



Divine Mercy



Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

3rd Sunday of Lent: March 23, 2025

Mass Intention Week of March 23

Monday, March 24

9:30am Richard & Clotilda White +
Leo & Elizabeth White +
Michael Valencic +

7pm Special Intention (DP)
Florence Neary +
John O'Brien +

Tuesday, March 25

9:30am Special Intention (MP)
Anne Cole +
Joan O'Driscoll +

Wednesday, March 26

9:30am Walter Carroll +
Joan Keating +
Alice Miles +

7pm Special Intention (EF)
Carmel Fleming +
Rhonda Collens +

Thursday, March 27

9:30am Special Intention (RM)
Sonya Harvey +
Martin Roche +

Friday, March 28

9:30am Special Intention (AM)
John Abbott +
Loyola Mackey +

7pm Don Walsh +
Jacqueline Kiss +
Frank Kennedy +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Antonia (Toni) Gillett, Patricia Mary Martin

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

Contact Information:

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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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Fr. Joe Mroz, S.J.
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**Inquiries for Sacrament Preparation and Faith
Formation:** email: faith.divinemercury.nl@gmail.com

Pastor's Note

The Stations of the Cross that we use at the parish are by St. John Paul II. In one Station, St. John Paul speaks of the Cross as being the “key.” The Cross as key, he teaches, unlocks the deepest mystery of God. And the deepest mystery of God is infinite or eternal love. So often in my life, in fact, daily, I am confronted by the imperfection and limitation of my faith. While I know and am grateful to God for how I’ve grown in my faith, I also know that there’s still much work to be done. This isn’t being excessively negative or self-critical, rather it is just calling “a spade a spade.” One may think that such an admittance would likely lead to desolating impatience, frustration and a feeling of futility. On the contrary, I believe the promise he made to me (and you) in baptism will be fulfilled – that his life will fully become my (and your) life. I believe this through and through because of the Cross and Resurrection. The key reveals the Passion and Resurrection to be an eternal act of Divine loving.

Saint Paul, in this weeks Second Reading, speaks of how God cared for Israel. Freeing them from slavery in Egypt,

Moses and Israel we “under the cloud,” that is, amidst God’s presence. God led them through the Red Sea, he nourished them with food and drink and were followed by “the rock” which was Christ. Despite God’s actions for his Chosen People, most rebelled against him. They complained and wished they were still in Egypt; and they built an idol to worship despite what God had done for them. In the face of their infidelity, God remained faithful – the Israelites continued and continue to be God’s Chosen People. The Cross and Resurrection reveal the selfless love of God and constant flow of his mercy to us. There are times I imagine God wants to give-up on me. Yet, the Cross shows this thought to be wrong. The Cross reveals the selfless and limitless love of God for each. Our faith and lives may be far from perfect, but we are loved by a perfect love. We are loved now and forever.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

**Join us for our
Lenten Parish Mission**

My God, My Mercy

March 25, 26 & 27 6pm

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

The mission will be livestreamed each evening
on our YouTube channel:
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.

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 and let us know when and for how long you will be present.

To See



To Love



To Serve

The parish offers different opportunities throughout the year to grow in love and keep Christ at the center of our lives. To See, To Love, To Serve, encourages us all to keep the fire of discipleship growing through the deepening of our understanding, our prayer and our serving. Our Bulletin offers a four-week cycle exploring a different aspect of Catholic Faith through the lens of Seeing, Loving and Serving. This week, through the To Love lens, we look at the theme of God’s mercy.

*The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger; abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
(Psalm 144)*

‘Abounding in mercy.’ What beautiful imagery the psalmist sets before us of God’s mercy for each of us – active, alive and teeming with divine anticipation and desire for us.

Last week, we looked at what the Church teaches about divine mercy. We looked at Bishop Barron’s theme of the “rhythm of Grace” (namely, that God’s grace comes first, but then, experience of mercy received gives rise to love. This in turn is experienced by the other as mercy, which then goes on to give rise to love). We also explored St. John Paul II teaching on the Prodigal Son and the Crucifixion and resurrection of Christ as the ‘interruption” of Gods mercy over sin and death.

God’s mercy to us is a cry of eternal love and requires a response from us. This begins naturally in the language of relationship between the human person and God – in prayer. Whether it is in meditations on the mysteries of the Rosary, in the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, in the prayerful pilgrimage that is the Stations of the Cross, in the daily examen, or in the Penitential Rite of the Mass, we gaze lovingly into the face of God’s mercy and come to see ourselves reflected through the Divine gaze of love.

The fullest expression of this experience of God’s mercy and forgiveness is found in the sacraments of the Church, and in a profound and particular way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Many of us have a sense of trepidation when ever the topic of Confession is brought up. It feels negative to talk about

sin and the reality of sin is often repressed in our society Further, the idea of “telling” someone my sins can give rise to a sense of consternation and anxiety in us. Sometimes we can convince ourselves that it is enough to just keep “it between me and God” That is, until we take seriously the truth of the mercy of God in our lives. His mercy interrupts all that would separate us from him. He has given us everything and poured out his very life for us in Jesus Christ. He continually calls us to him and rejoices in our return. A natural and right response to this “abounding mercy” involves a full and complete return into, and a sharing of, the joy of the Father.

Look at the steps of the Sacrament:

- the examination of conscience,
- Contrition: to feel genuine sorrow for our sins and desire to turn away from them
- Confession: to honestly and humbly confess our sins to a priest
- Absolution: to receive forgiveness of God through the priest, who acts as an instrument of God’s grace
- Penance: for spiritual grown and repair of the damage caused by sin
- Resolution: to make a firm resolve to avoid repeating these sins and to live more virtuous lives.

In all of them, keep your eyes fixed on Christ and the unparalleled mercy he is pouring into you. Be motivated by love rather than fear. Remember the words of St. John Vianney “God desires your salvation more than you do.”

**Join us
Thursday, March 27 at 6:00pm
for our Lenten Penance Service
Experience the grace of
God's mercy in the sacrament.**

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Meet Jesus on the Way!
Join the community in prayer.
Stations of the Cross
Fridays: March 28, April 4 & 11

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

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

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://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/202066>

The Church is Open for Private Prayer:

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

Visit our website: www.divinemercurynl.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.

2025 Chrism Mass:

The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the Holy Oils used in the sacraments, which are blessed at this Mass and then given to the priests to take back to their parishes. The Chrism 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. In this Jubilee Year, it is also an excellent occasion on which to celebrate the gift of the Ordained Priesthood and the ministry of the Priests of the Archdiocese. The 2025 Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica-Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on **Tuesday April 8th at 7:00 p.m.** For those unable to attend, the Mass will be live streamed at www.thebasilica.net

Knights of Columbus:

The EP Roche 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus Assembly will hold its monthly meeting in the foyer of St. Paul's on Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by a guest speaker Tim Turner from the T.I. Murphy Center and our business meeting. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting is for members only.

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

Known & Loved: Women's Lenten Mission, April 11 & 12, Women Ages 19+, Cost: Freewill Offering. Guest Speaker: Angele Regnier

Behold the Man (John 19:5) Men's Retreat: 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 or at the Parish office 709-754-2170 or by email basilica@rcsj.org

St. Theresa's Parish Mission: April 7-9, 2025

THEME: HOLY TRINITY-- RENEWAL OF OUR HOPE

Where? St Teresa's Parish, 120 Mundy Pond Rd. St. John's

Preacher: Fr. Ivan Dzhur CSSR.

Time? 7:00 pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings, April 7-9, 2025

Offertory Collection Week of March 16

Offertory	\$6809.85
Ash Wednesday	\$ 15.00
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Food Bank	\$ 595.00

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 indicating what the E-transfer is for)
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