



Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish

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Churches & Mass Times

Saint Andrew Church

1570 Shore Road, Eastern Passage, NS B3G 1G3

Tuesday:	9:00 a.m. Adoration following Mass Confession available following Mass
Sunday:	11:00 a.m. (Live-streamed)

Saint Clement Church

18 Gaston Road, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3W1

Thursday:	9:00 a.m. Preceded by Rosary Confession available following Mass
Saturday:	4:00 p.m. Confession available prior to Mass
Sunday:	9:30 a.m.

Saint John XXIII Church

35 Colby Drive, Dartmouth, NS B2V 1N7

Wednesday:	12 p.m. noon Preceded by Rosary Confession available prior to Mass
Friday:	12 p.m. noon Preceded Rosary Confession available prior to Mass
Saturday:	4:00 p.m. Confession available prior to Mass
Sunday:	9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

First Friday Devotion

St. Andrew:	7:00 p.m.
St. Clement:	9:00 a.m.
St. John XXIII:	12:00 p.m. (noon)

Weekly Mass Intention Schedule

Tues. February 25 Barb Murphy	Fri. February 28 Richard Feehan
Wed. February 26 Helena Sullivan	Sat. March 1st Saint Clement Helen Stevenson
Thurs. February 27 Robert Stevenson	Saint John XXIII Joe Simpson

*In the event of Mass cancellation,
the Mass Intentions will be rescheduled.*

About Divine Mercy Parish

Parish office hours:

Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In the event of the loss of a loved one, emergencies or private matters:

Please contact Father Vincent directly at his cell number 647-528-5700.

For information on Marriage, Baptism or other needs:

Please send an email to admin@divinemercuryparish.ca

Office number: 902-435-3090

Father Vincent Onyekelu
Ext. 222 frvincent@divinemercuryparish.ca

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Divine Mercy Parish website:

<https://www.divinemercuryparish.ca/>



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Vision Statement

The vision of Divine Mercy Parish is to create a faith-filled and inclusive community based on the gospel values of Jesus Christ where all God's people experience compassion, justice, equity, and reconciliation.

Mission Statement

By demonstrating Jesus' values of compassion, mercy and love, Divine Mercy Parish fosters the wholesome growth and development of our community in faith and service by the proclamation of the Word, by celebration of the sacraments, and by reaching out to all in need of spiritual, pastoral, and temporal help.

Prayers for our Sick and Suffering

Kathy Sampson
Deacon Brian Smith
Carolyn Connolly
Craig Newton
Leonard MacDonald
Rachael Thomas
Belinda Young
Les Smith
Ron MacLean
Marge Pettipas
Colleen Vandenheuval
Gerard Oakey
Laura MacPherson
Florence Carter
Al Pringle
Michele Pettipas
Mary Carter

Shirley Campbell
Tracy Lynn McCarthy
Greg Gallant
Marguerite Stack
Doris Naugle
Linda Fortin
Matt De-Serres
Dr. Joe Patil
Romauld Duffy
Dena Crowell
Audrey Silver
Nadia Bem
Sheila Allen
Levi Baldwin
Bruce Staple
Sharon O'Leary
Lauren Crawford

Joan Briand
Donna Richard
Forbes Keating
Bob Angus
Charlie Oakey
Noreen Madore
Ivonne Sullivan
Caleb MacCarthy
Robert Cronin
Nancy Greene
Rita Langille
Gary Francis
Marilyn Shupe
Bernadette Near
Glenn & Julie Currie
Mary Adams
Robbie Burns

Ivy MacDougall
Lorna McCarthy
Georgina Muise
Marie Power
Dale McDonald
Linda Franklin
Alana Lord
Presly James Lord
Bill Hearn
Art Buchannan
Ann McGray
Mona Bottomley
Bill Fleming
Thomas McInnis
Patricia Thomas

Recently Deceased

Rosemary Horner

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR LISTS

Please contact the Parish Office admin@divinemercuryparish.ca to add or remove names for our prayer list for the sick and suffering or deceased.

Prayer for the Sick

"All powerful and ever-living God, the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick; restore their health, that they may again offer thanks in your Church. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen"

Pope Francis



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Ash Wednesday – March 5th

Ash Wednesday Mass times - Wednesday, March 5th, 2025:

- St. Clement 9:00 a.m.
- St. John XXIII 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- St. Andrew 7:00 p.m.

Fridays in Lent: Way of the Cross

Fridays in Lent: Way of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. followed by Mass:

- March 7 St. Andrew
- March 14 St. John XXIII
- March 21 St. Clement
- March 28 St. John XXIII
- April 4 St. Andrew
- April 11 St. Clement

The noon Masses at St. John XXIII will not be cancelled.

First Friday Devotion will still take place at each church following the regular schedule.

Divine Mercy Parish Needs You!

All three churches in our parish rely on dedicated volunteers in our lay ministries to support our Eucharistic Celebrations. Right now, a small but devoted group is carrying much of the responsibility—but you can help! Whether as a choir member, decorator, lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, greeter, or in another role, your involvement will not only enrich our parish but also provide an opportunity to deepen your own faith. Orientation, training, and guidance will be provided to help you feel confident in your ministry role.

Please take time to pray and reflect on how you can contribute. By stepping forward to volunteer, you will help keep Divine Mercy Parish a vibrant and engaging place of worship.

For more information on a particular ministry or to connect with a ministry lead at one of the churches, please contact Glenda Carson at dmliturg@gmail.com.

Decoration at St. Clement Church

We are looking for someone to take over the decorating at St. Clement Church, and also to build our team.

Those interested may contact the parish office.

Thank you.

Attention Envelope #1070

If you are using envelope #1070, please contact the parish office.
We have envelopes for you, but we do not have your name on record.
Thank you.

Companions of Blessed Carlo *Schedule for Confirmation Class / Youth Group*

MONTH	CONFIRMATION CLASS	YOUTH GROUP
October	9	9 and 23
November	6	6 and 20
December	4	4 and 18
January	15	15 and 29
February	12	12 and 26
March	12	12 and 26
April	9	9 and 23
May	7	7 and 21
June	7	4 and 18

Events & Initiatives

FEBRUARY 23RD

KoC St John XXIII - Parish Brunch

The Knights of Columbus St. John XXIII Council will be having a Parish Brunch on Sunday, February 23rd following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Drop in and enjoy a nice meal and meet new friends.

\$10.00 for adults / \$6.00 for children under 13

All are welcome.

FEBRUARY 28TH

Margaret's House Meal Preparation - St. Clement Hall

Our next meal prep will take place on Friday, February 28th at St. Clement Church Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. As always, we are looking for your assistance to help peel potatoes, chop onions, sausages and cheese, as well as cook and prepare the meals for those in most need in our community. As you might imagine, the need for this outreach is increasing in these difficult times, so your help in preparation of the meals is greatly appreciated. This activity is a way for us to continue the Mission of the Church by reaching out and feeding the homeless, the hungry and the under privileged in our communities and a great way to meet others in the parish.

For those who would like to make a donation the ingredients are:

- Penne pasta - 900 grams
- Pasta sauce - 680 ml (approx.)
- Smoked sausage - 454 grams
- Block cheese - 454 grams
- Hamburger - 30 lbs in total
- Potatoes - 35 lbs in total
- Onions
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Frozen peas and frozen corn

These items can be left at the church at Mass times. Of course, financial donations to help purchase supplies are always an option. Your support and participation would be greatly appreciated.

The **second Friday of every month** we will cook at **St. John XXIII Church Hall** at 5:30 p.m.
The **fourth Friday of every month** we will cook at **St. Clement Church Hall** at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Deacon Gordon deacongordon56@gmail.com

MARCH 1ST

KoC St. Andrew - Monthly Community Breakfast

Knights of Columbus St. Andrews Council will hold their Monthly Community Breakfast
Saturday, March 1st, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at St Andrews Hall. Cost \$7.00.

MARCH 4TH

KoC St John XXIII - Pancake Dinner

Saint John XXIII Knights of Columbus Council 7302 are having a
Seniors Shrove Pancake Dinner on March 4th, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
No tickets required / Free Will offering. Sign-up sheet in church lobby.

DUE DATE: MARCH 7TH

NS Knights of Columbus STATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS Divine Mercy Parish Councils: St Clement, St John XXIII & St Andrew

The Knights of Columbus Councils of Divine Mercy Parish are pleased to announce the Simon J Khattar \$1000.00 non-renewable State scholarship. Open to high school graduates attending any first-year approved university, college or community college beyond secondary level who are practicing Catholics and who are residents of Nova Scotia. Application forms are available at each church or from the Parish Office.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the scholarship director for your parish only.

- **St Clement Council 8831:** John Rowe at 902-473-0612 jrowe1@eastlink.ca or
- **St John XXIII Council 7302:** Bill Sheridan 902-240-6528 redwingbill@hotmail.com or
- **St Andrew Council 10486:** Jim McPhee 902-465-7686 jimmarilynmcphree@eastlink.ca

Due date: March 7th, 2025.

See Application for requirements. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

MARCH 22ND

CWL St. Andrew - Annual Ham and Bean Supper

St. Andrew's Catholic Women's League, Eastern Passage, will be having their annual Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Parish Hall, 16 Disciples Way, Eastern Passage.

Supper includes: Baked beans, ham, tea biscuit, dessert, tea/coffee or juice.

The price is \$14.00 adults and \$5.00 children.

DEADLINE: MAY 30TH

CWL St. Andrew - Sister Beatrice Regan Bursary

St. Andrew's Catholic Women's League in Eastern Passage is pleased to offer our annual Sister Beatrice Regan Bursary in the amount of \$500 to a deserving grade XII graduate from our community of Eastern Passage/Cow Bay, showing merit in school, church and community.

Sr. Bea, as she was affectionately known, worked in our parish as a religious educator in the late 1980s and throughout the 1990s. Although her students were both adults and school aged children, her true passion came out as she tirelessly and with great joy, worked with the youth of the parish, who she saw, rightly so, as our future.

Students may submit a short letter indicating their interest in the bursary and how they feel they qualify to St. Andrew's CWL, P.O. Box 187, Eastern Passage, NS, B3G 1M5. **The deadline for submission is May 30, 2025.**

THANK YOU

St. John XXIII CWL Bake Sale and Silent Auction

Thank you to the parishioners for supporting the CWL Bake Sale and Auction last weekend.

It will help us continue our commitment to the various charity organizations we support throughout the year.

Greatly appreciated.

HELP NEEDED**Knights of Columbus 5050 Raffle**

As the Divine Mercy Parish was created, Knights of Columbus had one council in each church and we continue to serve. Our charities support not only the parish but include, Special Olympics, Hope Cottage, Chalice and we also give to families upon their requests. The Raffle Box 5050 assists the council in our goals.

Please donate at:

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/kofcns>

For more information or to join please use the QR Code.

**THANK YOU****Care FREE Giveaway**



The Thank you to Divine Mercy parishioners, your families, friends and the communities around our parish for helping us host another successful Care FREE Giveaway! We had over 600 people shop on Saturday and Sunday even with the cold and snow. They found clothing, shoes, coats, books, games, movies, dishes, household and miscellaneous items for themselves, their families, friends, neighbors and several community groups.

A big shout of **"THANKYOU"** to all the volunteers from the parish and friends who offered assistance. For five weeks they have transported, received, sorted, bagged, boxed and set-up the donations and then assisted the shoppers. Thank you to (David, Nicolas & Oliver) who helped us receive and sort donations as well as run bags and boxes down the stairs (there were many trips). Thanks to Patty and Devnith for recruiting volunteers from the Progress Club Halifax Citadel and Zeta Psi Fraternity. We could not do this without the many generous hearts and hands. It was great to see many new volunteers as well as many returning volunteers come together for this cause and sharing laughs. It is truly a great way to meet fellow parishioners.

Unfortunately, the need is great and is still growing. For this, and many reasons, we feel strongly about keeping this event a totally free one. We give freely, with no judgement, expectation, or stipulations. Through your generosity, our parish continues to positively impact many lives. The next Care FREE Giveaway will be in June 2025 and we start accepting donations in May. In the meantime, follow us on Facebook at Care FREE Giveaway.

THANK YOU**St. Clement CWL Council - Annual Bakeless Bakesale**

St. Clement CWL Council is holding our Annual Bakeless Bakesale! The proceeds from this fundraiser traditionally supports our council bursary. However, thanks to the incredible generosity of Divine Mercy parishioners in previous years, we have sufficient funds for this year's bursary. Therefore, for this year, we've decided to continue the Bakeless Bakesale, with all proceeds going to Divine Mercy Parish. We will return to fundraising for the bursary next year.

Donations can be made over the next two weeks in person at the 4:00 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses at St. Clement Church or via e-transfer to etheljackcwl@gmail.com.

As a sign of appreciation, all donors will be entered into a draw for a chance to win a Sobeys gift card! Thank you in advance for your kind support.

THANK YOU**Hats and Mitts School Donation Project**

A heartfelt thank you from St. Clement CWL to everyone who contributed to the Hats and Mitts for School Children project. Thanks to your generosity, we delivered a wonderful supply of warm items to Dartmouth South Academy and South Woodside Schools. The staff at both schools were deeply grateful for the donations, especially during this stretch of harsh winter weather.