



*Welcome!*

Divine Mercy Parish  
Weekly Bulletin  
June 30, 2024

## *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  
The first Friday of the month we have  
Adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
and Benediction.

**Saturday:** 4:00 p.m.  
Confession available prior to Mass

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

## *Weekly Mass Intention Schedule*

<b>Tues. July 2</b> Liette Laflamme	<b>Fri. July 5</b> Leonard Lavandier
<b>Wed. July 3</b> Al Amirault	<b>Sat. July 6</b> <b>Saint Clement</b> Special Intention (no name)
<b>Thurs. July 4</b> Carol Bernard	<b>Saint John XXIII</b> No Mass in July

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

## *About Divine Mercy Parish*

### **In the event of the loss of a loved one:**

Please contact Father Vargheese directly at his cell number 902-301-4120.

**For information on Marriage, Baptism or other needs:**  
Please send an email to [admin@divinemercyparish.ca](mailto:admin@divinemercyparish.ca)

### **Parish office hours:**

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

### **Office number:**

902-435-3090

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# Divine Mercy Parish

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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  
Chloe Bastarache  
Wallace Deveau  
Carolyn Connolly  
Craig Newton  
Leonard MacDonald  
Rachael Thomas  
Russell Boyle  
Belinda Young  
Les Smith  
Ron MacLean  
Marge Pettipas  
Colleen Vandenneuval  
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  
June Julian  
Lauren Crawford  
Joan Briand  
Donna Richard  
Forbes Keating  
Bob Angus  
Charlie Oakey  
Noreen Madore  
Joerg Trempler  
Ivonne Sullivan  
Caleb MacCarthy  
Robert Cronin

Gerald Naugle  
Jeannette Landry  
Nancy Greene  
Rita Langille  
Gary Francis  
Ann Dockrill  
Rod MacEachern  
Christin Casey

## *Recently Deceased*

Joseph MacDougall  
Ruth Patey  
Kevin McGillivray  
Rod MacEachern

### **PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR LISTS**

Please contact the Parish Office 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



# Divine Mercy Parish

## Summer Mass Times

Weekday Masses will remain the same.

Weekend Masses in July and August will be as follows:

<b>Saint Andrew Church</b>	Sunday:	11:00 a.m.	Live-streamed
<b>Saint Clement Church</b>	Saturday:	JULY Mass at 4:00 p.m.	Confession available prior to Mass
		AUGUST No Mass at 4:00 p.m.	
	Sunday:	9:30 a.m.	
<b>Saint John XXIII Church</b>	Saturday:	JULY No Mass at 4:00 p.m.	
		AUGUST Mass at 4:00 p.m.	Confession available prior to Mass
	Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	
		JULY & AUGUST No Mass at 11:30 a.m.	

## *Important Announcement*

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**Please note that Father Vargheese and Father Peter will be leaving Divine Mercy Parish by the end of July 2024.**

Fr. Vargheese will return to his Religious Order in India.

Fr. Peter will continue to serve the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at Saint Francis and Saint Clare of Assisi Parish, Halifax.

*We thank Father Vargheese and Father Peter for their dedicated service and spiritual guidance. We wish you abundant blessings in your future endeavours.*

### **Priests Farewell Reception**

Join us on **July 20th at St. Clement Church Hall** to thank Father Vargheese and Father Peter for their service to our parish. There will be a reception after the 4:00 p.m. Mass with a potluck meal, cake, and presentation of a parish thank you gift.

We have provided potluck sign-up sheets in each of the churches as a guidance to help you and others plan which of your favorite dishes to share with Father Vargheese & Father Peter. We all want to provide a bounty of thanks to the priest. However, we recommend you bring a dish which will be enough for your group/family plus 2-4 others. There are two stoves to keep items warm during Mass, if possible, consider bringing hot dishes in a slow-cooker. Don't cook if you are short on time. We still would like as many people to stop by to share their appreciation, help bid them farewell and enjoy a piece of cake.

**THANK YOU**

### **Care FREE Giveaway**

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Thank you to Divine Mercy parishioners, your families, friends and the communities around our parish for donating so generously and helping us host another successful Care FREE Giveaway. We had between 750-800 people shop on Saturday and Sunday for free from all over the HRM. They picked up clothing, shoes, coats, books, games, movies, dishes, household and miscellaneous items for themselves, their families, friends and neighbors.

A big shout of "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers from the parish and friends who offered assistance. For the five weeks they have transported, received, sorted, bagged, boxed and set-up the donations. Thank you to the young adults (Aubri, David, Devnith, Elsie, Nicolas, Riyan, Oliver, Vera & Wes) who helped us receive and sort donations, run the racks, bags and boxes down the stairs (there were many trips) and set up for the event.

A huge thank you to Anne Marie Nelson. She was at the hall every day this past week (some days from 8am – 7pm) overseeing set-up for the event, coordinating and finding us additional volunteers. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped us set up and showed up over the weekend to help us direct traffic, run bags, refresh the shelves, help the customers and pack up what was left over. Your hard work is much appreciated. We could not do this without the many generous hearts and hands.

**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 is the middle of October and we start accepting donations in September. In the meantime, follow us on Facebook at Care FREE Giveaway.

## Events and Initiatives

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**JULY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

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Knights of Columbus Community Breakfast at St. Andrew Parish Hall.  
Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Cost \$7.

**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Margaret's House Meal Preparation - St. John XXIII Church**

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Our next meal prep for F.O.O.D. is Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at Saint John XXIII Church (35 Colby Drive, Cole Harbour). For this meal prep, we prepare Goulash Casserole, Ham/Turkey/Chicken/Bologna Sandwiches, Coleslaw, veggie bags & muffins.

#### **If you would like to donate to the meal prep, the ingredients are:**

Macaroni pasta (900 grams), tomato sauce, diced tomatoes (796ml), ground beef (we use 20lbs), onions, block & sliced cheese, loaf of bread (we make 80+ sandwiches), deli meat (ham, turkey, chicken, or bologna), cabbage (green or red), carrots, chocolate chips, cherry tomatoes, baby carrots, granola bars, fruit or pudding cups.

These items can be left at the parish office or at any of the churches. Financial donations are always welcome to help purchase supplies. Supplies and sign-up sheets are at each church or join us at Saint John XXIII church hall and we will find some work for you to do. For more information, please contact Mary Neises (902)880-1918, [m\\_neises@live.ca](mailto:m_neises@live.ca) or Glenn Rodriques (902)488-0841.

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.

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.

Your support and participation would be greatly appreciated.

**AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Ordination Announcement**

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On Saturday, August 10th, Archbishop Brian Dunn will ordain Charley Vaughan of our parish as a deacon in the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth at Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica. All parishioners are invited to attend the ordination liturgy at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

### **Board Members Needed for Hope Cottage**

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Located on Brunswick Street, Halifax, Hope Cottage has long been a valued part of the Special Works of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul - Halifax Particular Council. For the last 50 years plus, Hope Cottage has been providing nourishing meals for our neighbours in need. We nurture the souls and bodies of the hungry, enhancing the dignity of our patrons.

Currently, we are seeking volunteers to serve on the Board of Hope Cottage. This would involve approximately 6-8 meetings annually. The focus of the Board will be to provide direction and a renewed vision.

Please consider contributing your time and talents to this very worthwhile cause. Thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration.

Contact: Ray Burke, President, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – Halifax Particular Council  
Phone: 902-646-0155 or e-mail: [rhburke.54@gmail.com](mailto:rhburke.54@gmail.com)

UNTIL THE FALL

## Wrapping up Children's Liturgy until the fall

Children's Liturgy is taking a summer break at St. Andrew and will resume again this fall.

OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>

## Eucharistic Congress

In October all members of the diocese are invited to participate in all or part of a four-day Eucharistic Congress. It will replace our usual Assembly. In preparation for it, we are invited to participate in an anticipatory Mass each first Thursday and pray the special prayer which can be found on the specific website:

<https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/congress2024>

This website contains all information pertinent to the Congress so please visit it over the next few months and stay up to date. Registration for the Congress is now open. If finances are an issue, please contact the parish office as we would like as many parishioners as are able to attend.

### *The last bulletin of the Summer*

Please note that this will be the last bulletin of the Summer.  
We will resume publication the first week of September.

*Dear Parishioners,*

*As we enter the summer season, we extend our warmest wishes to each of you. May this time be filled with joy, relaxation, and the opportunity to create cherished memories with your loved ones. We pray that God blesses each family with health, happiness, and safety during these sunny months. Let this season be a time of renewal and spiritual growth.*

*Wishing you all a wonderful and blessed summer.*

*Divine Mercy Parish*

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