



# Divine Mercy



## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent: March 9, 2025

### Mass Intention Week of March 9

#### Monday, March 10

9:30am Kelly & Ed Molloy +  
Marilyn Lawlor +  
Shirley O'Brien +

7pm John Wheeler +  
Special Intention (AM)  
Elsie Lacey +

#### Tuesday, March 11

9:30am Special Intention (SA)  
Special Intention (MP)  
Gary Power +

#### Wednesday, March 12

9:30am Regina McBride +  
Brian Furlong +  
Special Intention (PJ)

7pm Barbara Gillies +  
Joan Vincent +  
Billy Squires +

#### Thursday, March 13

9:30am Michael Smart +  
Barbara Barbour +  
Leo Holden & Deceased Family Members +

#### Friday, March 14

9:30am Special Intention (SN)  
Tom Cooper & Deceased Family Members +  
Charles John +

7pm Beth Gracie +  
Morgan Hinchey +  
Donna Hoyles +

*Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:*

*Debbie Hanlon*

### Parish Schedule:

#### Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Our 11:00am Mass is livestreamed on our Youtube channel:  
[www.youtube.com/@divinemercury15565](http://www.youtube.com/@divinemercury15565)

**Daily Mass:** Monday to Friday 9:30am  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 8:30 to 9:15 am;  
Saturdays 3-3:45pm  
By appointment: email [info@divinemercury.nl.com](mailto:info@divinemercury.nl.com)

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

### Contact Information:

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[www.divinemercury.nl.com/](http://www.divinemercury.nl.com/)

#### Parish Office Hours:

Mon to Thurs: 8:30am -4:00pm and Fri 8:30 am-12pm

Join our Flocknote by texting 01556 to 514-900-0130 and  
follow the prompts to enter your email address and  
preferences.

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# Pastor's Note

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." This sentence by Saint Paul in this week's Second Reading, may seem to our ears and minds too simple, too "black and white." Some may think that it appears to hold forth a club membership approach to faith and salvation – If you say the right things, then you're in! St. Paul is not, however, offering a superficial teaching. Paul points to belief in one's heart. If one believes in one's heart that Christ rose from the dead then that person will be saved. Having been raised in the Jewish faith, when Paul uses the word "heart," he does not imply something sentimental, rather he means the innermost being of the person, the very centre. Therefore, one could not believe from the heart and not have that belief utterly alter or transform one's entire life.

I often think that we envision life as a collection of limited resources. As such, we want to ensure that we get what we need and want. The Resurrection, however, recreates life. It is no longer limited but is now unlimited. We do not withdraw from the world, discounting the normal things we do and seek to achieve. The Resurrection reveals the passing nature of the world and thereby gives us freedom. It frees us to live by our

hearts – the innermost part of who we are. It shows us the permanency of what God values by Christ having initiated the Kingdom of God. The Resurrection unleashes a new life. We begin to see and know Creation through God. I do not have to have everything to be a somebody because the Resurrection has revealed that we each are to be the Father's eternal co-heir with Christ. Differences with others do not have to be a point of prolonged animosity because we are not threatened. The tomb is empty! One's dignity as the "apple of his eye" is eternally given to each of us. One's labour, use of one's gifts is for that which isn't passing, namely, the Kingdom of God. The Resurrection means we are never alone, we are never just "cogs in the machine," we are not anonymous, life isn't meaningless. It means we live in and through God's eternal love. The Resurrection means that "we might pass over at last to the eternal paschal feast" now.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

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## Saints Speak

*"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working, and just so, you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn in any other way deceive themselves."*

*-St. Francis de Sales*

# Faith Formation Corner

## Divine Mercy Parish Through Lent

**Meet Jesus on the Way!  
Join the community in prayer.  
Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays: Mar 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11**

**5pm to 5:45 pm:** gather for a hot bowl of soup  
**6pm:** Stations of the Cross in the church

Please note the revised times from what was previously printed in the parish bulletin. The change in times will allow us time after the Stations to prepare the church for our regularly scheduled Mass at 7pm. Apologies for any confusion.

Unable to join us on Friday? You may like to spend some time with a beautiful set of Reflections on the Stations of the Cross by Bishop Robert Barron. Sign up for Flocknote and we will send them to you.

**Be renewed and refreshed!  
Join us for our**

**Lenten Parish Mission  
March 25, 26 & 27 6pm**

**Mission Speaker: Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.**

The mission will be livestreamed each evening on YouTube channel:

[www.youtube.com/@divinemeracy15565](http://www.youtube.com/@divinemeracy15565)

The final evening will also include our Lenten Reconciliation Service. Several Priests will be available for individual confessions.

Come, experience once again, the mercy and forgiveness of the Father.

## Lectio Divina Through Lent

*Lectio divina* ("divine, or sacred reading") is a method of attentively and prayerfully reading the Word of God. Enter the beauty and depth of God's Word through prayer. Available on Sundays during Lent through Flocknote. Sign up at this link:

<https://divinemeracyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/186600>

## Word on Fire's Pivotal Players Series on the Saints:

*St. Benedict of Nursia: March 19*

*St. Thomas Aquinas: March 26*

*St. Francis of Assisi: April 2*

The Series, from Word on Fire's **Pivotal Players** will be available through our Flocknote on Wednesdays beginning March 19. Sign up by clicking on this link: <https://divinemeracyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/202066>

## Altar of Repose Signup Sheet:

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 for all who 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. You can sign up on the sheet in the foyer or contact us by calling 709-726-9924 or email [info@divinemeracynl.com](mailto:info@divinemeracynl.com) and let us know when and for how long you will be present.

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## The Church is Open for Private Prayer:

**Divine Mercy Parish is open daily throughout Lent for private prayer and personal Stations of the Cross.**

## Looking for some Sunday or Lenten Resources for Young Catholics?

Are you looking for ways to help your child experience the Mass and the Season of Lent in a deeper way? The parish has two resources available through our Flocknote that may be of interest. **Holy Heroes** is a weekly prep for the Mass, with videos, colouring pages, pop quizzes and other activities for early learners (up to the ages of 10). **The Sunday Connection** by Loyola Press is weekly prep for Mass that lets you choose reflections and discussion questions based on the age of your child(ren). Sign up through our Flocknote or email us at [faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com). We'll send them directly into your inbox every week!

And don't forget our wonderful Liturgy of the Word for Children program every other Sunday during the 11am Mass in the Foyer! An amazing way for young Catholics to experience the beauty and joy of the Mass. The next session is Sunday, March 16!

### Save the Dates:

**Two Lenten Retreats for the Jubilee Year  
St. John The Baptist Cathedral Basilica Parish**

#### Known & Loved

Women's Lenten Mission

April 11 & 12, 2025

Women Ages 19+, Cost: Freewill Offering

Guest Speaker: Angele Regnier

#### Behold the Man (John 19:5)

April 4, 7pm – April 5 8:30am-5pm

Men Ages 19+, Cost: Freewill Offering

Speaker: Brett Powell

Register for the retreats online at [www.thebasilica.church](http://www.thebasilica.church) or at the Parish office 709-754-2170 or by email [basilica@rcsj.org](mailto:basilica@rcsj.org)

## Chalice Child Sponsorship:

Chalice extends their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Sullivan and Divine Mercy parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on Feb. 15-16. As a result, 2 children in need were sponsored, in addition to those who are usually sponsored after more time and consideration. On behalf of these children, we give thanks to God that you have revealed His love to them and have given them hope for the future!

Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty. Please prayerfully consider a call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission or to sponsor a child today.

## Catholic Women's League:

Are you interested in a way to act on important social justice issues by adding your voice to many throughout the country? Come join us for our March General Meeting of the Divine Mercy Council of the Catholic Women's League scheduled for Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Church foyer. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting. A social will follow the meeting.

Visit our website: [www.divinemergynl.com/](http://www.divinemergynl.com/) for more details and information on the many offerings and happenings in our parish and throughout the Church in the city and in the world.

## Offertory Collection Week of March 2

Offertory	\$6476.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 70.00
Initial Offering	\$ 15.00
Food Bank	\$ 769.00
New Year's Offering	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00

*E-transfers can be made through [dmparishnl@outlook.com](mailto: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!*