); John Kenny;
Special Intention (PM)*

Tuesday March 19

*Laura & Henry Fitzpatrick; Mass of Thanksgiving;
Special Intention (JM)*

Wednesday March 20

*Thomas & Mary Fennessey; Helen & David Roche;
Special Intention (CW)*

Thursday March 21

*Humphrey Family; Hanlon Family;
Special Intention (AD)*

Friday March 22

Souls in Purgatory; George Allan; Margaret & Paul Foley

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Antonio Carvalho, Sharon Roche & Patricia Powell

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.

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

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent Holy Week in the Parish

Fr. John is away this week and unable to write a Pastor's Note. As Celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and prepare for Holy Week, we offer this message from Bishop Robert Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections:

Friends, our Gospel for today contains one of the most beautiful and terrible summations of the Christian message: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

Now this one upon whom the crowds had pinned their hopes is speaking of falling to the earth and dying. And then it gets stranger. "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for life eternal." Come again?!

Just when we are raising you up, you're talking about falling down; just when we are showing you that your life has come to its fulfillment, you're talking about hating this life.

To understand what all this means, we should go back to the grain of wheat that falls to the earth. A seed's life is inside, yes, but it's a life that grows by being given away and mixing with the soil around it. It has to crack open, to be destroyed.

Jesus' sign is the sign of the cross—the death that leads to transfiguration.

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)

Altar of Repose:

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass the Blessed Sacrament is carried in procession through the church. The church is emptied of the Eucharist which is carried and placed in an Altar of Repose. We then enter a period of solemnity and adoration before the Eucharist. Throughout the Easter Triduum, the Altar of Response will be available at both our sites for those wish to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament as follows:

Holy Thursday: Following the Mass at 7pm

Good Friday: From 10 am

On Holy Saturday: From 10am

We would like to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is accompanied throughout this sacred time. Please contact the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 or email info@divinemeracynl.com and let us know when and for how long you will be present.

Parish Details:

The waving of palms and the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday; the washing of the Feet, and procession of the Eucharist from the church on Holy Thursday; the Passion and Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday; the new fire, blessing of the water and return of the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil – the Services of Holy Week are the most beautiful and unique of the Church year. Here are a few practical details to help you plan for celebrating Holy Week at Divine Mercy.

- Palm Sunday: The Blessing of the Palms and the Reading of the Palm Gospel will take place at the front entrance of the Church at the beginning of Mass.
- Good Friday: Anticipating larger than normal crowds, we have coordinated with the school to use the gym for overflow. The 3pm Service will be livestreamed into the gym for the congregation.
- Livestream: We will livestream all of the Masses and Services of our Easter Triduum and the 11 am Sunday Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday from our Facebook: [Facebook.com/divinemeracyparishnl](https://www.facebook.com/divinemeracyparishnl)

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

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

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

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

Offertory Collection

Week of March 10

Offertory	\$	3,209.00
Initial Offering	\$	10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	65.00
Holy Thursday	\$	50.00
Good Friday	\$	50.00
Easter Offering	\$	100.00
New Years Day	\$	25.00
Flowers	\$	515.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	100.00
Cemetery	\$	25.00
Food Bank	\$	290.00
Development & Peace	\$	80.00
Papal Charities	\$	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!

Development & Peace: Solidarity Sunday, March 17

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s **Reaping our Rights** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. **Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.** “Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**” — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia. Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. **Thank you for your solidarity!**

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

A worship experienced geared to children, this ministry has become a wonderful and vital ministry at the 11am Sunday Mass in our parish. Our normal schedule of alternate Sundays will be temporarily interrupted in April. Here are the upcoming dates to note:

- March 24
- April 21
- May 12
- May 26
- June 9

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)



Stations of the Cross for Children

Good Friday Morning, March 29

11am at our Outer Cove Site

(29 Outer Cove Rd.)



Calling All Kids! Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, March 31
Following the 11am Mass
At our Newfoundland Dr. Site
(340A Newfoundland Dr.)
In the gym