



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Palm/Passion Sunday

Mass Intentions

Week of March 24 to 30

Monday March 25

Leo & Margaret Holden

Deceased Members of Boland Family

Deceased Members of Nugent Family

Tuesday March 26

Earl & Bridget Hickey

Special Intention (RM)

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Wednesday March 27

Deceased Members of Parrell Family

Roche Lambe

Philip Flynn

Thursday March 28

Holy Thursday

Friday March 29

Good Friday

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.

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

Pastor's Note

Maybe ten years ago, I remember a Lenten talk given by a Jamaican nun. She wasn't the best speaker nor communicator. Her words were somewhat disorganized and often haltingly expressed as she tried to focus her thoughts. I think she was extremely nervous. She would not have won a speech contest for sure. And yet, I still recall her talk more than any other Lenten talk I've ever heard. At a moment when she was struggling the most to say what was in her heart, in front of all of us, she turned her back, dropped to her knees in front of a crucifix and began singing a most tender song to the Lord. To speak about Christ's entrance into Jerusalem could contain words too numerous to count. But all those words could not more accurately convey our Holy Week faith better than image of a Christian on her knees in adoration and singing lovingly to the crucified Christ. It shows gratitude, amazement and some surprise, awareness of what he has done, and knowledge of why he has done it. And so, it allows our love to breakthrough.

Jesus Christ did not enter Jerusalem blindly. He had prophesied several times on what awaited him – poisonous opposition, betrayal, suffering, death and on the third day,

to be raised from the dead. Sometimes, I think to myself that if I were there, outside Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, I would have tried to find a moment alone with the Lord and advised him to go back to Galilee. I would have said something like, "You know what is in store for you. We haven't listened to you. I haven't listened. We haven't obeyed your teaching. I haven't obeyed. We, I, aren't worth it. Go back and save yourself." Rather than loving himself in a selfish way, Jesus perfectly loves the Father and in so doing, perfectly loves us. He unreservedly directs his face toward Jerusalem. "And all this for me," writes St. Ignatius of Loyola. Therefore, what are we to do in Holy Week? We are to take it all in, every last morsel of God's gift of eternal love. In our own words and actions, we are to express what that Jamaican nun expressed all those years ago – in adoration we love him because as he is on the Cross, we know that he has loved us first. In growing freedom and hearts alight, our love is breaking through.

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)

Be sure to pick up a bookmark with the new schedule and share it with family and friends!

The Chrism Mass

The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. The Mass is a celebration of the institution of the Ministerial Priesthood and is a sign of the unity and communion of the Priests with their Bishop.

The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the sacraments throughout the year, which are then given to the Priests to take back to their parishes.

The 2024 Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this celebration and it will be live-streamed at www.thebasilica.net and at www.thebasilica.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! 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!

Schedule Changes during Holy Week & Easter:

Our last daily 9:30 am Mass during Holy week will take place on Wednesday, March 27. The 9:30 daily Mass resumes on Monday, April 1.

Adoration and Benediction, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be cancelled at our St. Paul’s site for Tuesday, March 26 and Tuesday, April 2. Our Regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

Sacrament Preparation for Holy Communion:

We will begin preparing children for First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 6. Our Program begins with a Family Catechesis Session, 11am to 12:30pm on April 6 at our St. Paul’s site. If you have already registered your child for Sacrament, you will be receiving a Flocknote from us in the next week. If you would like to register your child for the program, please email us at faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com

Reception After the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday

Following the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday, March 31, there will be reception in the Annex of our Outer Cove Site. Continue the celebration of Easter by joining in fellowship with parish family and friends!

Holy Week in the Parish

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

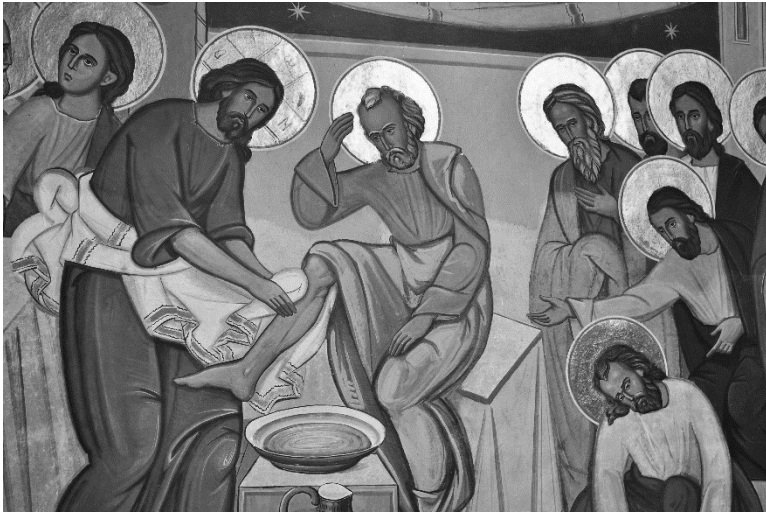
On Holy Saturday: From 10am

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@divinemercynl.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/divinemercyparishnl](https://www.facebook.com/divinemercyparishnl)



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)

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:

April 21

May 12

May 26

June 9



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

Divine Mercy Sunday



April 7, 2024, the Second Sunday of Easter is also the Feast of the Divine Mercy. This beautiful and joyous feast is also the Patronal feast of our parish. Be sure to mark the date on you calendar and join us for this celebration. ***Our New Mass Schedule will also begin that weekend.***

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Sunday 9:00am (St Paul's Site)

Sunday 11:00am (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.

Offertory Collection Week of March 17

Offertory	\$	7,482.65
Donation	\$	1,200.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	70.00
Easter Offering	\$	110.00
Flowers	\$	383.00
D & P	\$	2,290.00

*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!*

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the ***Reaping our Rights*** campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$ 2,290. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting:

The 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus will hold its monthly meeting on Monday 25 March in the foyer of our St. Paul's site at 7 pm. We will begin with Rosary, followed by our guest speakers, Shanie Duff and John Fitzgerald who will speak on efforts to secure heritage status and funding for the central core of St. John's. Business meeting to follow. Rosary and prayer is open to everyone, the Business meeting, beginning at 8:15pm (looking at our activity plan for 2024) is for members only. Hope to see you there.

A Great Symphony of Prayer:

The CCCB Ad hoc committee for the preparation of the Jubilee of 2025 announces a webinar series, A Great Symphony of Prayer. This series will include one four-part webinar series in the spring and one more four-part series in the fall. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will present these eight webinars. The theme of the Spring sessions is "A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Program for Life" and the sessions are scheduled April 2, 9, 23 and 30. Each session is from 1pm - 2:30 pm EST. The link for registration can be found on the Archdiocesan website: www.rcsj.org.

Development & Peace: National Way of the Cross

Good Friday, March 29 at 11am NL time

Live from the Cathedral Parish of Immaculate Conception, Grand Falls Windsor, NL on their parish you tube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@ImmaculateConceptionCathedGFW/streams>

join with others across Canada to participate in the Way of the Cross.