



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 12, 2026

**Mass Intention
Week of April 12**

Monday, April 13

- 9:30am Julia McCormick +
Thomas & Mary Lawlor +
Charles John +
Mary & Leonard Madden +
- 7:00pm Margaret Manning +
Betty Clarke +
Robert Campbell +
Raymond Cook +

Tuesday, April 14

- 9:30am Michael T. Kelly +
Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
James March +
Special Intention (AH)

Wednesday, April 15

- 9:30am Special Intention (PG)
Theresa & Basil Merner +
Marguerite Stacey +
Special Intention (EC)
- 7:00pm Barbara Slattery +
Fredrick Walsh +
Rev. Gregory Hogan +
John McCrowe +

Thursday, April 16

- 9:30am Kevin Stamp +
Eric Maloney +
Ron McCarthy +
Special Intention (CF)

Friday, April 17

- 9:30am Gordon Healey +
Gerard & Violet Griffin +
Edward Conway +
Chic White +
- 7:00pm Bernice Caul +
Maureen Ryan +
Alicia Eaton +
Johnathan Nixon +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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: divinemercurparish@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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Associate Pastor: Fr. Joe Mroz, S.J. email: ej_mroz@yahoo.ca

**Offertory Collection
Week of April 5**

Offertory	\$ 6,125
Holy Thursday	\$ 2,130
Good Friday	\$ 3,012
Easter Offering	\$ 4,685
Initial Offering	\$ 25
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5
Flowers	\$ 40
Food Bank	\$ 1,505
Dev & Peace	\$ 160

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

Pastor's Note

Divine Mercy Sunday at Divine Mercy parish! The devotion to the Divine Mercy began in Poland in the 1930s, following revelations to St. Faustina from the Lord. In less than 100 years, it has become one of the most popular and practiced devotions in the Church. With its rapid growth and assumption of prominence within Catholic piety, the devotion must speak to or touch our hearts. We read in St. Faustina's diary God's desire for this day:

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and 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 . . . On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

His mercy is a refuge and shelter for us. Christ offers mercy in a luxurious manner. It is not measured, rather it flows like a "whole ocean." The devotion to the Divine Mercy recognizes our need for mercy and provides us with hope – We need mercy and he richly gives it. Although the devotion to the Divine Mercy is relatively new, its roots lay deep within the tradition of the Church.

There are three stages of the spiritual life: the Purgative, Illuminative and Unitive. The main feature of the Illuminative stage is the enlightenment of one's mind to the ways of God and his will within one's life. For the Unitive stage, the principal aspect is a consistent awareness of God's presence, and now, a habitual disposition to conform one's will with the will of God. Both, however, are dependent on the Purgative stage, which is well expressed in the devotion to the Divine Mercy. In the Purgative stage, one becomes more aware of one's sins, feels greater sorrow for the past, and a strong desire to be free of sinfulness or at least for sins to be much less present. When one confronts one's sinfulness and one's vulnerability or weakness to it, a person may wonder how to hope. Hope is found through God's fidelity. His fidelity is revealed through his mercy. God doesn't give-up on us, he doesn't destroy us. He loves us and saves us. To a remorseful soul, God releases a "whole ocean" of his tender mercy. It is his mercy, his kindness in the face of our unworthiness, that moves our hearts to draw closer to him. For his will to be our will. For his life to be our life. His mercy is our refuge and shelter.

God bless and take care, and Happy Feast Day,

Fr. John

Why Do We Celebrate Easter For 50 Days?

Most people think of Easter as a single day. But for Catholics, Easter isn't just a day, it's a whole season. The Easter season stretches all the way to the feast of Pentecost. Lent, which sometimes feels like it's stretching on forever, is actually forty days long. Easter, on the other hand, is all of fifty days long. About these fifty days theologian Nathan Mitchell writes:

"The great fifty days of Pentecost are not an unwelcome, unrealistic obligation to 'party on,' even if we don't feel like it, but an invitation to explore more deeply 'the weather of the heart,' to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation."

One way the Church pursues this goal of seeing God present in the world is through the reading of the Acts of the Apostles. At Masses all through the Easter season, our usual practice of reading from the Old Testament is replaced by reading from the Acts of the Apostles. These readings tell the story of the church's earliest days, and the beginning of our faith spreading throughout the ancient world. These stories of heroism, controversies, persecutions, and miracles all testify to the continued presence of the Risen Christ in the world, through the lives of his disciples, and the actions of the Holy Spirit.

All of this should be an encouragement and a sign of hope for us today. Despite war, violence, personal struggles, and an under-performing economy, God has not abandoned us, nor left us to our own devices. The risen savior is still with us. These 50 days of Easter ask us to reflect on his presence, and—even in the face of danger or fear—to live with joy.

Looking for ways to extend the celebration:

- Decorate your house for the season! Use fresh flowers or plants around the house; frame or write out a quote from one of the Gospels and display it somewhere prominent.
- Continue with spiritual resolutions, such as reading the Scriptures together as a family.
- Consider reading Acts of the Apostles or some of the New Testament letters as a family during this liturgical season.
- The Easter season is a time of celebration! The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary are particularly fitting for this time. Pray a decade as a family each weeknight.

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To See:

He Is Risen!

Why does it matter that Jesus rose from the dead?

In this series from Word on Fire, you will learn why the Resurrection has such explosive power, how St. Paul went from ardent persecutor to bold missionary, and what to expect of our own resurrected bodies at the end of time.

For the six weeks, **beginning Monday, April 20**, you will receive an email through our Flocknote from the *He Is Risen!* mini-course exploring these questions and more. Dive deeper into the true meaning of the Resurrection this Easter season! Sign up link:

<https://divinercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/254411>
or email faith.divinercyparishnl@gmail.com

Real+True

Unlock the gift and beauty of the Catechism with these videos from Real+True

This 10-part series, available through Flocknote, will engage you with some of the most common questions people ask about the Catholic Faith – with clear, compelling answers found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each episode includes a relatable question about our faith, a clear, hopeful explanation rooted in the Catechism and a short Real+True video that helps the truth come alive. This is a great series, no matter what your age is or where you are in your faith. The series begins, **Wednesday, April 29 on Flocknote**: Sign up link:

<https://divinercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/254415>
or email faith.divinercyparishnl@gmail.com



To Love:

With Much Gratitude!

We wish to thank everyone who gave their energy, time, and talent in service to making Easter such a grace-filled and joyous occasion. Thank you to those who decorated, their hard work gave beauty to our celebrations. Thank you to our Lectors, Ministers of Eucharist, our teams of Ushers, our fantastic Altar Servers, our Musicians and Choirs, our Sacristans, our OCIA team and our Children's Liturgy Team, whose preparation and collaboration created an elegance and flow to our services.

As well, our gratitude goes to everyone who provided hospitality throughout these days and for the generosity and service of those who planned and served at our Easter Egg Quest. Seeing the parish filled with such joy and spirit was a beautiful experience. And finally, thank you to everyone who helped fill our season with meaning and joy.

Below are a couple of pics from our Easter Egg Quest for all to enjoy. May the grace of Easter fill each one of us and be a mark of our identity and faith all year long.



Notes & Upcoming Events

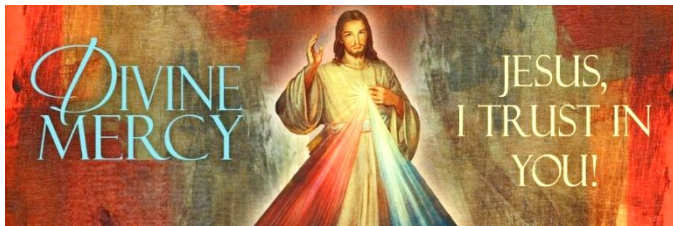
Vigil for Peace April 11, 2020 5pm Holy Hour

In light of escalating armed conflicts around the world—particularly in the Middle East—Pope Leo XIV has called for everyone to unite tomorrow, Saturday, April 11, 2026, in prayer for peace. He says:

"Let's look for solutions in a peaceful way. And let's remember, especially the innocent, children, the elderly, sick, so many people who have already become or will become victims of this continued warfare."

Join us Saturday evening following the 4pm Mass for a Holy Hour. Let us join Pope Leo and Catholics throughout the world to pray for peace.

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.

The Hour of Great Mercy

Join us for a special Holy Hour

Begins at 2:30 pm with a brief 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)

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.

St. Theresa's Parish Mission: Celebrating the 300th Anniversary of St. Gerard Majella's Birth April 13 7pm, April 14 12 pm & 7pm, April 15, 7pm

Known as the patron saint of expectant mothers, families experiencing challenges in conceiving a child, and the falsely accused, St. Gerard Majella (a 18th century Redemptorist brother) is celebrated for his profound trust in God and miraculous intercession. 2026 marks the 300th anniversary of his birth. Special mission events include Sacrament of the Sick, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and blessing with the relic of St. Gerard. Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R. will be the Mission preacher. All are Welcome.

The African Catholic Community in the Greater St. John's Area

will be celebrating a Mass at the Basilica for the Easter Season on Sunday, April 26th at 2PM. A choir has been formed, and they have been practicing on Fridays at 6:30PM (except Good Friday) All new members are welcome. A reception with African dishes will be held after the Mass. All parishioners are welcome. For more information contact:

Choir: Kingsley (kingsleyvalozie1@gmail.com)

Marie (marienassuna@gmail.com)

or thebasilica@rcsj.org (709)754-2170

Horizons of Hope

If you missed our presentations of the Canadian Bishops, Horizons of Hope, St. Theresa's is offering this four-week series. The series helps us to explore some of the questions that people often ask about care of people at the end of life's journey. Horizon of Hope will be offered on Thursday nights in May (May 7, 14, 21, & 28 from 7-9 pm) at St. Teresa's church, 120 Mundy Pond Rd. Registration is free, but required. To register, contact rafftcssr@gmail.com