



Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

3rd Sunday of Lent: March 8, 2026

Mass Intention Week of March 8

Monday, March 9

9:30am Michael T. Kelly +
Patrick Kennedy, Jr. +
Ann Broderick +
Eddie Williams +

7:00pm Dorothy Schroeder +
Garth Evely +
John Hunt +
Donna Fougere

Tuesday, March 10

9:30am Ann Broderick +
Robert McGrath +
Anne Filiol De Raimond +
Special Intention (NH)

Wednesday, March 11

9:30am Joan Wiseman +
John & Annie Gosse & Deceased Family +
Patrick Walsh +
Annmarie Groves & Deceased Family +

7:00pm Shirley Collins +
James Butler +
Mary Jackman +
Special Intention (BM)

Thursday, March 12

9:30am Yvonne Hickey +
Paul Bennet +
Special Intention (TZ)
Kay Fewer +

Friday, March 13

9:30am Thomas & Margaret Maher +
Anne Parrott +
Andy Mansfield +
Special Intention (MM)

7:00pm Kevin Walsh +
Arnold Russell +
Mary Aylward +
Special Intention (AC)

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Patricia Corrigan, Dorothy Hollahan

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 1

Offertory	\$ 7,284
Initial Offering	\$ 30
Ash Wednesday	\$ 519
Christmas	\$ 100
New Year	\$ 1,050
Maintenance	\$ 20
Flowers	\$ 20
Food Bank	\$ 2,057
Cemetery	\$ 20

*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

Way back in 1986, the singer Janet Jackson had a hit song called "What have you done for me lately?" While I don't remember the words, the title of the song speaks to a challenge we often face in our spiritual lives, our lives of faith. We may have received some grace from God; a grace we prayed for or was given unexpectedly. We are amazed and grateful. And then there's another "bump in the road," the moment becomes difficult again. We often forget what has been given before, we forget God's fidelity to us, and we wonder about God, "What have you done for me lately?" We can see this with the Israelites in the first reading.

While wandering in the desert, the people of Israel become thirsty. So, they cry-out and complained to Moses: "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" Remember the context – Israel had been in captivity in Egypt as slaves; God sent Moses to demand their release; God did acts of power through Moses to convince the Pharaoh to release Israel; God sent the seven plagues upon Egypt; when Israel was freed, God led them through the Red Sea by separating the water from itself; Israel was offered the Promised Land; given Manna to eat; God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent to heal those bitten by poisonous snakes; and, God gave Israel the Ten Commandments. God did all this yet a "bump in the road" came, thirst, Israel essentially asked God, "What have you done for me lately?" Not to pick on Israel because very often we do the same thing. We forget God's fidelity and fear that we have been forgotten or are being ignored. Rather than forgetting, we can remember Jesus Christ.

If Christ has given his life for us, as Saint Paul writes, "while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly," why or how could we ever be forgotten or ignored by him? As he was dying on the Cross, he placed us into the Father's hands. Even then, at that painful moment, he did not forget us! Saint Ignatius of Loyola helps us deal with a situation in which one is experiencing desolation. In his Eighth Rule for the Discernment of Spirits, Ignatius tells us, "One who is in desolation should strive to preserve himself or herself in patience. This is the counterattack against the vexations which are being experienced. One should remember that after a while the consolation will return again." Consolation will return again because God is eternally faithful. The period of desolation may be one's

own fault – Perhaps one has stopped praying regularly or begun to be trapped by a pattern of sinfulness. Desolation may also be used by God to strengthen and deepen our faith – Do I desire God or just his graces? Regardless of the reason, God will never abandon us, he will never let us be destroyed. In Jesus Christ, we believe this. If he has given everything he has and possesses for and to us, it makes no sense that he would now stop. We just have to face it – We are eternally loved by God and are the apple of his eye. He cannot forget us.

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

Watch for information and details in next week's bulletin for other activities taking place during Holy Week, including:

Confession Times

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross for Children

Altar of Repose sign up

And more....

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

To See:

Novena of Grace March 4 to 12

On Flocknote, our Parish Website, as well as hardcopies available from the Welcome kiosk in the foyer.

This powerful novena is nine days of prayer in the company of St. Francis Xavier through the letters he wrote. Our Novena includes a daily talk by Fr. John. The talks will be taped and made available from our Flocknote and on our website, along with the Novena prayers. Sign up through Flocknote to receive each day in your inbox:

<https://divinemercurparish12.flocknote.com/signup/248498>

To Serve:

Join our Bereavement Team:

Through this vital ministry, the parish offers support, compassion and empathy to families following loss of a loved one.

The team helps with funeral arrangements:

- * Meets with family of the deceased.
- * Completes record form for the Parish Office
- * Ensures the presiding Priest for the funeral has details.
- * Follows up with the funeral home.
- * Helps with music and reading selections.
- * Helps with the funeral service.

If you think this ministry is the place to share your gifts and time, contact Nina Beresford, Coordinator of Bereavement Ministry: ninaberfordnl@gmail.com

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.

- * no downloads
- * no passwords
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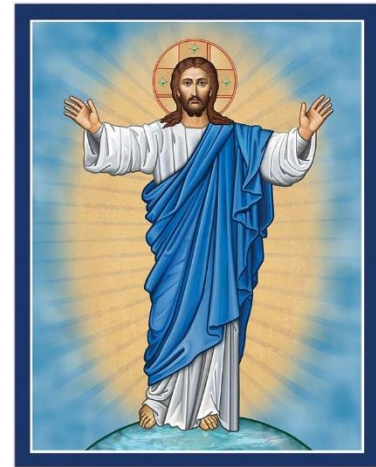
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To Love:

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 divinemercurparish@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.

Notes & Upcoming Events

Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent: March 13, 20 & 27

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

Lenten Penance Service

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

Experience the grace of
God's mercy in the sacrament.

Regrettably, our Family Penance Service, scheduled for Saturday, March 13 has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts.

Open for Private Prayer:

Divine Mercy Parish is open daily throughout Lent for private Stations of the Cross and other devotions.

Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm

Saturday 9am to 4pm

Food Bank News:

Throughout the month of February the food bank served 170 families. 268 Adults and 151 Children. We are grateful for all your support and the work of our volunteers.

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. In the event of inclement weather and the Church is closed, the meeting will be cancelled. All women of the Parish are invited to attend. A Social will follow after the meeting.

The Canadian Red Cross, Meals on Wheels Program, deliver nutritious, balanced meals to seniors at an affordable price. Meals are \$8.50 (no tax or delivery charge) and include an chilled entree, that is heated in a microwave, and a side green salad. For more information, please contact Angelique at 709-758-8419 or angelique.bartlett@redcross.ca.

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 at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@BasilicaHeritageFoundation> .

Presentation and Ecumenical Service led by Fr. Hans Zollner, S.J.

Hans Zollner, SJ, is a renowned German theologian, psychologist, and professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. A global expert in safeguarding minors and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse within the Church, he will present a lecture, *Safeguarding and the Mission of the Church: Ethics, Responsibility and Care*, on Mon., March 9, 7–9 p.m., Room A1046, Memorial University (230 Elizabeth Ave; refreshments; parking in Lots 1A & 15B), and lead an ecumenical service on Tues., March 10, 7–8:30 p.m., at Queen's College Chapel (210 Prince Philip Dr; refreshments; parking in and around Lot 19). All are warmly invited. For more information, contact Gemma Hickey 709.690.5244.

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

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada,

Women protecting the Earth In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours. Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called Seeds of the Earth with the support of Justiça nos Trilhos (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. Discover JnT's work in our Mini-magazine and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent.