



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



3rd Sunday of Easter: April 19, 2026

Mass Intention Week of April 19

Monday, April 20

- 9:30am Edward & Angela Everard & Deceased Family +
Michael & Mary Martin & Deceased Family +
Helen Ryan +
Corey Smpson +
Deceased Members of Westcott Family +
- 7:00pm Special Intention (AF)
James Wakeham +
Patrick Lewis+
Murray Folkins +

Tuesday, April 21

- 9:30am Frank & Constance Costigan +
Chic White +
Helen & Joe Coady +
Christine & Dawn Duggan & Deceased Family +

Wednesday, April 22

- 9:30am Fred & Lucy Curran +
Michael & Mary Elizaeth Gatherall +
Earl & Bridget Hickey & Deceased Family +
Special Intention (HW)
- 7:00pm Special Intention (WC)
John Stamp +
Helen Williams +
Shirley Trickett +

Thursday, April 23

- 9:30am Christopher Whalen +
Mary Seaward +
Brenda Carroll +
Patrick Kelly +

Friday, April 24

- 9:30am Special Intention
Special Intention (PA)
Fr. Wayne Cummings +
Gertrude Roche +
- 7:00pm Special Intention (JM)
Jacqueline Roberts +
Hazel Janes +
Loretta Rose +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Lilian (June) Holden

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: divinemerccyparish@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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contact Anna at email: apaolo@rcsj.org

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Offertory Collection Week of April 12

Offertory	\$ 6,129	Food Bank	\$ 900
Holy Thursday	\$ 111	Dev & Peace	\$ 15
Good Friday	\$ 151	Cemetery	\$ 100
Easter Offering	\$ 899	Needs Cdn Church	\$ 25
Initial Offering	\$ 27	Papal Charities	\$ 25
Dues	\$ 100	Student-Priesthood	\$ 50
Flowers	\$ 70		
Maintenance	\$ 25		
Christmas	\$ 50		

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(Please include your name and indicate what the E-transfer is for)
Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!*

Pastor's Note

The Resurrection changes everything. As Christians, we are not really a “Christmas People,” nor those of Good Friday. We are an Easter People, that is, a people of the Resurrection. When he was raised from the dead, we have been changed in two ways. The first is that it gives us the full picture of what our life entails. Our focus is no longer just with this life, but this life through the lens of the life to come. He has restored the free offering of heaven. Therefore, this life now is a time of preparation, of gaining freedom to accept his free offer. We gain freedom as we come to know and love him more, so much so, that his life slowly but lastingly grows into our life. We begin to resemble him in our thoughts, words and actions. This first permanent change is probably not unfamiliar. The second one, perhaps, is more so. We live in a different way now. We live through the Trinitarian love of the Son's relationship with the Father. It is this love that heals or overwhelms “old wounds.” It enflames our hearts. It moves us to serve, to love back as we have first been loved. It moves us, inspires us, gives us hope. It becomes our experience of life. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we have a perfect example.

Prior to the appearance of the Risen Lord to the Apostles in the upper room at Pentecost, the Apostles were in darkness. The light of the world came when it was evening, that is, darkness reflecting the Apostles' feeling that God was absent. They were bound together in fear. They had locked the door. They hid from the people of Jerusalem seeking to avoid arrest and death. Certainly, they experienced doubt. With varying degrees of understanding, they thought Jesus was different, not just a wise rabbi or powerful prophet, but, they thought, hoped, something more – the Messiah. But the Messiah was to have become king, not a condemned criminal. Life seemed over. Yet,

when he appeared and gave them the Holy Spirit their lives were completely changed. I don't think their fear left them, rather a more powerful feeling overwhelmed it. It was the understanding of mind and heart and the thorough experience of the love of the Father. The Risen Lord placed the Apostles, and, get ready for it, places you within his relationship with the Father. And that relationship is an eternal, constant loving and being loved. It is the certain belief that one *IS* the beloved of the Father. We embrace this free gift and allow our authentic identity as his children to guide and inspire more and more of our life. The desire to love back overcomes everything else. The Risen Lord has “made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

God bless, Happy Easter and take care,

Fr. John

Saints Speak

'This divine Heart is naught but sweetness, humility and patience, therefore, we must wait. . . He knows when to act.'

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Parish Financial Report:

Be sure to pick up a copy of Divine Mercy's Financial Statement for 2024 & 2025, available from our Welcome Kiosk in the foyer. Budget projections for 2026 are also included in the report. **Next Sunday, April 26 at 1pm in the church**, our Finance Committee will host a “townhall” style meeting to speak more on our Parish's finances and to address any questions. All are welcome to join us.

See To Love To Serve

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://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/254411>
or email faith.divinemercuryparishnl@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://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/254415>
or email faith.divinemercuryparishnl@gmail.com

To Serve:

Lector's Workshop:

All lectors are invited to attend a workshop on **Saturday, May 9, beginning at 10 am**. Come and be refreshed in your ministry and meet others in the parish who share this gift with you. Please contact Eileen St. Croix, Lector Coordinator if you are unable to join the gathering.

If you are thinking about becoming a lector, the workshop is perfect opportunity to learn what involvement in this ministry is all about.

To Love:



"I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Christ's words at the time of his Ascension serve as this year's theme for **National Family and Life Week 2026**, which begins on Sunday, 10 May, and concludes on Sunday, 17 May.

Families, parishes and parish groups, ecclesial movements and associations, as well as Catholic schools, are encouraged to take time this week to celebrate their own families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. **This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world.**

May Christ's enduring presence bring us consolation, hope and renewal, as we journey with him in prayer and through the Sacraments, in the knowledge that we are never truly alone. God is with us always "to the end of the age."

BECOMING CATHOLIC THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Divine Mercy Parish welcomes individuals and families who are interested in joining our Catholic faith community.

Perhaps you, or someone you know is considering becoming a Roman Catholic. The **Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults** or OCIA is for you. The OCIA offers a communal program of preparation for those considering the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & the Eucharist) and Reception into the Roman Catholic Community. Adults normally receive the sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. If you would like to know more, please email Anna at apaolo@rcsj.org

Notes & Upcoming Events

Praying A Holy Hour

When we make a Holy Hour, we enter into a time of intimacy, adoration and love with Jesus. It is a powerful and beautiful way to grow closer to Him. While a Holy Hour can be done before the tabernacle, it is frequently done when the Eucharist is exposed in a monstrance. There is no strict formula for a Holy Hour, but it often involves a combination of silent adoration, spiritual reading, meditation on Scripture, or praying the Rosary or Divine Mercy caplet. Silence and presence is key to this time of prayer. A common, simple structure is to break the hour up into three twenty-minute sections of adoration, intercession for loved ones, and prayer for the world.

Here at Divine Mercy, we have several opportunities to spend time before Jesus in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: there is a Holy Hour every weekday the 9:30am Mass and on Tuesdays at 2pm we have a Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction.

Recently we have had a request from the Knights of Columbus of our parish to provide occasional opportunities for a Holy Hour in the evening. We are happy to provide more times for prayers in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The next evening opportunity will take place:

Wednesday, April 29th
The Feast of St. Catherine of Siena
Mystic and Doctor of the Church

The Rosary before Daily Mass in May

Join us Mondays through Fridays through the Month of May before the 9:30am (9:15 am) for the Rosary.

Crowning of Mary

May is the month of Mary – a month dedicated to devotion to the Blessed Mother. A traditional devotion at this time is the Crowning of Mary – symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of our lives. Join us Sunday, May 3 at our 11am Mass when we will crown the statue of Mary in our Church.

Catholic Women's League:

CWL April Meeting— Today, 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.

The EP Roche 4th Degree Assembly of the **Knights of Columbus** Assembly will hold its monthly meeting in the foyer of St. Paul's on **Thursday, March 26, 7 pm**. We begin with the Rosary followed by a guest speaker, Our Jesuit Scholastic, and our business meeting. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting is for members only.

Pilgrimage Image of the Divine Mercy

The parish has a travelling image of the Divine Mercy that may be hosted weekly in the homes of parishioners. The image is a framed picture approximately 16x20 inches and includes devotional reading materials and holy cards of the Divine Mercy.

If you would like to host the pilgrim image of the Divine Mercy in your home for a week, please text 709-770-3873.

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 (kingsleyalozie1@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