



Welcome!

Divine Mercy Parish
Weekly Bulletin
April 28th, 2024

Churches & Mass Times

Saint Andrew Church

1570 Shore Road, Eastern Passage, NS

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

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

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

Weekly Mass Intention Schedule

Tues. April 30

Heather Hoskin

Mary Henneberry

Wed. May 1

Robert & Patricia Ryan

Thurs. May 2

Alfred LeBlanc

Fri. May 3

Larry & Jack Walsh

Sat. May 4

Saint Clement

Ray Chiasson

Saint John XXIII

Frs. Kenneth & Lloyd
Robertson

*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

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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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

Ivan Langille
Kathy Sampson
Deacon Brian Smith
Chloe Bastarache
Wallace Deveau
Carolyn Connolly
Craig Newton
Leonard MacDonald
Rachael Thomas
Russell Boyle
Belinda Young
Joe MacDougall
Les Smith
Ruth Cadeau
Ron MacLean

Pauline Richard
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
Betty Sawler
Bruce Staple
Sharon O'Leary
June Julian
Lauren Crawford
Malcolm MacDonald
Joan Briand

Donna Richard
Forbes Keating
Bob Angus
Robert (Bob) Hill
Charlie Oakey
Noreen Madore
Joerg Trempler
Ivonne Sullivan
Caleb MacCarthy
Robert Cronin
Gerald Naugle
Hugh Morgan
Guy Robitaille
Jeannette Landry

Recently Deceased

Mary Catherine Osborne
Mary Elizabeth Preeper

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.

admin@divinemercyparish.ca / 902-435-3090

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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Family Faith Formation

Baptism of Liam Cornelio during the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew Church

Sunday April 28th, Primal Pinto and Pradeep Cornelio will ask the Church for the Sacrament of Baptism for their child having completed their sacramental preparations. The Godparents promise to support the parents who will raise Liam in the Catholic faith. Our Parish family through the celebration of baptism is welcoming a new member into the family of God. Just as with a birth, this is an occasion of great joy for the members of Divine Mercy Parish.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

We now have reintroduced at the 9:00 a.m. mass at Saint John XXIII Church as well as 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Andrew Church, where we break open the *Word of God* for children. The Liturgy of the Word for children is not "Sunday school" or a catechetics class; it is not primarily a moment for catechesis. Rather, the Liturgy of the Word for children is a component of the ritual prayer of mass just as it is for adults. We hope to soon have the Liturgy of the Word available at all three churches of our Parish. If you would like to participate in this life-giving ministry and assist our children and families, please contact Marion Evasuk (St. John XXIII) at mpevasuk@gmail.com or Sheri Stevens (St. Andrew) at sheri.stevens1@gmail.com for more information.

The Steubenville Atlantic theme is *Illuminate* (John 1:5) dates July 5th - 7th, 2024

Illuminate is based on John 1:5 "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." Registration for Steubenville Atlantic happening July 5-7, 2024 is now open at www.steubenville.ca. Many teens encounter the love of Christ each summer, and the mission of Steubenville Atlantic is to build the church by evangelizing, equipping and empowering teens to become radical and joyful disciples. All the youth from Divine Mercy Parish are invited to join a group of young teens aged 14 to 18, who are returning to this year's conference. We are seeking two male Chaperones to enable our male teens to attend, please contact Brother Grant at br.grant@divinemercuryparish.ca.

Bible Classes

Hi Friends. As there are a few more parishioners who expressed their desire to attend Bible classes, I am thinking of offering them once again starting the first week of May, in order to be able to finish them by the end of June. Those of you who are interested in these classes, kindly email me as early as possible. The classes could either be from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. or from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in any ONE of the three locations (St. Andrew, St. John or St. Clements) depending on the choices you have made. Please mention your first and second choice (of time and location). There will be just ONE class a week, so eight classes in eight weeks. Thanks.

Are you interested in doing Theology?

The Archdiocese is inviting two or three candidates from each parish to apply for the EQUIP Program, which is a 3-year theological program that forms leaders through retreats, classes at the Atlantic School of Theology, and webinars designed to give parishioners practical skills and theological foundations that will help them carry out the mission of evangelization within the parish. The application deadline is July 15th, 2024. If anyone is interested in joining this program, please contact the parish office. Thanks.

Easter Flowers for 2024, donated in memory of:

Marian Tota, Robert & Anna Bradstock, Blythe Watson & Bonnie George, Norman Thibault, Sean Hurley, Blythe Watson, Mary Hopkins, Evelyn Crawford & Isabel MacEachern, MacDonald Deceased Family Members, Mary, Maynard & Teresa Canavan, Bill Malcolm, Grace MacDonald, Vic & Wilfred Naugle, Margaret & Cliff Horne, Paul & Chris Doyle, Deceased Members of the James Family, Frances Danto & Family, Jacques & Jeannette Dompierre, Carla & Louie MacCormack, MacLean & Naugle Family members, Irvin Keough, George Connors, Donald Ferriss, Jim, Pearl & Jim Jr. Power, John & Emma MacKinnon, Diane McBride, Heather Hoskin, Thomas & Paul Naugle, Ralph & Ann Cameron, Ray, Frank & Gary Cameron, Liette LaFlamme, Robert & Anna Bradstock, Don Mackenzie, Luis & Jason Bowser, Hazel Bowser, John & Catherine Lynch, Marjorie Walsh, Roy Melanson, Smith Family Members, Pettipas & MacDonald Families, Gillis & Innes Family Members, Ralph & Rita Mattsson, Ray & Joe Chiasson & Family, Douglas, Kitty, Fred, Harold, Marie, Bruce, Dorothy & Joan, George Little, Al Amirault, Christine & Bill Healy, Emery LaRusic, Gerry & Kathryn Haplin, Steve Ferguson, Charles, Theresa, Russell, Myrtle, Merton & Harold Negus, Cordy Family Members, Harold & Isabel Naugle, Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald Family.

May they rest in eternal peace

Events and Initiatives

Upcoming events

Divine Mercy Travelling Ministry Fair

This weekend, April 27th and 28th will be the last weekend for our Travelling Ministry Fair this spring. It will be at St. John XXIII if you missed it at the other two churches. There will be food, games for all ages, people to meet and you can find out how our parish is serving the community. We will be in the hall after all 3 masses. Nineteen different ministries have displays set up to provide information on what they do. Thanks to everyone who came out at St. Clement and St. Andrew. Please come out and show your support for those working in these ministries.

Mother's Day Dinner and Dance

Knights of Columbus will be holding our annual Mother's Day Dinner and Dance on Saturday, May 11th at 5:00 p.m. in Saint John XXIII church hall. Music supplied by the awesome band *dunmaglas*. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be sold after weekend masses at Saint John XXIII or at the Parish office during the week. There is also a cash bar that opens at 5:30 p.m. with the meal being served at 6:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

Divine Mercy Parish Dinner Theatre!! "THE SEARCH FOR THE HOLY QUAIL"

Dates: Friday, May 10th, 2024 / Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Place: St. Andrew Church Hall

Time: Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$40 each

Cash bar and a 50/50 draw. Come, enjoy a delicious three-course meal, coffee and tea, and an evening of hilarious characters for a very enjoyable and fun evening! Contact Cathy Patriquin for ticket information!
patriquinfamily@eastlink.ca / (902) 465-6440

Magnificat Meal

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 11th, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Mass at 8 a.m.) in the Campbell Auditorium, Saint Agnes Church, Good Shepherd Parish, Mumford Road, Halifax. The morning includes a hot catered breakfast, prayer and praise, and guest speaker. Pre-registration is required. Fee is \$25. You may RSVP by May 3, by emailing: magnificathalifax@gmail.com or phoning (902) 860-3304. Registration Form link: <https://forms.gle/7QCdwftDrXJ35h9a8>. For more information, feel free to contact Lia Thibault of our parish at 902-463-7924

Margaret's House Meal Preparation – St. John XXIII Church

Our next meal prep will take place on Friday, May 10th, 2024 at St. John XXIII Church Hall, beginning at 5:30 p.m. As always, we are looking for volunteers to come and help us with the meal preparations. As you might imagine, the need for this outreach is increasing in these difficult times so your help is greatly appreciated. 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 and sliced cheese, loaf of bread (we make 80+ sandwiches), deli meats (ham, turkey, chicken, or bologna), cabbage (green/red), carrots, chocolate chips, cherry tomatoes, baby carrots, granola bars, fruit or pudding cups. These items can be left at the church at Mass times. Of course, financial donations to help purchase supplies are always an option. For more information, please contact Anne James anne.james13@outlook.com or Deacon Gordon deacongordon56@gmail.com.

Pastoral (Care) Outreach Ministry Meeting - Change of Date!

Pastoral (Care) Outreach Ministry meeting will take place on Friday, May 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Saint John XXIII Church. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange visitation dates for the Berkley, Jamieson Hall and home visits for the months of June, July, August and September. See you then.

Divine Mercy Parish Town Hall style meetings - Save the Date

Divine Mercy Parish will be holding Town Hall style meetings this Spring on Saturday, May 25th at 9:00 a.m. at the Lions Club in Eastern Passage and on Friday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Saint John XXIII Church Hall. More details will follow, and at this time, we are inviting parishioners to save the date to participate.

Care Free Giveaway - Save the Date

Our next Care Free Giveaway dates are set for June 22nd and 23rd, 2024 at Saint Andrew Church Hall, 16 Disciples Way, Eastern Passage. We will begin accepting items for the next CareFree Giveaway on Saturday, May 25th. Donations of clothing, shoes, bags/purses, toys, books, games, bedding, towels, dishes, cookware, utensils, small household appliance are all needed items. Donations again can be dropped off at any of the Divine Mercy Churches during mass times, at the Parish Office during the week or St. Andrew Church Hall, 16 Disciples Way, Eastern Passage, from 12:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. starting May 26th through June 16th. If you have a question about donating now or during the giveaway, Shelia Turner shelia-bee@hotmail.com or 902-229-1134 or Mary Neises 902-880-1918 are available to assist. We will have someone at all of the Divine Mercy Ministry Fairs happening this month that will be able to answer your questions. Other items we always need include: clothes hangers, plastic totes/bins and clothing racks. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please let Shelia or Mary know.

Defibrillator 50/50 Monthly Draw – St. Clement Church

The Knight of Columbus Council 8831 with the CWL of St. Clement's are fundraising to purchase a Defibrillator for our church. The knights have a Monthly 50/50 draw license, and with the CWL, we are selling tickets until it is paid for including any training. Please see either one of the Knights or CWL members before or after mass in the hall to purchase tickets. Our Goal is \$3,000.00. Thank you in advance for your generous support! Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. You do not have to be there to win! Draw will be held in the church hall on the last Friday of each month at 3 p.m.

NEW LIFE Course

St. Andrew School of Evangelization invites you to NEW LIFE Course, June 14th, 6:30 p.m. to June 16th, 1 p.m. Bring your Bible and come enjoy a journey of Faith, Friendship, Food, and Fun. Suggested fee: \$100 (non-refundable). Limited to 40 participants. To register please send your name, phone number, Parish name, emergency contact, and any food allergies. Saint Vincent de Paul Church, 320 Flying Cloud Drive, Dartmouth, NS. Christ the King Parish. Carol Covey: ccovey@bellaliant.net for questions re. registration or call Carol at 902-829-3636.

Bursaries

Catholic Women's League (CWL) of St. John XXIII Church Bursary

The CWL of Saint John XXIII Church, Divine Mercy Parish is pleased to offer a Bursary of \$500 to a student of Saint John XXIII Church who is entering any post-secondary education. Application forms will be available in the church foyer and the Parish Office. Deadline for application is May 31, 2024.

Catholic Women's League (CWL) of St. Clement Church Bursary

The CWL of St. Clement Church is pleased to offer a bursary of \$500 to a student of St. Clement Church who is entering any post-secondary education. Application forms will be available on the church bulletin board. Deadline for application is May 31, 2024.

Sister Beatrice Regan Bursary

We are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for a \$400 Bursary. The program is open to any student from our Parish that is graduating from high school and entering post-secondary education in university, community college, or apprenticeship programs. Applications must apply in writing to St. Andrew CWL, P O Box 187 Eastern Passage, B3G 1M5. Submission deadline is May 31st, 2024.

Knights of Columbus (KoC) - St. Clement Council Bursary

Applications are now available for the Fr. William J. Donnelly Council 8831 Bursary. Bursary is open to high school graduates who are practicing Catholics of St. Clement Church, and who will be attending any legally approved university, college or community college September 2024. One \$500.00 bursary will be awarded. Closing date is June 2nd, 2024. Applications are at the Parish Office, 35 Colby Drive, or for more information, contact John Rowe (902)473-0612 / jrowe1@eastlink.ca, or Steve MacKenzie (902) 466-1795.

Knights of Columbus (KoC) - St. Andrew Council Bursary

2024 Graduates from Island View High School can apply for a KoC bursary. The amount depends on the number of applicants. Applicants must live in the Eastern Passage/Cow Bay/Shearwater area. Applicants must submit an email to KoC Council 10486 stating which university or college you plan to attend in September 2024. A letter of acceptance will be requested if accepted for a bursary. Include in your letter, if possible, your sports, hobbies or other activities. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2024 and emails must be submitted to jimmarilynmcphoe@eastlink.ca.

The Angela Stuckless and Cindy Belair Memorial Bursary

The Angela Stuckless and Cindy Belair Memorial Bursary in the amount of \$1000 is being offered to a student entering a post-secondary institution in September 2024 and demonstrating a financial need. The Bursary is provided through the generosity of George and Ros Stuckless, in memory of their daughters, Angela Stuckless and Cindy Belair. A committee of CWL members from Saint John XXIII Church will accept and review applications. Students attending Saint John XXIII Church, who have been approved at any university, community college or other approved training programs may apply. Deadline for application is May 31, 2024. Application forms are available in the foyer of the church and the Parish Office.

Roland and Anna Houle Memorial Scholarship/Bursary

Knights of Columbus Council 3133 and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish are pleased to partner in the annual Roland and Anna Houle Memorial Scholarship/Bursary program. Applications will be accepted until April 26, 2024. Award amounts to be determined based on funds available and application numbers (\$1000 minimum). Open to Catholic students completing Nova Scotia Grade XII in 2024, or attending first year University, College or Community College in 2024. You can download the application and qualifications using the following link or by using the link on the Divine Mercy Parish website www.divinemercuryparish.ca.
https://www.divinemercuryparish.ca/files/ugd/282dfd_0253d70ce2374817a2de8a21c59188cc.pdf

Bulletin Notices

Bulletin notices can be submitted up until Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Please send your notices to: admin@divinemercuryparish.ca.

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