Pastor: Fr. Gerald David  
Associate Pastor: Fr. Peter Hanna, FoH  
Deacons: Rev. Mr. Brian Smith and Rev. Mr. Gordon MacKinnon (finance)

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH**

**Saint Andrew Church**  
1570 Shore Road, Eastern Passage, NS

**Saint Clement Church**  
18 Gaston Road, Dartmouth, NS

**Saint John XXIII Church** (Office Site)  
Also Divine Mercy Parish Mailing Address  
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**St. Andrew Church**

Tuesday, 9am Followed by Adoration  
(also live streamed)

Sunday 11am (also live streamed)

Confessions: 9:30-10:15am  
After Tuesday Mass or by appointment.

**St. Clement Church**

Thursday, 9am (preceded by the Rosary)  
Saturday, 4pm / Sunday, 9:30am

Confessions: 9:30-10:15am  
After Thursday Mass or by appointment.

**St. John XXIII Church**

Wednesday, 12 noon (preceded by the Rosary)  
Friday, 12 noon (preceded by the Rosary)  
Saturday, 4pm / Sunday 9am & 11:30am

Confessions: 11:15-11:45am  
Before Wednesday & Friday Mass or by appointment.

Covid19 protocol will be followed

**Baptism** - To have a child Baptized, it is required that you be a registered parishioner at one of these churches. Choice of Godparents must be practicing Catholics. If you are a parishioner of another parish, you must get a letter of permission from your pastor to have your child Baptized here. Please contact the parish office to arrange for Baptismal preparation.

**Marriage** - One year notice and Marriage Preparation course is required.

**Funeral** - In the event of the death of a loved one, please contact the parish office at  
Divine Mercy Parish 902-435-3090  
Fr. Gerald, ext. 222 Fr. Peter, ext. 228

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From Father Gerald

**Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time** – This Sunday, we return to the celebration of Ordinary Time Sunday after some beautiful Feasts since Pentecost Sunday. As we hear in the Gospel, Jesus continues in the proclamation of the Kingdom of God. He speaks in parables to assist the people to grasp the reality of which he speaks. The scattering of the seed – waiting and watching for growth and of course the parable of the mustard seed – of which *the Kingdom of God is like*. Today as we reflect with these words of Jesus, there is a depth of teaching where Jesus invites us to recognize who scatters the seed, and who provides what is necessary for its growth. In a personal prayer & meditation resource, Fr. John Bartunek suggests that the growing parables reveal three essential characteristics about living in Communion with Christ – 1. **Our life of union with God depends primarily on God**; 2. **Growth in holiness (life in communion with God) is a gradual process – it calls for our cooperation with God for the long haul**; 3. **Spiritual growth takes time**. And Fr. Bartunek continues, “The assurance that Jesus stays present to us, addressing us intimately and personally in the Gospels and in the Eucharist. There we can always find exactly what our souls need. No matter how often we turn to him, we can always have access to his advice, his comfort, and his guidance.”

**Celebration of the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation** – I am planning to have a communication out to the families who are preparing children for First Holy Communion and the candidates and parents for Confirmation on Friday or Saturday. Our bulletin is published and emailed out presently on Thursday – so my decision about the celebration of the Sacraments will not be ready by then. The communication will be sent directly to the parents who have registered. Thank you for your patience and let’s pray for a return to some normalcy with regard to the Communal celebration of our Faith very soon!

**Archbishop Dunn’s Pastoral Priorities for the Archdiocese** – 1) **Parish Identity**, 2) **Homelessness**, 3) **Catechesis**, 4) **Evangelization**. I want to encourage those who are able to join the Adult Faith Formation video presentation of Archbishop Dunn on the first Pastoral Priority (Parish Identity) and conversation following via ZOOM. This is taking place on Tuesday evening – June 15 at 7pm – please see connection details in the bulletin. This will be followed by three other Tuesday evenings where reflection will be shared on Fr. Pio’s homily from our Divine Mercy Mission just after Easter.

The Parish Leadership Team, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Adult Faith Formation Team, and the Stewardship Committee will be joining together to reflect and pray about the other four priorities in days to come. While these meetings right now have to take place by ZOOM, we hope that they will provide and be an opportunity for people to get to know one another as three Church communities in one parish, and will establish some good connections as we move into the identity as Divine Mercy Parish.

**Children’s Shoes & Parish Participation** – I want to especially thank the efforts, ideas and thoughts of Lia Thibault, Sherry Stevens and Roxanne MacNeil – for initiating the idea – and for Anne James who helped coordinate the efforts and ideas to make this program a reality. We placed the shoes before the altar in prayer at our livestreamed masses for the First Saturday in June, as well as Sunday, the Feast of Corpus Christi, and will again for one more time at the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday. Following the marking 215 hrs plus with the shoes present on our steps, these shoes will then be placed on the feet of littles ones in our community who need shoes. This will be a sign and opportunity for us to offer our prayer and hope for reconciliation for our Church and the First Nations People. Let us keep in our hearts and prayers the need for this reconciliation, respect for the dignity for the human person, and the care and concern for our First Nations People.
...Fr. Gerald

First Nations People & Residential Schools – There has been a tremendous amount of information circulating these past weeks with regard to the situation of the Residential Schools and the effect on the Indigenous People. With the discovery of the graves of the 215 children in Kamloops, BC, there is now a process of investigating at other residential schools throughout Canada. Pope Francis has expressed his sorrow to the First Nations People; Pope Benedict in 2009 offered his apology on behalf of the Universal Church in an in-person meeting with then National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Phil Fontaine as well as Grand Chief of the First Nations Summit in British Columbia. On our local level – Archbishop Burke visited two Mi’kmaq parish communities in our Diocese, celebrated Mass and during which in his homily acknowledged and expressed sorrow for the lingering hurts in the name of the Church. Even more recently Archbishop Mancini and Bishop Dunn (then of Antigonish Diocese) knelt before the Mi’kmaq chiefs and people gathered and expressed regret, sorrow and apology for the hurts, violence and abuse experienced in the Residential School of Shubenacadie. They also expressed sorrow for the participation of the Church in the promotion of misguided policies of assimilation and for our involvement in undermining Aboriginal culture, language and spirituality. The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate who were assigned to these Missions and The Sisters of Charity offered their apologies for their role in the residential school at a Truth and Reconciliation hearing in Halifax in 2011. I am simply summing up from the information received from our Archbishop regarding the situation. The media and unfortunately even politicians do not seem to be versed with the same historical information that bare the facts of what has happened.

WHERE TO FROM HERE - Speaking for our parish and having a few conversations not only with Parish Team members but also parishioners, there is certainly a need to keep this situation in our prayers – invoking God’s help. While we cannot erase history, we can obviously, once again, in this instance, learn from history. Our main motivation has to involve the care and concern of the First Nations People – we are called to be friends in Christ – Reconciliation and Truth are major parts of our shared Faith reality – and therefore, an ongoing healing and reconciliation journey needs to be part of our process as a Community of Faith. The “children’s shoes program” instigated by lay people in our parish, with some details worked through the Parish Staff – is a means of some reparation – firstly that they represent the children who were found buried in their graves outside the Kamloops Residential School – they represent also all children/families who have suffered the loss – through assimilation, colonization (a loss of their culture), who suffered abuse of a physical and sexual nature, and those survivors who are seeking healing that can come through the means of reconciliation. The shoes will then be placed on the feet of the children we have in our community who are in need. We cannot ignore or minimize the hurt that is present in the families and the hurt and suffering endured by the children; I believe it is equally important that the lives of the deceased children are honoured, that families are accorded their due dignity and that their lives are not used as “the political tools” of those in positions of power. We can do this by attending to the mind and heart of God our Creator... politicians and religious leaders, is a must!
**DIVINE MERCY FRIDAY MORNING BREVIARY AND ROSARY**

Previous to the on-set of the “virus” parishioners regularly gathered at Saint John XXIII before the Friday morning mass to pray the morning breviary and rosary. If you would like to join the group please email adultfaith.divinemercy@gmail.com. We are on Zoom every Friday morning at 9am.

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**Email:** Saint John XXIII 7302: gordieburgess123@gmail.com,
Saint Clement: Gk8831nskofc@gmail.com, Saint Andrew: gk10486nskofc@gmail.com

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**Saint Andrew Cemetery Clean-up (Caldwell Road)** - This third wave of the lockdown has impacted our ability to gather as a group for cleaning the cemetery. I understand that a few people have taken the responsibility for their own family plots as per normal. We are planning to schedule another date to gather for clean-up. Saturday, June 26, from 10am -12pm. There may be some odds and ends that need to be taken care of. By this date, hopefully our numbers for gathering outdoors will have increased to accommodate a good group work for the cemetery. Those who will be coming to assist in cleanup, please bring a rake.

**Saint Andrew Cemetery Mass (Caldwell Road)** - We are planning to celebrate a Cemetery Mass on Sunday, August 15 at 3pm. While we are in the planning stages of this Mass, other details will become available in the near future.

**Dear Friends,**

Just dropping this note to let you all know that we will be providing, once again this month, meals for the downtown people who frequent Margaret House. These past many months have made this outreach challenging but we have, as a community, managed to continue to supply the needed meals to F.O.O.D. each and every month with the exception of one month.

Unfortunately at this time we are unable to say whether or not we will be gathering as a group for meal preparation at the end of June due to the current government restrictions.

Last month, several good people actually cooked the meals at their homes so we were able to provide our monthly contribution to those in need. We are confident that we will be able to provide the June meals one way or another.

At this point we are in a good position to purchase the ingredients for the meal due to the kindness of the people within our parish community who are unyielding in supporting this much needed outreach. Your thoughtfulness does not go unnoticed and is appreciated greatly by everyone, most especially by the recipients of your kindheartedness.

Please continue to be safe and to pray for those in most need within our communities and beyond as we look forward to the time when we will gather once again to provide nourishment for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you one and all and may God continue to Bless you.

Deacon Gordon
For Prayer
Our Recent Sick and Suffering and Deceased

Sick and Suffering
Ivan Langille
Sylvia Swan
Kathy Samson
Marilyn Shupe
Fr. Malcolm (Mosey) MacNeil
Fr. Roberto Donato
Deacon Brian Smith
Carol Conrad
Pauline Fitzgerald
Chloe Bastarache
Wallace Deveau
Carolyn Connolly
James Connolly
Craig Newton
Joanne Reid
Mary Carter
Sylvia Delnevo
Leonard MacDonald
Kay Naugle

Peter Cross
Art Gaudet
Russell Boyle
Belinda Young
Larry MacDonald
Ken Hewitt
Catherine Chambers
Florence Fitzgerald
John Cavill
Joe MacDougall
Les Smith
Alan Clarke
Ruth Cadeau

Deceased
Sheila Madore
Marion Mulcahy
R.I.P.

If you would like to add someone to our list for prayer, please email or call the Divine Mercy Parish office.

Q&A
From Father Peter: I will be doing a question and answer over the Divine Mercy youtube channel for those who would like more clarity and understanding in faith topics. This will not be a live discussion or will it address topics of others that speak or have spoken out on different subjects.
This is meant to be a catechetical teaching and understanding of our faith that has been taught through the Magisterium, Tradition and Scripture of the Catholic Church.
If you have a question or topic you would like me to address please send it to frpeter@divinemercyparish.ca.
I will attempt to give the full answer promptly and reference to where I took the information that you may find. Also more information on the topic and answer.

Stewardship Gardens: Temple, who me? "Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor 6:19-20. How humbling it is to reflect on this scripture and realize that our bodies are to serve as a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit. In this light, we are beckoned to treat our bodies well, and form good habits that help us stay healthy so that we can carry on God's work. While it has been made clear to us that God wants us spiritually strong, He also wants us to glorify Him through our physical health as well. What are these good habits that can help us achieve optimal health? Regular exercise, good hydration, optimal nutrition, adequate sleep, and peaceful prayer and reflection all contribute to good overall health. Over the next several weeks, we'll take a look at these aspects of health. "I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well". 3 John 1:2
Adult Faith Formation

Are you concerned about growing a stronger parish? Archbishop Dunn has called on all the new parishes to start working to bring the various sites together as a single unit. This will be a challenge especially now during the lockdown. Some of us have met and are starting to get acquainted. In an effort to help us to get to know each other we are offering an opportunity to gather on Zoom to view Archbishop Dunn’s presentation on Parish Identity and follow up with discussion. We will also use the parish mission videos to stimulate discussion and thoughts about the way forward. This event will be on Tuesday evenings beginning June 15th at 7 pm. Please note that registration will close at noon on the 15th. Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvdOytqTluiH9wY7tfMBmiDDtamRhcgKVwd

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is once again in need of egg cartons for distribution of the eggs in our grocery deliveries. We thank you for your continued support as we live our mission, “To live the Gospel by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy.”

Place of Isolation needed: A Divine Mercy Parishioner is in need of a place of isolation for an emergency visit of a relative who has been approved for travel. We are looking for someone who may have a place available to rent or perhaps a travel trailer that can be placed on this family’s property. The Cow Bay area would be preferred if possible and would be needed within in a month or two. If this is something you may be able to help with, please call (902) 403-1929.

Our Regular Mass Registration Email - admin@divinemercyparish.ca (presently not applicable)
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