



# Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish

Parish Weekly Bulletin / September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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

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| <b>Tues. September 17</b><br>Basil & Carol Kilgar | <b>Fri. September 20</b><br>Guy Robitaille                                |
| <b>Wed. September 18</b><br>Tom McHenry           | <b>Sat. September 21</b><br><b>Saint Clement</b><br>John & Emma MacKinnon |
| <b>Thurs. September 19</b><br>Guy Robitaille      | <b>Saint John XXIII</b><br>Ted Rapitta                                    |

*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, 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](mailto:admin@divinemercuryparish.ca)

**Parish office hours:**

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

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# Divine Mercy Parish

## *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  
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  
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  
Christin Casey  
Marilyn Shupe  
Bernadette Near  
Glenn & Julie Currie  
Mary Adams  
Marg Bailey  
Rita Fougere  
Robbie Burns  
Ivy MacDougall

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

Please contact the Parish Office [admin@divinemercyparish.ca](mailto:admin@divinemercyparish.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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*Welcome back dear Parishioners!*

## *Events & Initiatives*

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**SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Coffee after Mass**

Come and join your fellow parishioners for coffee after the 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Masses at St. John XXIII church on September 15th. Cookie or muffin donations are welcome.

**SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Women's Coffee Social**

All Divine Mercy Parish women and friends are invited to come to a tea/coffee social, Monday afternoons, starting September 16th from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., to meet and socialize.

More info? Call Sandra at 902-435-5549.

**SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

### **SJXXIII Pastoral Outreach Meeting**

A meeting for those involved in the St. John XXIII Pastoral Outreach (Pastoral Care) will be held on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 in Meeting Room 1 at St. John XXIII Church. The primary intention of this meeting is to schedule visits for the next 3 months. Please plan to attend.

**SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER**

### **Bereavement Group**

The Bereavement Group will be commencing Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 in St. Clement Church, 18 Gaston Road, Dartmouth, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Please pre-register by calling Susan Duggan, facilitator, retired nurse.

Phone: 902-446-9599. Please do not hesitate to call.

The meeting dates are as follows:

Wednesdays September 18 and 25 / October 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 / November 6

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

### **CWL Walking Group – Exercise & Conversation**

CWL Walking Group invites other women to join them on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for exercise and conversation. We walk inside MicMac Mall, or outside, and then meet for a visit in the Food Court.

More info? Call Sandra at 902-435-5549.

**EVERY THURSDAY**

### **Craft Group at St. Clement**

Our craft group will again be meeting on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the St. Clement church hall beginning September 26th. Bring along a project. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>

## Margaret's House Meal Preparation - St. Clement

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Our next meal prep will take place on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Looking forward to seeing you on the 27th. 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	Block cheese - 454 grams	Onions
Pasta sauce - 680 ml (approx.)	Hamburger - 30 lbs in total	Cream of mushroom soup
Smoked sausage - 454 grams	Potatoes - 35 lbs in total	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](mailto:deacongordon56@gmail.com)

SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>

## KoC St John XXIII - Parish Brunch

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The Knights of Columbus St John XXIII Council will be having a Parish Bruch on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses. \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 13. Drop in and enjoy a nice meal and meet new friends. All are welcome.

THANK YOU

## Thank You from Deacon Gordon

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Words cannot express the love and gratitude I feel towards you all in remembering me in such a wonderful way on the occasion of my 20th anniversary of ordination to the Diaconate.

To the three Catholic Women's Leagues who worked so hard, collectively, to bring this celebration into being, thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your kindness and your support along with your hard work and efforts in putting on this event and for so much more that you've gifted me with, thank you. Also, for remembering my wife Theresa and her journey as well.

To all those who attended, brought food, sent cards, flowers, gifts and the many many ways you reached out to me during this time, thank you.

I truly cannot express how overwhelmed I was and am by your kindness. It means more to me than you will ever understand.

May our Creator God continue to bless you all for your kindness and generosity and for all you do to keep this parish alive and flourishing and especially for all that you do to support me in my Ministry.

It has been and continues to be an honor to serve in this wonderful parish. May God continue to bless us with health, happiness and a continued experience of His love and presence in our lives.

Bless you all and Thank you

Deacon Gordon

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

## Eucharistic Congress

The Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress will be happening October 17th - 20th. If you are interested and haven't registered, you can get more information here:

<https://halifaxarmouth.org/congress2024>

If you are registered and would like to prepare you could read Matthew Kelly's 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory which is available at:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/33-days-to-eucharistic-glory/33EG.html>

or "Beautiful Eucharist" available here:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/beautiful-eucharist/BEUC.html>.

There is also a 10-episode offering from Formed.org "Lectio Eucharist" available here if you have registered through the parish:

<https://watch.formed.org/lectio-eucharist-with-dr-brant-pitre>.

You could use these resources alone or you might consider forming a small group and working with others to prepare. Watch for more opportunities and information.



# Eucharistic Congress 2024

OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

## Divine Mercy Pilgrimage



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Save the date of Saturday, October 26th for our third Divine Mercy Pilgrimage! Rain date of Nov. 2. We will be meeting at St. Andrew then walking to St. Clement and then on to St. John XXIII. Details to follow. There will be many ways for non-walkers to participate. Great way to meet our fellow parishioners. Sponsored by Divine Mercy Stewardship Committee.

HELP NEEDED

## Call for Volunteers: Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP)

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is in urgent need of volunteers to help support our Parish's mission of serving those in need. Over the years, SSVP has provided essential aid to hundreds of families in our community.

We are asking for a commitment of just one week of your time every two months. Volunteers can choose a schedule that works best for them, whether during the day or after work hours, with a commitment of 3 hours per afternoon for 3 afternoons during that week.

Your flexibility and willingness to help can make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

Please consider joining us in this vital ministry.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Richard at:

[lion-hull-pep@duck.com](mailto:lion-hull-pep@duck.com)

The Grab & Go School Food Program serves over 1200 students each month during the school year at 3 area schools falling within the Divine Mercy Parish community. Dartmouth South Academy and Ross Road are primary to junior high schools while South Woodside is a primary elementary school to grade 6. The food program augments the provincially supported breakfast program by providing additional nourishment to hungry students throughout the day.

We are given a tremendous opportunity to help in our small way alleviate the hunger that some of these children suffer daily. Recent statistics show that 1 in 3 children in Nova Scotia live in poverty with food insecurity as one of the three major challenges facing families. Dartmouth South Academy, a school of nearly 700 students, reported that the 1,700 dollars provided per month by the province was insufficient. As prices keep rising families are having difficulty covering everyday costs therefore this has placed a huge burden on schools to help with ensuring that students in this extraordinary time of need are provided for.

A special thank you to all members of the Divine Mercy Parish who gratefully provided food and or money during this past school year. Your generosity and kindness benefited many students who would have gone hungry without your support. Also thank you to the 4 members who help with the monthly school food deliveries.

It is our hope and prayer that you will continue to help us throughout this school year in supporting this most important outreach program which lessens the burden on families living with the worry and anxiety of feeding their children. Every child deserves access to healthy food, so that they can reach their full potential both inside and outside the classroom.

For more information and how you can help, pick up a flyer and or donation envelope located at the back of the three churches on or near the food boxes. Go to the Parish website – [divinemercyparish.ca](http://divinemercyparish.ca) and go to outreach and then to “Grab & Go School Food Program”.

You can also contact Norm O’Leary at 902 435-7792 or [noleary@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:noleary@ns.sympatico.ca).

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## *Bulletin Notices*

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**IMPORTANT:**

Bulletin notices can be submitted up until **Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.**

Please send your notices to: [admin@divinemercyparish.ca](mailto:admin@divinemercyparish.ca)

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