



Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: March 29, 2026

Mass Intention Week of March 29

Monday, March 30

- 9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +
Abraham B. Almazan Sr. & Eufosina Almazan +
John, Isabelle & John, Jr. Dunne +
Dr. Robert Furlong +
- 7:00pm Alma Pike +
Anne Cole +
Kevin Parsons +
Michael Boland +

Tuesday, March 31

- 9:30am Rita Wilkinson +
Jim & Bertha Rose +
Joe Hickey +
Special Intention (GS)

Wednesday, April 1 – Final Lenten Masses

- 9:30am Deceased Members of the Parnell Family +
Roche Lambe +
Philip Flynn +
Special Intention (GS)
- 7:00pm William Abbott +
Martin Smart +
Nancy Walsh +
Margaret Moore +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Thursday, April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

Friday, April 3

The Lord's Passion 3pm

Saturday, April 4

Easter Vigil 7pm

For our Full Easter Schedule, please see inside.

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: divinemergyparish@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 22

Offertory	\$ 6,129
Initial Offering	\$ 5
Ash Wednesday	\$ 35
Holy Thursday	\$ 5
Good Friday	\$ 5
Flowers	\$ 225
Food Bank	\$ 365
Dev & Peace	\$ 1,869

E-transfers can be made through divinemergyparish@rcsj.org
(Please include your name and indicate what the E-transfer is for)
Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

Pastor's Note

My father died on September 3, 1987. Every year, as August moved closer to September, memories and sadness mounted. The daily countdown accelerated. I didn't want the day to come but, of course, it always did. On September 3, I would speak with my mother and sister. We remembered. Some memories made us laugh while others made us cry. On the good side, it was a day full of love but on the bad side, it felt like a love that couldn't go anywhere. It couldn't go to my dad because he was no longer here. September 3 was a day of loss. In a similar way, Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week can feel the same. As a Church, a community of disciples, we read his Passion. We hear that those who welcomed him with song and rejoicing soon betrayed him. We feel the loss of him. Yet, because of him, what appears as loss is truly gain. We are not impoverished, rather we are made rich. We are not left with empty hands; the Crucified Lord gives something in its eternal fullness. He gives each of you his relentless love.

When Christ enters Jerusalem to cheering crowds it marks a change in his tactics. Previously, he did many acts of power, that is, miracles. He healed the leper, returned bodily strength to the paralytic, fed more than five thousand with a few fish and loaves of bread. He even brought the dead to life! These miracles were to reveal his divinity and give vision of the Father. To show us not only that he is God but also what God is like. It was going relatively well. There was opposition for sure, but his group of followers was growing. So, why the change? Why did Jesus, once in Jerusalem, stop doing miracles to convince the people of his identity? I believe he did this because he did not want us to follow and believe in him just because of his divine power. Even more so, he wants us to be in a loving relationship with him. He wants us to love him. Therefore, he offers himself. The Passion isn't about loss. It is about gain. You are given his love, eternal love.

God bless, take care and have a beautiful Holy Week,

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.**

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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

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>

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.

Interested in helping out with the Hunt? We are looking for people who might help direct the flow of things and help marshal the Easter Egg Quest. If you can help us out, please call the parish office at 709-726-9924 and leave a message for Averil. Thank you so much!

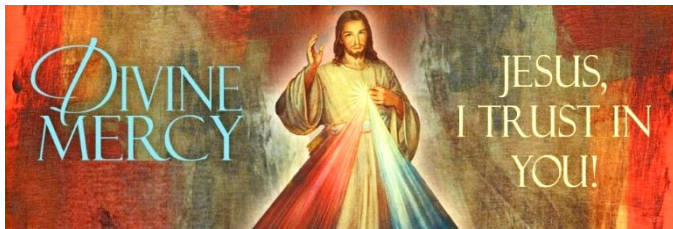
Notes & Upcoming Events

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>

Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12



This beautiful and joyous feast is also the patronal feast of our parish. We hope you will join us on Sunday April 12 for this celebration.

Masses:

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

A Reception will follow the 11am Mass

The Hour of Great Mercy

Join us for a special Holy Hour

Begins at 2:30 pm with a special prayer service which leads into the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm

We hope to see you there!

“My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.”

(The Lord to St Faustina – *Diary* entry 699)

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.

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

Food Bank Update:

For the month of March, the food bank served 296 Adults and 162 Children. Totaling 189 families, including 317 adults and 160 children. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our food bank.

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.

Keep up to date on Parish Notes and Weather Closures

Be sure to stay on top of changes in our schedule due to the weather. Join our flocknote and we’ll keep you up to date. Flocknote is our communication platform. We send out parish notifications and bulletins as well as using it as a faith formation tool. If you haven’t signed up for Flocknote yet, now is a great time to do so.

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