



# Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent: March 22, 2026

## Mass Intention Week of March 22

### Monday, March 23

- 9:30am Barbara Barbour +  
Abraham B. Almazan Sr. & Eufosina Almazan +  
Jim Rose +  
Cyril Walsh +
- 7:00pm Elaine Morris +  
Lee Whitten +  
Reginald Power +  
Sr. Teresa Devine +

### Tuesday, March 24

- 9:30am Catherine Lannon +  
Frances La Rusic +  
Patrick Wadden +  
Special Intention (MC)

### Wednesday, March 25

- 9:30am Michael T. Kelly. +  
Jim Rose +  
Janet Ivey +  
Special Intention (MF)
- 7:00pm Dorothy Locke +  
Ed Trainor +  
Teresa Coombs +  
Judy Dillon +

### Thursday, March 26

- 9:30am Gerald Winston Stone & Deceased Family +  
Angela Colford & Deceased Family +  
Special Intention (MT)  
William Burseley +

### Friday, March 27

- 9:30am Robert McGrath +  
Ann Marie Groves+  
Anne Cahill +  
Jim Rose +
- 7:00pm John McGrath +  
Agnes Bragg +  
Helen Smith +  
Leo Hagerty +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**

**Marjorie Wheeler, Msgr Denis Walsh, Keith McGrath and  
Eufosina Almazan**

## 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](mailto: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.

### Contact Information:

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## Offertory Collection Week of March 15

Offertory	\$ 3,918
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10
Donation	\$ 20
Flowers	\$ 760
Food Bank	\$ 90
Dev & Peace	\$ 760

*E-transfers can be made through [divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org](mailto: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

This week in the 12 Week retreat some are doing in the parish, we read and prayed with a passage from an epistle of Saint John. It is familiar: "My dear friends, we are already God's children, but what we shall be in the future has not yet been revealed." To imagine and then accept oneself as a child of God is to realize and experience the eternal vastness of God's generosity to us. The all perfect, the all powerful, the Creator of all that is, has made each of us his daughter or son. We wonder how his goodness could have been extended so far as to bestow this new identity and dignity. It leaves one silent in peace, with joy and gratitude. I thought that our task was to work our minds around and open our hearts wide enough to receive this free gift from God. To be able to believably admit – "Yes, I know that I am God's beloved child!" Nothing could be greater than this in our spiritual life. But something will be even greater – "What we shall be in the future has not yet been revealed." There is more to come! Incredibly, God has more to give to us! More life awaits!

The Prophet Ezekiel writes in the first reading that God will "open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people." It is not unusual that we sometimes feel in our lives that we live as if we have one foot in the grave. I'm not speaking of illness or age, rather our experience of life. We may feel just stuck in a life that hasn't lived up to its expectations. We may look at our principal relationship and wonder where and when did the love go? We may look at our jobs and feel unfulfilled. We may be young and wonder if we will ever find our place within the world? And so, the feeling of the grave creeps into our hearts and minds. Our hopes become diminished. We endure but do not fully live. An unending routine seems to be our fate. Ezekiel, however, sheds light on God's desire - to give more life. I can't imagine what could be greater or more beautiful than being God's child, "but what we shall be in the future has not yet been revealed." When God gives us the perfect gift, the gift of being his child, God still wants to give more. We don't know what it will be nor who we will be, but there is one thing we do know. It will be more life, more love, more tenderness, more beauty . . . more of him.

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**

**There is also a Mass scheduled on Easter Sunday at  
10:30 am at St. Francis of Assisi in Outer Cove.**

# To See To Love To Serve

## Holy Week Confession Times

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 are already 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.
- **Last Lenten Masses** before the Triduum begins are scheduled for Wednesday, April 1st at 9:30am and 7pm. Once we enter the Triduum on Holy Thursday, the schedule of celebrations is as listed beside the Pastor's Note. Our Daily Masses resume on Easter Monday, April 6 with the 9:30 am and 7pm Masses.
- **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](https://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 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 29<sup>th</sup>. Many Thanks!*

# Notes & Upcoming Events

## 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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The Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

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## Novena to the Divine Mercy

The Novena to the Divine Mercy will begin on Good Friday, April 3. Would you like to receive it daily through Flocknote? Signup is easy. Just click the Flocknote link:

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/251639>

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## Solidarity Sunday

*This Lent, please give generously* This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's On Track for Justice campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "Our longstanding partnership with Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is very important to us. It allows us to promote economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology. Your contributions help change the reality of communities here and make a difference for many other organizations around the world." — Mikael Carvalho, Coordinator, Justiça nos Trilhos, Brazil. Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for your solidarity!

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## Saints Speak

*There is something in humility  
that strangely exalts the heart.*

~ St. Augustine

## Catholic Women's League:

**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.

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## 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 guest speaker, Archbishop Peter Hundt and business meeting. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting is for members only.

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## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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> .

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## Upcoming Retreat at the Cathedral Basilica:

**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 the retreat: Free Will Offering

For more information or to register email [basilica@rcj.org](mailto:basilica@rcj.org)