



Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

4th Sunday of Lent: March 15, 2026

Mass Intention Week of March 15

Monday, March 16

9:30am Eleanor Nolan +
Kevin Stamp +
John Toloin +
Joe Del Rizzo +

7:00pm Gerturde Roche +
Peter Manning +
Lilian Rogers +
Judy Dillon +

Tuesday, March 17

9:30am Gerry & Cathy Feehan & Deceased Family +
David & Maryann Roche & Deceased Family +
Theresa Rockwood +
Special Intention (SW)

Wednesday, March 18

9:30am Patrick Kennedy Jr. +
John Connors +
Jack Janes +
Special Intention (EC)

7:00pm Arthur Hickey +
Angela Fleming +
Siad Matar +
Vincent MacDonald +

Thursday, March 19

9:30am Eddie Williams +
Jim Rose +
Special Intention (HC)
Janet Ivey +

Friday, March 20

9:30am Michael T. Kelly +
Patrick Kelly & Thomas Roche +
Theresa Rockwood +
Barry Roberts +

7:00pm Matthew Prim +
Johnny Dehner +
Reuben Warren +
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Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Charlie Power, Edward Nugent

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 8:30 to 9:15 am;

Fridays 6:30pm

Saturdays 3-3:45pm

By appointment: email: divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Holy Hour every weekday after the 9:30am Mass

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

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Offertory Collection Week of March 8

Offertory	\$ 4,533
Initial Offering	\$ 5
Ash Wednesday	\$ 70
Maintenance	\$ 20
Flowers	\$ 42
Food Bank	\$ 350

*E-transfers can be made through divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org
(Please include your name and indicate what the E-transfer is for)*

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

Pastor's Note

Sometimes we can make God resemble an Olympic judge. The judge sits there at a distance, removed from the competitor, and has a sheet of paper in front of him. The judge looks for any moment of imperfection or failure, casually writing notes to the anxiety of the athlete. There may be a stumble or a last second decision to avoid the more difficult maneuver. There are faults and failings. And then the athlete waits nervously for their score. Was the performance good enough or is that "all she wrote?" The performance is everything, it's all that matters. In a similar way, we may impose this structure onto God. It is God with paper in front of him. He notes our faults and failings, our sins of commission and omission. And we anxiously wonder what score God will give us. We have performed, we are seeking to live our lives of faith, waiting for the judge to speak. The judge has spoken. The Son is the *Logos*, the Word of the Father. What has the Father spoken in the Son?

Saint John Paul II, wrote in 1980, that love and mercy are synonyms. To experience God's love in this life is to experience mercy. It is as if mercy describes our experience of the Father's love. The story of David's anointing in the first reading sheds light on God's vision, on what God sees. David's other brothers seem, on the surface, to have been better choices for God to lead Israel. For example, when Eliab was brought before Samuel, Samuel thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." He wasn't because God "does not see as the human sees; the human looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." It was David's heart that the Lord loved the most. It seems that it isn't just the performance that matters for God, so too, is it one's heart.

Our "performance" often lacks elegance and purity of action. It looks like a mess to varying degrees. But God sees our hearts. He sees our desire to draw closer to the Son. He sees our growing trust. We cautiously open our bruised hearts to him. His heart is pierced and wounded. He understands our hesitancy. His wounds strengthen our confidence in him. Our anxiety begins to lessen, replaced by joy. The Father has spoken eternally. What is the Word, what does the Son say? "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light." The score has come in. And it's a surprise to us – He has found us worthy!

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

DIVINE MERCY PARISH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday – March 28 & 29
Saturday 4pm
Sunday 9am & 11am

Holy Thursday – April 2
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

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

Easter Vigil- April 4
7pm

Easter Sunday – April 5
9am & 11am

Holy Week Schedule Bookmark

Be sure to pick up a copy of our Holy Week Schedule bookmark and share it with family and friends. The schedule has both Mass times and Confession Times.

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Lenten Penance Service & Holy Week Confession Times

Lenten Penance Service
Thursday, March 19 at 6:00pm

When we go to Confession, the forgiveness that flows from God's mercy in our lives is celebrated, so that we experience the gift and power of the Lord's saving Grace. We come to the Sacrament with a sense of joy for what God has already done through Jesus Christ in our lives and what God continues to do – fill us with his mercy and love. Additional Confession times have been added through Holy Week:

Monday, March 30 8:30am – 9:15am
Monday, March 30 6pm – 6:45pm
Tuesday, March 31 4pm to 5pm
Wednesday, April 1 8:30am – 9:15 am
Wednesday, April 1 6pm to 6:45pm
Saturday, April 4 4pm to 5pm

The waving of palms and the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday; the washing of the Feet, and procession of the Eucharist from the church on Holy Thursday; the Passion and Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday; the new fire, blessing of the water and return of the Alleluia at the Easter Vigil – the Services of Holy Week are the most beautiful and unique of the Church year. Here are a few practical details to help you plan for celebrating Holy Week at Divine Mercy.

- **Palm Sunday:** The Palms you receive from the Ushers as you arrive for Mass will already have been blessed. The Opening Rites, including the reading of the Palm Gospel will take place in the foyer of the Church at the beginning of Mass. You are invited to join Opening Procession into the Church, waving your palms joyfully as you enter
- **Good Friday:** Anticipating larger than normal crowd. The foyer will be set up for the overflow. The 3pm Service will be livestreamed into the foyer for the congregation.
- **Livestream:** We will livestream all of the Masses and Services of our Easter Triduum and the 11 am Sunday Masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday from our YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/@divinemeracy15565

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. The Altar of Repose is open:

Holy Thursday: Following the 7pm Mass
Good Friday: From 10am to 1pm
Holy Saturday: From 10am to 1pm

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 through flocknote and let us know when and for how long you will be present. To sign up through flocknote:
<https://divinemeracyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/250535>

Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent: March 20 & 27

Join us at 5pm for a hot bowl of soup
Stations of the Cross begin at 6:00pm

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

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. Singing and Readings will be led by young people of the parish.

Easter Egg Hunt: Easter Sunday

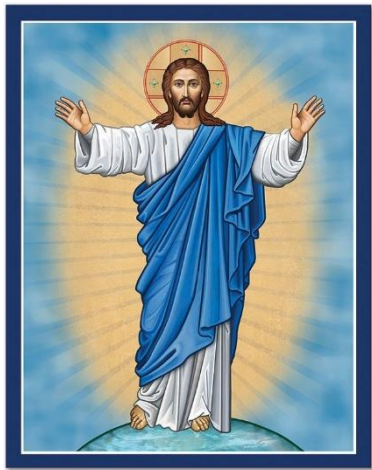
Following the 11am Mass
In the gym (access is through the foyer of the church).

Help us make the Easter Egg Hunt a great success. Donations of chocolate and candied eggs or jellybeans would be gratefully accepted. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office by March 29th. Many Thanks!

Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish Lenten Mission

Christ Be Our Light Longing for Light, We Come to You



Saturday, March 21

Facilitated by Sister Mary Babic, nds

This Lent, our Parish Mission will take the form of a day retreat on Saturday, March 21 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Our theme is *Christ Be Our Light*.

The day begins at 9:30am with coffee and fellowship. This will be followed with the first input session. A light lunch will be served at noon, followed by the second input session and reflection time. The day will also include time for reflection and sharing. Input sessions will be livestreamed and available on Youtube for those unable to attend in person.

There is no cost for the Retreat. Please RSVP by calling 709-726-9924 or email us at divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org so we can plan for food and materials.

Sister Mary is a member of the Congregation of Our Lady of Sion. She is a former Superior General of her congregation, leading her religious community through the Covid Pandemic. She is a long-time educator and has worked extensively in social outreach and ministry. Sister Mary currently serves as part of the Leadership Team for the Sisters of Sion in the Americas.

Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on and deepen your desire for Christ who is our light and our longing.

St. Patrick's Day Holiday:

The public holiday for St. Patrick's Day is Monday, March 16. The Parish Office will be closed. Our two daily Masses remain scheduled for 9:30am and 7pm.

Catholic Women's League: The *March General Meeting* of the Divine Mercy CWL will take place on Sunday, March 15th, 2026 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the foyer of the Church.

CWL April Meeting— Sunday, April 19—1:30pm: The CWL welcomes Sister Elizabeth Davis as guest speaker. The topic of discussion is *"Women and AI: Advocacy for Inclusion"*. All women are encouraged to attend this important talk on a timely and important issue. Conversation will continue over a cup of tea/coffee and goodies. Don't miss it.

Knights of Columbus: The EP Roche 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Assembly will hold its monthly meeting in the foyer at Divine Mercy Parish on Thursday, March 26 at 7pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by a guest speaker and business meeting. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting is for members only.

2026 Chrism Mass

Tuesday March 24 at the Basilica: 7pm.

The Mass of Chrism is one of the most solemn and important diocesan celebrations of the liturgical year. It 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. 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 2026 Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the Baptist on **Tuesday March 24th at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited to come and join in this celebration of the gift of the Ordained Priesthood. The Mass will be live streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/@BasilicaHeritageFoundation>.

Upcoming Retreats at the Cathedral Basilica:

Men's Lenten Retreat: March 20-21 "Contemplating the Cross and our Sharing in it. Guest Speaker: Fr. James Fleming, Pastor of St. Edward's Parish

Women's Lenten Retreat: March 27-28 "RENEW" "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength" Isaiah 40:31 Guest Speaker: Megan Turland.

Cost of both retreats: Free Will Offering

For more information or to register email basilica@rcj.org