



# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

Easter Sunday: April 5, 2026

### Mass Intention Week of April 5

#### Monday, April 6

9:30am Special Intention (OM)  
Melinda & Gerald Doyle +  
Denis Lawlor +  
Gordon Kane +

7:00pm Rita O'Brien +  
Elizabeth Maddox +  
Charles Daley +  
Sr. Carmel Kelly +

#### Tuesday, April 7

9:30am William & Ann Short +  
Deceased Members of Gough Family +  
Jack Hickey +  
Special Intention (GS)

#### Wednesday, April 8

9:30am Arthur J. George +  
Lucy & Gerald Stamp +  
Lucy Harding +  
Special Intention (VD)

7:00pm Rita Power +  
Cathy Mercer +  
Randell Ledwell +  
Johnathan Nixon +

#### Thursday, April 9

9:30am Keith McGrath +  
Doug Evans +  
Joe Hickey +  
Special Intention (GS)

#### Friday, April 10

9:30am Jim Rose +  
Suffering Souls in Purgatory  
James, Margaret & Jim Jr. Butler +  
Special Intention (GS)

7:00pm Bernadette Pugh +  
Ann Carleton +  
Edward Gilles +  
Michael Boland +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**  
**Bob Moran**

### 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.

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### Offertory Collection Week of March 29

Offertory	\$ 5,520
Holy Thursday	\$ 10
Good Friday	\$ 10
Easter Offering	\$ 90
Flowers	\$ 55
Food Bank	\$ 1,800
Dev & Peace	\$ 265

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

The *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius of Loyola have four sections. The first centres on sinfulness and God's mercy. The second, on one's response to mercy, that is, to follow the Lord. Thirdly, one prays and observes the Lord's Passion, one seeks to receive his gift. Lastly, one encounters the Risen Lord in his Resurrection. The first three sections almost always are given adequate time. I have found that the Resurrection, however, tends to be rushed or even left to be completed when one returns to their everyday life. The reason for this isn't malevolent or of unimportance, it's just a question of time. Time runs out, the retreat ends, one has to get back to their family and responsibilities. Consequently, the Resurrection, that which is most important, can be given short shrift. I think this is similar in the faith we live and share.

When we think about Jesus Christ, especially during the days of Easter, we remember his moral teaching. He showed us how to love more freely, to love both our neighbour and enemies. He revealed to us that faith and works/service are inseparable. We are called to be the "Good Samaritan." We recall to mind how God is compassionate when we see the Lord heal the leper. And we are moved by his self-offering on the Cross. During the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, we are touched by his love. It is a powerful image and an image we understand. We feel both sadness and gratitude at the same time. What do we feel and think when we hear the *Gloria* sung and the bells rung at the Easter Vigil? The stone has been rolled away. He himself has removed and placed the cloths which had covered his body. The darkness of the tomb is broken by the new light and the tomb's emptiness filled with the new creation. Do our hearts skip-a-beat with this revelation?

We remain in this life and in this world, but the Resurrection has changed everything. This world is no longer our true home. The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is. My sister's name is Traci. She's definitely a gift from God to me. But my full sibling, because of the Resurrection, is Jesus Christ! My father's name was John L., and my mother's is Louise. Both are definitely gifts from God to me. But my full parent, my full Father, because of the Resurrection, is God the Father himself! We have our families and friends, we have our schools, careers or retirement, we have the things we like and the things we dislike, we go to Coleman's or Sobey's, Tim Horten's or Starbucks, we root for the Leafs or the Canadians (or the Bruins if you're really smart). At the same time within this normalcy, we are a New Creation. You are the sister or brother of the Risen One. And the

Risen One has therefore made you a daughter or son of the Father. This means we participate in the Son's eternal life and the eternal relations of the Trinity. He has raised us. He has exalted us. This all sounds too incredible. But it is the gift of Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday is a gift. All we have to do is accept it and eternal life, in this world and the life to come, is given. Why? Remember his teaching, his miracles, his self-offering on the Cross, the empty tomb. Why? Because love never ends.

Happy Easter and take care,  
Fr. John

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## Month of April Devotion to the Holy Eucharist

The Eucharist is the foundation of the Catholic faith – the belief that the bread and wine we consume every Sunday, through transubstantiation (meaning that the bread and wine consecrated during the Liturgy of the Eucharist change substance into the actual Body and Blood of Jesus, even as they retain their original outward appearance) becomes the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. This is why a whole month, April, is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament.

Because the Triduum and Easter usually fall in April, the month is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, which was given to us on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper. With both the Easter season and the month of the Blessed Sacrament, the Church invites Catholics to deepen their understanding and devotion to the Resurrected Christ and what he left his Apostles – His Most Holy Eucharist.

Spending time at adoration or even sitting before the tabernacle in prayer is a great way to grow in your connection with Christ.

Reading the Bible, especially Acts of the Apostles, which is being read throughout the Easter season, can be a great way to dive deeper into Church history and tradition. The Apostles spread the Gospel and taught the real presence in the Sacrament which was carried down through the generations to our churches today.

St. Paul writes about the Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, echoing what every priest says during the consecration of the Eucharist at Mass.

*"For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:23-29)*

# See To Love To Serve

## To See:

**Message for Easter 2026 from the Most Rev. Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-anne-de-la-Pocatière, President of the Canadian conference of Catholic Bishops:**

Warm greetings to each and every one of you,

International news does not often give us reasons to rejoice. Wars continue in Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and elsewhere, causing loss of human lives and the destruction of many communities. In some parts of South America, Africa and Asia, human rights are not respected, threatening the common good of the people.

To counteract the gloom that could weigh heavily on our hearts, the Easter season is here to tell us: "Have confidence! Christ is alive!" The Risen One comes to meet us to rekindle our hope in love, which is victorious, for it will always have the last word.

On behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, I wish you a blessed Easter Season. Thank you for being signs of love, peace, and hope through the quality of your presence and your commitment to making the world a more human place.

Happy Easter!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6npaUmv0jl&t=15s>

## To Love:

### **Celebrating the Sacraments at Easter**

With great joy we welcomed two new members into our community at the Easter Vigil. They celebrated the Act of Reception, and they joined us at the Lord's Table in the celebration of the Eucharist. Together with a member of our community already baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, they celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations Stephanie, Sarah and Kendrick! May God continue to bless and grace them and their family as they continue on their journeys of faith.

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### **Easter Egg Hunt: Easter Sunday**

Following the 11am Mass

In the gym (access is through the foyer of the church).

## To Serve:

### **Our Parking Crew is off to a Great Start!**



Our new Parking Crew got off to a great start on Good Friday. With so many in attendance for our 3pm Service, their help and guidance were indispensable. Fr. John was pleased with how things went and we are so grateful for the service of this new team in the parish. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus members who joined up. Let's grow this team of volunteers who can help during big celebrations. If you think you have time to serve on either of these teams, contact the Parish Office at 709-726-9924, speak with Fr. John, or email us at [divinemercury@rcsj.org](mailto:divinemercury@rcsj.org).

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*O Blessed Alleluia of heaven!*

*No more anguish, no more adversity.*

*No more enemy. No more love of destruction.*

*Up above praise to God, and here below, praise to God. Praise mingled with fear here, but without disturbance above.*

*Here we chant in hope, there in possession; here it is Alleluia en route, there it is Alleluia on arriving home.*

*~ St. Augustine of Hippo*

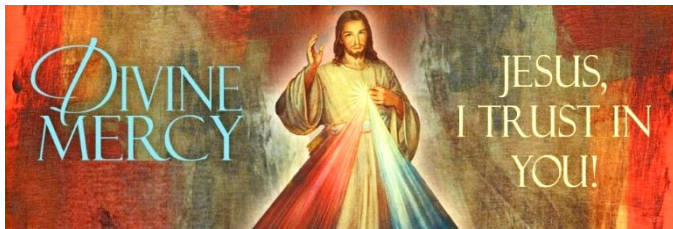
# Notes & Upcoming Events

## 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://divinemercyparish12.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)

The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday. It will reopen Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Food Bank Update:

For the month of March, the food bank served 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.

### St. Theresa’s Parish Mission: Celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> century Redemptorist brother) is celebrated for his profound trust in God and miraculous intercession. 2026 marks the 300<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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:

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