



Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish

Parish Weekly Bulletin / January 19th, 2025

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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| Tues. January 21
Elizabeth "Betty"
Gallagher | Fri. January 24
Wallace Deveau |
| Wed. January 22
Pace Family | Sat. January 25
Saint Clement
Barbara Legere |
| Thurs. January 23
Yvonne March | Saint John XXIII
Cyril Davis |

*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

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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
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

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

Recently Deceased

Grant MacDonald

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE OUR LISTS

Please contact the Parish Office 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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Schedule for Confirmation Class / Youth Group

Companions of Blessed Carlo

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	7 and 18

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.

Events & Initiatives

JANUARY 19TH

Sunday Hospitality at St. Clement

Join us for Sunday hospitality after the 9:30 Mass at St. Clement Church. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners, share conversation and enjoy some light snacks. Thank you to the St. Clement CWL and KOC for stepping forward to be hospitality hosts for two Sundays a month. We will expand to all Sundays as soon as we can support this with enough volunteers. If you are able, please consider volunteering one Sunday a month to help make this event a success. Your support is greatly appreciated!

JANUARY 19TH

Happy 103rd Birthday Doris Naugle



On behalf of Devine Mercy Parish, we would like to wish Doris Naugle of St. Andrew's church a Blessed and a Very Happy 103rd Birthday on January 16th. The family of Doris Naugle are hosting an open house to celebrate Doris's very special milestone 103rd birthday at the Lion's club on Horne's Road in Eastern Passage, on Sunday, January 19th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to come and help celebrate with her. Best wishes only, please.

JANUARY 24TH

Meals for Margaret's House (F.O.O.D.)

Just a reminder that Divine Mercy Parish is now making meals for Margaret's House twice a month—the second Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Saint John XXIII Church, and the fourth Friday of the month, also at 5:30 p.m. at St. Clement Church. Our next meal prep is Friday, January 24th at St. Clement. All are most welcome to come and support this worthwhile need in our communities.

At St. John XXIII, we prepare a Hamburger Goulash Casserole and ham/turkey/chicken/bologna sandwiches. Any food items or a financial donation to help with this works is always appreciated.

At St. Clement we prepare Penne and Sausage Casserole and Shepherds Pie. Again, any contribution to this good work is always welcomed.

The ingredients are: *macaroni pasta (900 grams), pasta sauce (680 ml), canned, diced tomatoes (796 ml), ground beef (we use 20 lbs), onions, block and sliced cheese, loaves of bread, deli meats (ham, turkey, chicken, or bologna), granola bars, fruit or pudding cups.*

These items can be left at the Parish Office or at Mass times. Financial donations are always welcome to help purchase supplies. You can sign up using the sign-up sheets at each of the churches or you can join us in the church hall and we will find some work for you to do.

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 we invite you to come by and help. As always, we are so very grateful for the support and devotion of the people of Divine Mercy Parish in helping the poor and those in greatest need.

For more information at SJ XXIII please contact Glenn Rodrigues at 902-488-0841 or Mary Neises at m_neises@live.ca. **For information on meal prep at St. Clement please contact Deacon Gordon** deacongordon56@gmail.com.

God bless you all and continue to be safe.

JANUARY 25TH

St. Clement CWL Winterlude Fundraiser – Welcome Friends!

Come and experience an afternoon filled with delicious food, fun, and community spirit! Enjoy a variety of appetizers, sandwiches, and sweets while trying your luck in the Raffle Room with a Penny Auction, a 50/50 Draw, and other games of chance.

The Raffle Room opens at noon; food service starts at 1:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$15.00 each – to reserve tickets please contact Ethel Jack at etheljack@gmail.com.

Tickets are limited so get yours early!! We look forward to seeing you there!

JANUARY 26TH

KoC St John XXIII - Parish Brunch

The Knights of Columbus St. John XXIII Council will be having a Parish Brunch on Sunday, January 26th 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.

St. Clement CWL Council will hold the annual Hatt & Mitten drive to support local schools, ending in February. If you wish to participate, please drop your donation off at the Church in the box provided at the back of the Church. Any questions, please contact Susan Mattsson @ 902-462-0326.

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.



At the Unity Masses the Adult Faith Committee distributed copies of “33 Days to Eucharistic Glory”. There are copies still available in each of the churches of the parish. If you did not receive a copy or you know someone who would enjoy reading it, please take a copy. Archbishop Dunn has committed to reading his copy in a display of unity with our parish. Please know that Father Vincent has asked that we consider forming small groups to discuss the contents of this book. It would be of benefit to us all if each small group viewed the recordings of the presentations from the Eucharistic Congress and discussed both the book and the videos.

If you have questions, can't find a book or would like help with a small group please email: adultfaith.divinemercury@gmail.com.

We would be happy to assist you.

If someone wants to die by euthanasia, how can we respond to help them choose life? First, we need to listen. Careful listening will help them feel safe to share their innermost thoughts about what led them to this conclusion. We need to help them vocalize their suffering. This requires vulnerability and great trust. Once they are honest about their true feelings, they may be willing to undertake some brainstorming about other ways to deal with the feelings that are at the root of their decision.

A commitment to accompany the person through whatever they face can give them the courage to live through their dying process.



FEBRUARY 15TH & 16TH

Care FREE Giveaway



Our next Care FREE Giveaway is February 15th (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) and 16th (1:00 - 4:00 p.m.), 2024 at Saint Andrew Parish Hall (16 Disciples Way Eastern Passage). We begin accepting gently used clothing, coats, shoes, toys, games, books, dishes, housewares, bedding, etc. next weekend January 18th. Donations may be dropped at any of the Divine Mercy Churches before or after Mass. We also accept donations at St. Andrew Parish Hall (16 Disciples Way Eastern Passage) on Sundays, **starting January 19th** from 12:15pm -2:30pm.

We ask for donations not be dropped at any location outside of open hours, to avoid damage of products. We are looking for volunteers on Sundays (starting January 19th). Helpers may come for 30 minutes or two hours to help receive donations, sort, box and/or bag donations. Please share with family and friends and follow us on our Facebook Page.

If you have a question about donating or how to volunteer contact Shelia Turner shelia-bee@hotmail.com or (902)229-1134, or Mary Neises (902)880-1918.

HELP NEEDED

Chalice Donations Cans



Recently, a new parishioner asked, what is the purpose of the money Children drop in the cans at the foot of the Altar during our weekend Masses? We see children putting money in the cans but is there a specific purpose for this money? This was a program set up several years ago to sponsor children through Chalice. Parents and Grandparents were encouraged to explain to their children, we can help other children who live in poor countries and do not have the same things we have.

This program has been very successful as we have added several more sponsored children over the years, however, our weekly donations have fallen off in the past years. This may be because new parishioners are not aware of this program and we don't see as many children attending our weekend Masses. Parishioners of all ages can contribute to this program. You can join the children when they bring their money or if you wish, you can drop your money in before or after any of our Masses.

The Donation Can is always there.

Booking Parish Spaces

If you wish to book and/or rent any of the spaces at any of our three churches, **please send an email to admin@divinemercuryparish.ca** with the following details: date of the event, church and space requested, full name and phone number of the person making the request, whether they are a parishioner with us or not, name of the event, start and finish times (including setup time). **Please note that your booking will depend on availability.** Please ensure all information is provided in the email to facilitate your booking request. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bulletin Notices

IMPORTANT:

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

Please send your notices to: admin@divinemercuryparish.ca