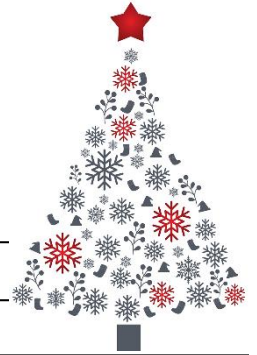




Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish



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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

Tues. December 10

Michael Sullivan

Wed. December 11

Robert (Bob) O'Halloran

Thurs. December 12

Ralph Veniot

Fri. December 13

Wallace Deveau

Sat. December 14

Saint Clement

Allan O'Handley

Saint John XXIII

Fr. Lloyd & Kenneth
Robertson

*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

Office number: 902-435-3090

Father Vincent Onyekelu

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Father Al Ray Compuesto

Ext. 228 fralray@divinemercuryparish.ca

Deacon Gordon MacKinnon

Ext. 225 deacongordon56@gmail.com

Deacon Charley Vaughan

deaconcharley@divinemercuryparish.ca

Brenda Alvarez Finck, Administrative Assistant

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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
Gerald Naugle
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
Hazel Joyce
Dale McDonald
Linda Franklin
Alana Lord
Presly James Lord
Bill Herne
Art Buchannan

Recently Deceased

Clyde Edwards
Hazel Joyce

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.

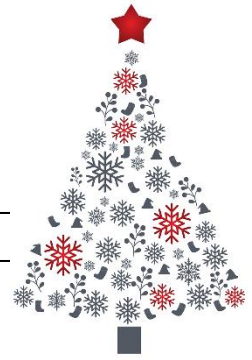
Prayer for the Sick

"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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December 8th
Second Sunday of Advent

December Mass Schedule

❖ DECEMBER 14TH & 15TH - INAUGURAL UNITY MASSES

With our Archbishop as the Principal Celebrant.

- First Mass: St. Clement, December 14th, 4:00 p.m.
 - Second Mass: St. John XXIII, December 15th, 10:00 a.m.
- These will be the only Masses on this weekend.

*Come One, Come All:
The More We are
Together, the Happier
We Shall Be!*

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

As we prepare for our upcoming Divine Mercy Unity Masses, we are requesting donations of food and the assistance of volunteers for setup and cleanup. These contributions will help ensure the success of the receptions following the Masses at St. Clement and St. John XXIII. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the churches. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make our Unity Masses a joyful celebration of fellowship within our parish community.

❖ DECEMBER 19th, 20th & 23rd - PARISH CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

- December 19th: St. Andrew, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- December 20th: St. Clement, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- December 23rd: St. John XXIII, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

❖ DECEMBER 22ND - INAUGURAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

- December 22nd: St. John XXIII Hall, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Parents and all parishioners are invited.

*Come let us Celebrate
and have fun, because
God is good.*

❖ DECEMBER 24TH - CHRISTMAS EVE:

- St. Andrew: 6:30 p.m.
- St. Clement: 7:00 p.m.
- St. John XXIII: 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

❖ DECEMBER 25TH - CHRISTMAS DAY:

- St. Andrew: 11:00 a.m.
- St. Clement: 9:30 a.m.
- St. John XXIII: 10:00 a.m.

❖ DECEMBER 31ST - NEW YEAR'S MASSES:

- St. Clement: 5:00 p.m.
- St. John XXIII: 10:00 a.m.

Simbang Gabi Mass

Everyone is invited to join the Filipino community in celebrating Simbang Gabi, a cherished tradition. Simbang Gabi (literally "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of Advent Masses observed by Roman Catholics in the Philippines in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary in anticipation of Christmas. Traditionally held during the nine days leading up to Christmas, Simbang Gabi is frequently celebrated in other parts of the world where there are Filipino communities.

The Parish of Divine Mercy, through the support of the Parish Leadership Team and the participation of all Parish Ministries as well as the Filipino Community, will introduce for the very first time the celebration of SIMBANG GABI on **December 16th, 2024 @ 7pm (Monday) at St. Clement Catholic Church**. The main theme of this celebration is "MARY: The Mother of the Holy Eucharist." This unique Filipino tradition aims to become the source of spiritual unity and joy among all the faithful in the community and eventually become one of the foundations for evangelization and continued response to mission.

Thank you – Mission Sunday Contact Update

The Pastoral Council along with the Communications Committee would like to thank everyone for taking time last weekend to update their contact information. We will be working over the next several weeks to organize and enter the information.

If you did not have a chance to complete a form it is not too late. We have left a few at the back of each church or you can email Pastoral Council at pastoralcouncildivinemercurypari@gmail.com to update your information. Once the information is updated in the database, we will call those remaining to ensure our Parish registration contact and address information is accurate.

Faith Formation for Children

Our religious education program for children in grades Primary to Grade 6, including formation for First Reconciliation (Grade 2) and First Communion (Grade 3), has begun. Registration is ongoing. Join anytime!

Registration forms are available from the paper table at any of the three churches or online at <https://www.divinemercuryparish.ca/family-faith-formation>.

Completed forms can be emailed to admin@divinemercuryparish.ca, dropped off at the Parish Office during office hours, or placed in the collection basket during Mass.

Companions of Blessed Carlo

Our next meeting will be
Wednesday, December 18th 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

We gather at Saint John XXIII church for
prayer, activity, music, games, speaker, and some food.

Hope to see you there.

Events & Initiatives

DECEMBER 8TH

Coffee after Mass

Come and join your fellow parishioners for coffee after the 9:00 am & 11:30 a.m. Masses at SJXXIII on December 8th. Cookie or muffin donations are welcome.

DECEMBER 10TH

Council 8831 December Meeting

Fr. William J. Donnelly Council 8831 will hold our regular monthly meeting December 10th upstairs at the back of St. Clement church as the hall is in use. Executive meeting at 6:30 with the Regular meeting to follow at 7:00. Hope to see you all there and if you can not make it, we wish you and your families a very Blessed Christmas!

HELP NEEDED

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - St. Clement Conference

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Saint Clement Conference thanks you for your generous support. As Christmas approaches, we seek your help to address growing food insecurity, especially among families with children.

This year we aim to include fresh items like turkeys, vegetables, pantry staples, toiletries, chocolates and gift cards for children in our Christmas hampers.

You can contribute by donating funds or items from the hamper list at the back of the church. Every gift—monetary or in-kind—makes a difference. Your prayers are also deeply appreciated.

Together, we can bring hope and joy to those in need this Christmas. Thank you for being part of this mission!

HELP NEEDED

Father Eric Theriault Christmas Gift Ministry for Mental Health & Addictions Program

For the past 17 years parishes in the HRM have been supporting this Christmas Gift Ministry within our Diocese.

A Box will be placed in the 3 churches for your support.

A list of suggested gifts will be available in all 3 churches.

Please see Deacon Gordon or Deacon Charley for more information.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

21st Annual Back-pack Project 2024 – December 21st

As Christmas quickly approaches, we have come to the last leg of the 21st Annual Back-Pack Advent Project. It is not too late to participate by picking up a re-usable bag and purchasing items off the inserted list to help support this year's project.

A huge thank you to the parishioners and friends of Divine Mercy Parish for their amazing support of this project, not only this year but throughout the past 21 years. In previous years, we have had so much generosity from our parishioners that we have delivered not only backpacks, but gift bags for multiple other local charities as well. In 2023, more than 850 gift packages were delivered – an amazing demonstration of the impact our individual contributions can make. This project is an amazing opportunity to reach out to our brothers and sisters in their need.

This is a great opportunity to witness stewardship in action in our community. It is also a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbours. We need people of all ages to help with sorting the presents and filling the backpacks. Many hands make light work and you can participate for as little as 30 minutes or stay until the last backpack is filled. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

Please plan on attending Sort Day, December 21st at St. Clement Hall.

HELP NEEDED**Christmas Food Baskets 2024 – St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The Saint Vincent de Paul Conference at Saint John XXIII Church has committed to providing 50 Christmas food baskets to the needy in the Dartmouth area. If you are able to provide a food basket, please call **Andrée Green (902-462-0093)** or **Linda Gillis (902-462-0998)**. A list of food items to include in the basket will be available at the church or by email if requested. We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the baskets on **Saturday, December 21st**. As in previous years, this initiative would not be successful without the generous contributions of the parishioners. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

HELP NEEDED**Knights of Columbus 5050 Raffle**

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>

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@divinemercyparish.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@divinemercyparish.ca

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