



Divine Mercy



Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

Palm/Passion Sunday: April 13, 2025

Mass Intention Week of April 13

Monday, April 14

9:30am Thomas & Mary Lawlor +
Marilyn Lawlor +
Anna Coady Mondelli +

7pm Walter Vere Holloway +
Mary Seaward +
Frank O'Leary +

Tuesday, April 15

9:30am Special Intention (PG)
Ruth O'Mara +
Edward Noonan (VD)

Wednesday, April 16

9:30am Thomas & Martha Molloy +
Charles John +
Michael Smart +

7pm Don, Theresa & Michael Roche (Sr) +
Anne Colle +
Marion Carrigan +

Thursday, April 17

Holy Thursday

Friday, April 18

Good Friday

*Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Rita Wilkinson*

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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Pastor's Note

“Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.” Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, and we can have one of two perspectives, that is, our perspective or God’s. Both are correct and true, but one gives more life than the other and, therefore, should have more of our focus.

I remember when “The Passion of the Christ” was released in 2004. Although he was normally an actor, Mel Gibson was the movie’s director. In an interview, he said that he appeared in the film just once – when the camera cut to the image of a Roman soldier’s hand holding a hammer about to drive the nail into Jesus’ hand. Mel Gibson told the interviewer that he wanted it to be his hand because he had come to understand how his personal sins contributed to the suffering of the crucified Lord. It wasn’t just Judas, the members of the Sanhedrin, the Pharisees or the crowds, but he himself had added to the Lord’s suffering. It is true that our sins contribute to the Lord’s suffering. Remember when

Saint Paul (then Saul) encountered the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus and how the Risen Lord asked him, “Why do you persecute me?” Consequently, it is right for us to feel shame, guilt and remorse for our sinfulness. So too, however, is there another desire ruminating within our hearts – not just to avoid evil but to do the good, that which is pleasing to him. This desire deepens as we begin to reflect on Holy Week through God’s perspective.

I have said before that it is truly incredible to realize that everything God says and does is for us. This can be seen more clearly through the days of Holy Week. Throughout the Gospel, we have heard astonishing stories of how Jesus healed the sick, multiplied a few loaves of bread and some fish to feed more than 5,000, walked on water and brought a dead man back to life. Yet, with his entrance into to Jerusalem, the acts of power cease. He has given his divine power and wisdom so that we may come to believe. But we remain uncertain. So, he gives all that remains. He gives himself. From God’s perspective, Holy Week isn’t so much about our sinfulness, it is about his love. And in the Crucified One, he has given you perfect love.

God bless, take care and have a Blessed Holy Week,
Fr. John

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025, 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.

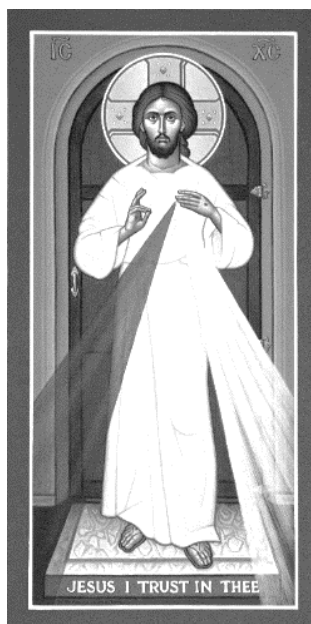
Saturday, 4:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

Sunday 11:00am

The 11 am Mass will be followed by hospitality in the school gym.

Sunday 3pm Join us for Holy Hour with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



Offertory Collection Week of March 30

Offertory	\$7186.70
Ash Wednesday	\$ 7.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 50.00
Good Friday	\$ 55.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 110.00
Initial Offering	\$ 8.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Food Bank	\$ 815.00
Dev & Peace	\$3588.00

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Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

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, we look at the theme of the Cross of Christ through the lens of To See.

**Behold the Wood of the Cross,
on which hung the Savior of the world.**

Come, let us adore.

(Good Friday, Adoration of the Cross)

These are the words that are chanted as the Cross is carried in Procession on Good Friday. We are invited not only to look upon the Cross, but to adore it. From a human perspective, this seems strange. Why would we gather around, exalt and even adore what on the surface of it look like disgrace and defeat? What is the meaning and power of the Cross of Christ?

The Gospel of John records Jesus' words to Nicodemus, in which he refers to his own crucifixion: *"The Son of Man must be lifted up... so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."* (John 3:14-15) These words recall the bronze serpent that God commanded Moses to make and lift on a pole so that the Israelites, who had sinned against God and were dying from snake bites in the desert, might look on it and live (Numbers 29: 6-9). This was not magic, rather it was to be an act of faith – a return to the Lord after sinning against him in the wilderness. The human tendency towards sin has generated many evils in the lives of individual persons and the families and communities to which they belong. It is the power of sin and death that the Cross of Christ stands against.

St. John Paul II reflecting on this passage in John's Gospel and the words of Jesus said: "Whoever believes in him, whoever sees in this Cross and in the Crucified One the Redeemer of the world, whoever looks with faith on the redemptive death of Jesus on the Cross, finds in him the power of eternal life. By this power, sin is overcome. People receive forgiveness of their sins at the price of the Sacrifice of Christ. They find again the life of God which had been lost by sin."

A look at the Kerygma – the basic proclamation of the Gospel helps us to see the dynamic at work. Simply put, this is the Kerygma:

God Created the World: Out of God's love we have been created in his image and likeness. We have been created for a relationship of love with God. This is our purpose and destiny.

Sin Enters the World: Sin is often spoken about as a behavior that is wrong or immoral. And this is true, but to really understand sin, we have to view in the context of our relationship with God and others. Sin breaks down our relationship with God and put obstacles between us, God and others.

The Father Sends the Son: God cannot bear to be separated from His children – and so the Father gave his divine Son, to be born of a woman. Jesus, by responding with his own infinite love to the love of the Father, proclaims the Gospel of salvation and offers himself on the Cross. Far from passive defeat – the Cross is the spring that pours out God's eternal mercy upon the world.

We Respond: All this was done for us. For each of us. We want to love Him back, to live our lives so joyfully that we cannot help but share this Good News with others.

It is God's love for us that gives the Cross its meaning and power. "Generation after generation passes. And in the midst of this passing, the Cross of Christ remains. Through the Cross, God continuously proclaims to the world the infinite love which no created evil is able to overcome. Yes, the Cross remains, so that in it the world, indeed every human person, may find the way of salvation. *For it is by this Cross that the world is saved!*" (St. John Paul II) *O, come, let us adore.*

Holy Week at Divine Mercy Parish

DIVINE MERCY PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday – April 17
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Good Friday – April 18
The Lord's Passion 3pm

Easter Vigil- April 19 7pm

Easter Sunday – April 20
Sunday 9am
Sunday 11am

Holy Week Confession Times:

Monday, April 14 8:30am – 9:15am
 Tuesday, April 15 2pm to 3pm
 Wednesday, April 16 8:30am – 9:15 am
 Wednesday, April 16 6pm to 6:45pm
 Saturday, April 20 4pm to 5pm

Parish Notes:

- The last Lenten Masses before the Triduum begins are scheduled for Wednesday, April 16 at 9:30am and 7pm. Once we enter the Triduum on Holy Thursday, the schedule of celebrations is as above. Our Daily Masses resume on Easter Monday, April 21 with the 9:30 am and 7pm Masses.
- Anticipating larger than normal crowds, we have coordinated with the school to use the gym for overflow. The Good Friday 3pm Service will be livestreamed into the gym for the congregation.
- We will livestream all of the Masses and Services of our Easter Triduum and the 11 am Sunday Mass on Easter Sunday from our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@divinemercury15565
- The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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.

Altar of Repose Signup Sheet:

Throughout the Easter Triduum, the Altar of Response will be available for all who wish to spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. Let us all accompany Christ present in the Eucharist throughout this sacred time. Signup on the sheet in the foyer or contact us by calling 709-726-9924 or use the scan code and let us know when and for how long you will be present.



Scan me!

Novena to the Divine Mercy

The Novena to the Divine Mercy will begin on Good Friday. Would you like to receive it daily through Flocknote? Signup is easy. Just click the Flocknote link below. <https://divinemercury12.flocknote.com/signup/186767>

Divine Mercy Council of the CWL will be celebrating the Feast Day for Our Lady of Good Counsel on Saturday, April 26th at 10:30 a.m. with mass followed by a social. All members and women of the Parish are invited to attend this special occasion.

The EP Roche 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Assembly will hold its monthly meeting in the foyer of St. Paul's on Thursday 22 April at 7pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by a guest speaker (not yet confirmed) and our business meeting. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting is for members only.