



# Divine Mercy



## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

Easter Sunday, Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord: April 20, 2025

### Mass Intention Week of April 20

#### Monday, April 21

9:30am Frank & Constance Costigan +  
Gerald, Philomena & Ed Nolan +  
Marg, Jim, Jim Jr Butler +  
7pm Victor Wheeler +  
John Wheeler +  
Ron Dower +

#### Tuesday, April 22

9:30am Roche Lambe +  
Deceased Members of Parrell Family +  
Philip Flynn +

#### Wednesday, April 23

9:30am Christopher Whalen +  
Emma Farrell +  
Thomas & Mary Fennessey +  
7pm J. Craig Power +  
Ethel Lawton +  
Edward Barrington +

#### Thursday, April 24

9:30am Special Intention (AM)  
Richard Molloy +  
David & Helen Roche +

#### Friday, April 25

9:30am Special Intention (LA)  
Burke Family +  
Neary Family +  
7pm Robert Sinclair +  
Robert Casey +  
Alice Felix +

*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](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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#### 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

In 1981, a man tried to kill Pope St. John Paul II by shooting him several times in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Had one of the bullets travelled even a millimetre differently, the Pope's wounding would have been fatal. In 1983, John Paul visited his would-be assassin in prison and forgave him. In 2014, now released from prison, the same man visited and laid roses on John Paul's tomb. The Resurrection alters one's life and is contagious.

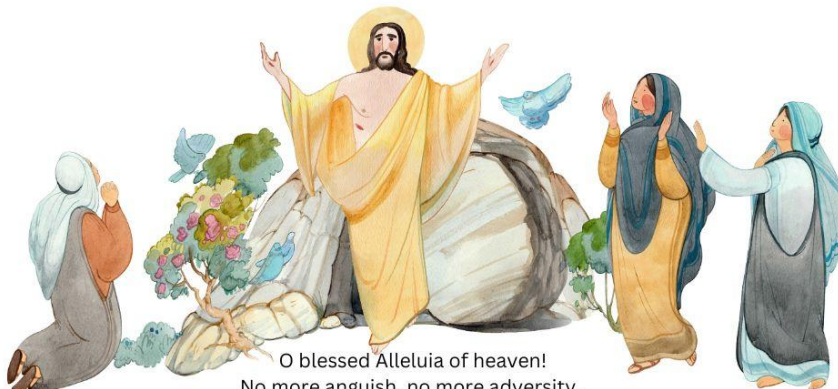
If I were to divide the public life of Jesus Christ, it would have three sections. The first would be the proclamation of the Kingdom of God in Galilee, Judea and Samaria. This first section would contain most of his teaching and acts of power or miracles. The second section would be his Passion and Crucifixion. And lastly, the third section would be the Resurrection. I often focus on the first two while neglecting the third. This is a tragic mistake because it is the Resurrection that frees and strengthens the Christian to begin to act and live as the Lord taught and

showed. It is the Resurrection that allows the Christian to do the unthinkable – to embrace and to treasure the Crucifixion. The Resurrection transforms our hearts. It reveals the love of the Father. The love that the Son offered on the Cross is the identical love he offers you today. Imagine this! This astounding gift of God is given through the Resurrection. The love revealed on the Cross is now eternal with the empty tomb. The Christian, above all else, knows interiorly, that is, in one's heart, the life-giving water that never runs dry - the eternal and personal love of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Christian knows an unending love which overflows back to God through our love of this world which is his world.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
His steadfast love endures for ever.  
Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

God bless, take care and Happy Easter,  
Fr. John

## Alleluia, Alleluia! He Has Risen!



O blessed Alleluia of heaven!  
No more anguish, no more adversity.  
No more enemy. No more love of destruction.  
Up above praise to God, and here below, praise to God.  
Praise mingled with fear here, but without disturbance above.  
Here we chant in hope, there in possession;  
here it is Alleluia en route, there it is Alleluia on arriving home.  
~ St. Augustine of Hippo

### Offertory Collection Week of April 13

Offertory	\$6342.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 100.00
Good Friday	\$ 66.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 36.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$2025.00
Food Bank	\$ 199.00
Dev & Peace	\$ 289.00

*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!*

# 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 Love.*

What is the connection between the Cross we are called to adore on Good Friday, and our adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?

The church I grew up in, Blessed Sacrament Church in London Ontario, was small and simple. The most prominent features were the crucifix behind the altar, with the tabernacle located beneath it, much like our own here at Divine Mercy Parish. I also remember the large wooden stations of the Cross which lined the walls. The images captivated me, and my imagination played with the Passion of Jesus and the many steps along the way. I also remember as a young child, being taught to genuflect towards the tabernacle when we entered a church, before being seated in a pew. It was my grandmother who showed me that this was a humble, gentle act of love and prayer to Jesus who was present and waiting for me.

Many years later, I discovered that the Church itself directs us to genuflect towards the tabernacle before entering the pew. The instruction comes from the *General Instruction to the Roman Missal* (GIRM, #274). The section on genuflection and bows, makes an interesting connection between the Eucharist and Good Friday: “A genuflection, made by bending the right knee to the ground, signifies adoration, and therefore it is reserved for the Most Blessed Sacrament, **as well as for the Holy Cross from the solemn adoration during the liturgical celebration on Good Friday until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.**” That means that from the time of the Adoration of the Cross in the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion until Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass, we offer the same reverence to the Holy Cross as we would to Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament! What a powerful teaching! Jesus died for us, and the Cross is now the mark of his victory over sin and death!

“Adoration consists chiefly in an interior reverence of God, but secondarily in certain bodily signs of humility; thus, when we genuflect, we signify our weakness in comparison with God, and when we prostrate ourselves, we profess that we are nothing of ourselves” (St. Thomas Aquinas)

The Eucharist is intimately connected with the Cross. “The content of the bread broken is the Cross of Jesus, his sacrifice of obedience out of love for the Father. If we had not had the Last Supper, that is to say, if we had not had the ritual anticipation of his death, we would have never been able to grasp how the carrying out of his being condemned to death could have been in fact the act of perfect worship, pleasing to the Father, the only true act of worship, the only true liturgy. Only a few hours after the Supper, the apostles could have seen in the Cross of Jesus, if they could have borne the weight of it, what it meant for Jesus to say, ‘body offered,’ ‘blood poured out’ (Pope Francis, *Desiderio Desideravi*, 7).

In the Eucharist, explains Pope Benedict, Jesus “reveals that he himself is the true sacrificial lamb, destined in the Father’s plan from the foundation of the world, as we read in The First Letter of Peter (cf. 1:18-20). By placing his gift in this context, Jesus shows the salvific meaning of his death and resurrection, a mystery which renews history and the whole cosmos. The institution of the Eucharist demonstrates how Jesus’ death, for all its violence and absurdity, became in him a supreme act of love and mankind’s definitive deliverance from evil” (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, no. 10). This is the mystery we celebrate by adoring the Cross on Good Friday and by adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament throughout the rest of the year.

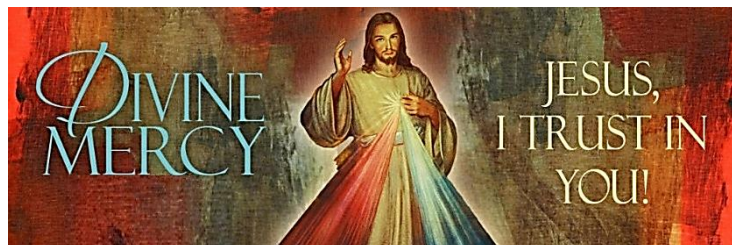
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### **Meet the Bulmans**

As part of our **To See, To Love, To Serve**, you are invited to sign up for Meet the Bulmans. This Word on Fire Series has been described as the First Catholic Reality Show. Enter the life of the Bulman family and reflect and share in the joy of the vocation of the family through this wonderful series. 8 sessions available through Flocknote

<https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183789>

# Holy Week at Divine Mercy Parish



## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025

This beautiful and joyous feast is also the patronal feast of our parish. We hope you will join us next Sunday for this celebration.

Saturday, 4:00pm, Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

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

Sunday April 27 at 3pm

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



Scan me for Novena Signup

## 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 follow the QR code or call the parish office. If you would like a hardcopy, they are available on the Welcome Kiosk in the Foyer.

## Pilgrim Image of the Divine Mercy

Beginning Divine Mercy Sunday, the Parish will have a travelling image of the Divine Mercy that parishioners may host in their homes for a week at a time. The image is a framed picture approximately 16x20 inches.

Sign up sheets to host the image will be available in the lobby after each Mass on Divine Mercy weekend. Reading materials and holy cards of the Divine Mercy will be included with the travelling image.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our normal Children's Liturgy schedule of alternate Sundays will not take place next Sunday, April 27 due to preparations for the Divine Mercy Feast. Upcoming dates to note:

May 11, May 25, June 8 & June 22

June 22 will be the final session before the summer holidays. Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume on Sunday, September 14.

Divine Mercy Council of the CWL will be celebrating the Feast Day for Our Lady of Good Counsel on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 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.

## Easter Message of the President of the CCCB

Bishop William T. McGrattan, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, has released an Easter 2025 Message. This message can be found on our Archdiocesan webpage at: [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org)

## The Crowning of Mary

May is the month of Mary – a month dedicated to devotion to the Blessed Mother. A traditional devotion at this time is the Crowning of Mary – symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of our lives. Join us today, Sunday, May 4 at our 11am Mass when we will crown the statue of Mary in our Church.

**The Rosary before Daily Mass** Join us Mondays through Fridays through the Month of May before the 9:30am (9:15 am) for the Rosary.

**The Rosary with Bishop Robert Barron** Pray this most beautiful prayer with Bishop Robert Barron and hear him give a reflection on each mystery. May 2025 on Flocknote. <https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183615>