



Divine Mercy



Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

4th Sunday of Lent: March 30, 2025

Mass Intention Week of March 30

Monday, March 31

9:30am Bertha Rose +
Mary & Denis Daley +
Catherine & Michael Christopher +
7pm Donald Jones +
Special Intention (JEM)
Alton Joy +

Tuesday, April 1

9:30am Elery Hudson +
Special Intention (MD)
Sandra Manning +

Wednesday, April 2

9:30am Ted Rosales +
Special Intention (MF)
John Smart +
7pm Mary Murphy +
Margaret Kavanagh +
John Dinn +

Thursday, April 3

9:30am William & Ann Short +
Special Intention (M & D)
Laura Goss +

Friday, April 4

9:30am Catherine O'Brien +
Special Intention (D & M)
Gus Etchegary +
7pm Mary Flemming +
Regina Hurley +
Jane Power +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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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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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**Inquiries for Sacrament Preparation and Faith
Formation:** email: faith.divinemercury.nl@gmail.com

Pastor's Note

Going to Confession can be intimidating. Sometimes we go into a darkened space and a small, grated window opens. We know there's a person behind the grate, but we can't make them out completely. Other times, we go to a more contemporary setting, into a room with two chairs facing each other. The old anonymity of the darkened confessional is now gone, with the new emphasis on relationship. With either version, the goal remains the same – reconciliation with God. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most valuable and precious gifts God has given to the Church and therefore, offers to us. We tend to enter the confessional with trepidation, even dread, with a heaviness of spirit. When we leave, however, it is usual to feel the opposite. When the priest says, "God has freed you from your sins. Go in peace," we feel as if the pieces of our hearts have been put back together, that we have been restored. The previous heaviness has been replaced by lightness and dread with joy. The experience of joy is the result of what God has done through the Sacrament and what it teaches us about our lives.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul describes how God forgives. He writes, "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ; . . . in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them." Our reconciliation with God is primarily God's initiative and work. Full forgiveness is offered without God weighing and deliberating whether it should be. If a sincere, repentant person comes and asks for forgiveness, God forgives. The person is then reconciled to God (by God). We are made friends again and, more significantly, freed to trust that our place remains within the heart of God – the child of the Father. The joy of a Christian arises through the knowledge (from experience) of the constantly abiding love of the Trinity. This joy and peace form us to be ambassadors for Christ. Our joy and peace reveal to the world that not all is passing, not all is a competition to "get mine," that life isn't meaningless. Our life is about his love. Love given freely and love offered eternally.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Altar of Repose Signup Sheet:

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass the church is emptied of the Eucharist which is carried and placed in an Altar of Repose. 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



Scan me!

Help ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is accompanied throughout this sacred time. Signup on the sheet in the foyer or contact us by calling 709-726-9924 or use the scan code above and let us know when and for how long you will be present.

Stations of the Cross On Good Friday

There will be two opportunities for the Stations of the Cross in the church on Good Friday morning

9:30am: Stations of the Cross

Praying with the same reflections we have used each Friday evening through Lent (based on St. John Paul II's Good Friday Stations from the Jubilee 2000)

11am: Stations of the Cross for Children

Praying with a family friendly version. This will begin with a Stations of the Cross activity that children will be able to take home.

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 Serve, we look at the theme of God’s mercy as a call to respond.

*How shall I make a return to the Lord
For all the good he has done for me?
Psalm 116:12-13*

In the first week of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the theme of God’s mercy looms large. We are invited to meditate on our sins, and we pray for the grace to feel sorrow of them. However, this reflection on our sins is not viewed through a cold and harsh lens. Rather it through the lens of God’s faithful and enduring love and mercy for us. As we ask for forgiveness, St. Ignatius invites us to consider three questions in prayer:

What have I done for Christ?
What am I doing for Christ?
What ought I do for Christ?

As the retreatant moves through the *Exercises* the experience of God’s mercy deepens within, and we are invited to know ourselves as beloved, forgiven and transformed. But, as the questions from *Exercises* show, God’s mercy calls for our response and requires action on the part of the heart that has experienced mercy.

God is inviting us to take up the tasks of mercy. These tasks may include some of the Corporal works of Mercy found in the teachings of Jesus, to serve others by feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, housing the homeless, burying the dead. These are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life. What makes them works of mercy is the fact that they are based, not on merit, but on the person’s identity as a beloved child of God.

When Catholics serve others, we give witness to Jesus Christ – the face of God’s mercy. These acts of service are not hoops we jump through so to reach heaven. Rather, they are acts of love – a return of love to the One who has loved us first. In so doing, we participate in the Christ’s mission of sanctifying the world and returning it in thanksgiving to the Father who has given us everything. Whether it is in our involvement in a parish ministry, our service in our communities and workplaces, or in the real work of forgiveness and reconciliation in our families, we are invited to see it as an opportunity to respond to the mercy God is pouring into our hearts.

Are you wondering where you might take up the tasks of mercy in your life? Start with prayer. Where does your prayer lead you in terms of concerns for the people in your life? Your community? Your parish? What are the gifts that God has given you and how might they be shared? How has God shown you mercy? How might this prompt you to serve others so that they might know God’s mercy through your love and care?

Opportunities to Serve:

- Through hospitality and welcome to newcomers and visitors
- Through teaching and guiding young people in the sacraments and in Children’s Liturgy
- Through outreach to families experiencing the loss of a loved one
 - Through visiting of the Sick
 - Through outreach to those in need

Interested in learning more? Contact us at 709-706-9924 or email info@divinemeracynl@gmail.com

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

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

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

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.divinemercynl.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

Development & Peace:

Demanding fairer policies in Tunisia

Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country's debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone. This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our Mini-magazine at devp.org/lent/resources.

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 23

Offertory	\$5339.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 28.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 25.00
Good Friday	\$ 25.00
Easter Offering	\$ 50.00
New Year's Day	\$ 700.00
Initial Offering	\$ 45.00
Donation	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$1030.00
Food Bank	\$ 415.00
Seminarian Studies	\$5020.00
Dev & Peace	\$ 50.00

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