

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

MARCH 8, 2026

DIVINE INFANT PARISH

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Divine Infant Parish, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. In the spirit of faith, service, and community, we strive to bring everyone closer together and closer to God.

This we accomplish by:

- *Shaping our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer.*
- *Contributing to the growth of our parish by being faithful stewards of the Gospel by word, witness, action and evangelization.*
- *Lending support to the parish leadership and working together to fulfill the mission.*

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Agape Bible Study Group	Lucille Surette	lsurette81@gmail.com
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	cwlcommunicationsofficer@gmail.com	
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	divineinfantchoir@gmail.com	
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Parish Caretaker: Jeff Johnson ext 228

SACRAMENTS

Infant Baptisms Please call the parish office to set up a meeting with one of our priests to begin the process for baptisms.

Marriage Preparation

Rita & Gerard McCarthy marriagesformary@gmail.com
At least six months notice required. No date can be set until a meeting with the couple has taken place.

Adult Sacramental Preparation (RCIA)

Deacon Jeff Le Bane 613-834-5039
Deacon Jim Schultz 613-845-0027
Deacon Phil Richards 613-301-6824

For adults seeking baptism or full communion with the Roman Catholic Church or adult Catholics seeking Confirmation. Meetings are weekly on Wednesday nights. We are always open to new inquiries.

School Age Sacramental Preparation

Nathalie Desjardins 613-824-6822 x229
For ALL (both Catholic school and public school) baptized Catholic children. The parish registration for reception of the Sacraments of First Communion (grade 2) and Confirmation (grade 6+) will begin in the fall. (<http://www.divineinfant.on.ca/>).

Anointing of the Sick

Are you or someone you know in need of this sacrament of healing? Anyone who has been diagnosed with a severe illness, is going for surgery or has reached old age is eligible to receive this sacrament. Please call the parish office or speak to a priest.

St. Matthew High School 837-3161
St. Peter High School 837-9377
Convent Glen Catholic School 824-8541
Divine Infant School 824-1060
Our Lady of Wisdom School 824-9700
St. Clare School 834-6334
St. Francis of Assisi School 830-3215
St. Theresa School 837-4114

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday we begin the period of three Sundays (11:15am Masses), called Scrutinies. This is an important period in the process of preparation of our RCIA candidates for their main celebration of full reception into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Liturgy. Let me give you some information about this special time.

The "Scrutinies of the Elect" take place during the three Sundays before Palm Sunday. Scrutiny is a word that means "to search", to look for. In modern English it is used to mean, "a critical observation or examination." That's exactly what it's meant to be.



From the RCIA Guide:

"141 The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Sundays and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites of self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all."

During the Scrutinies, the Elect are expected to take an intense look at their lives. During the First Scrutiny (third Sunday of Lent), the Elect have hands laid upon them and are prayed over that they may reject everything in their lives that is contrary to Christ.

Again, from the RCIA Guide:



"143 In order to inspire in the elect a desire for purification and redemption by Christ, three scrutinies are celebrated. By this means, first of all, the elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first scrutiny), the light of the world (gospel of the man born blind in the second scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (gospel of Lazarus in the third scrutiny). From the first to the final scrutiny the elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation."

The whole community is not there just to observe. This is a great opportunity for all of us to take a deep look into our own lives. The prayers of the Elect should become everyone's prayers. The purifying of the Elect should become the purifying of the whole community.

In Christ,
Fr. Waldemar Podlasz SDS

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

GO OUT... GO DEEP... GO TOGETHER...

*Diving deep into the missionary nature of our Church
with the Papal Encyclical*

“REDEMPTORIS MISSIO”

March 9 - 11, 2026

Day 1 – Monday, March 9

6:30PM – Confessions

7:00PM – Mass

7:40PM – First talk by Fr. Tavis (*on the first four chapters of the Encyclical “Redemptoris Missio”*)

Day 2 – Tuesday, March 10

6:30PM – Confessions

7:00PM – Mass

7:40PM – Second talk by Fr. Waldemar
(*on the last four chapters of the
Encyclical “Redemptoris Missio”*)



Day 3, Wednesday, March 11

6:30PM – Confessions

7:00PM – Mass

7:40PM – Third talk by Michael Hall - Director of Mission & Pastoral Services,
Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall and proud DI parishioner (*on our new Diocesan
Vision Statement – “Go out... Go deep... Go together...”*)

We encourage you to read the Encyclical “Redemptoris Missio” in preparation for the Lenten retreat. This document can be found on our parish website, www.divineinfant.on.ca/.

**INTENTIONS FOR
Mar 7 ~ 15
2026**

CONFESSIONS
Saturday and Sunday:
4:15 - 4:45pm
Weekdays: 1/2 hr before Mass
Or by appt.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm-For all Divine Infant Parishioners

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am†Deceased members of the Lake family by Nadia Lake

9:30 am†Theresa Harps by Thomas Harps

†Collette Savary by the Pineault family

†Vince & Anne Marie Costello by Audrey & Tom Harps

†Doreen Hogan (1st anniv) by Loretto Golding & family

†Deceased members of the Feeley family by Patricia Feeley

11:15 am†Victor Karwacki by the Scheidl family

†Theresa White by Jennifer Goldstone

†Blanche Begin by her husband Fred

†Pierre Lessard by Iris Redmond

†Maria Medina Dumali by Luz Medina-Agnes

5:00 pm†Wendy Borsato by the Pusiak family

Monday, March 9

9:00 am-Intentions of Colleen Cupido & family

7:00 pm-Intentions of the Divine Mercy Cenacle members & their families

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 am†Deceased, past & current clients of the Pastoral Care Ministry

9:30 am-7:00 pm – All day Adoration

7:00 pm-For the recovery of Carman Joynt by Richard & Linda Lussier

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 am†Ernest Godin by his daughter Sylvie

9:30 am-Holy Hour with Benediction

7:00 pm-Intentions of Andrew Bockstael by Susan Gywer

Thursday, March 12

9:00 am-In thanksgiving for the 3rd anniversary of the Legion of Mary

7:00 pm-Intentions of Peter by Susan Gwyer

Friday, March 13

9:00 am†Angela Lavictoire by her husband Richard

6:30 pm†Frank Murnaghan (3rd anniv) by his wife

7:00 pm-Stations of the Cross led by the Lectors

Saturday, March 14

9:00 am-†Cecily Joseph by her daughter Cynthia Joseph

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 14

5:00 pm†Patricia Featherstone by John Harder & family

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am-For all Divine Infant Parishioners

9:30 am†Deceased members of the Ortori family

11:15 am†Pierre Lessard by Mechthilde & Pierre Saulnier

5:00 pm†Tat & Shirley Ng by their sister Elaine Armstrong

†Gary Haire by Wally & Mary Hutchings

†Vince Malette by Kerry Roney & Raymond Rivet & family

†The souls in Purgatory

-Intentions of Stephanie Costello by Jeannette & Richard Primeau

Difficulty hearing? Tune your radio to 98.5FM and use ear phones to hear directly from our amplifier.



Please pray for our brothers and sisters who are sick...Cynthia C., Colleen T., Carolyn S., Pierre POIRIER, Ken PEDERSON, Nuala LINTON, Lorna BAIER, Ron McGEE, Lesley BROTHERS, Abigail SCOTT, Sherry McMAHON, Irene SCHNARE, Jean-Luc ST-AMOUR, Tye PAEZER, Jean EAGLES, Lillian LANE, Olivia TRAFICANTI, Carolyn SPADONI, Nkem NWAINE, Johnny FERGUSON, Vera QUINN, Jeff TOOLE, Bill GRIMSHAW, Gilles, Hudson Guy BOIVIN, Bruno ROMANO, Rachel McGEE, Paula FLETCHER, Sarah WARD, Ali HEERINGA, Brandon PEEL, Stephen HOLT, Ron REYNOLDS, Danielle TOURANGEAU, Lissa ROBINSON, Blake BURDIS, Frances CHICOT, Nancy ROBINSON, Casey LALONDE, Linda POTVIN, Bertha FONSEKA, Jurica BALEN, Lucas, Frank DaCOSTA, Emily CORCORAN, Ida CARBONI, Jody KISH, Ethan LAVICTOIRE, the Residents of the Promenade, Queenswood Villa, Forest Valley Terrace and Symphony Senior Living and those whose names are entered in our Book of the Sick.

TUESDAYS DURING LENT – 6:00AM

**Young Adult
Group**
Every Tuesday
during Lent



Young Adults 18-29 yrs
- Silent Adoration
- Talk + Q&A
- Snack

Join Us for a Lenten Supper
Saturday, Mar 7 & 21
after 5pm Mass



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USHERS NEEDED ~ Holy Week Liturgies

Divine Infant Parish is seeking volunteers to usher at Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and the Easter Sunday Masses. If you can help out, please print your name and contact information on the appropriate schedule in the foyer of the church.

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH &
COMPLETION OF
THE BEATITUDES**

Join us for special Mass

Thurs, March 19th
at 7:00 pm
Reception follows

All Welcome



RIDE NEEDED

A parishioner, who lives at the Promenade Senior Suites, would like to attend Mass at Divine Infant on Sundays or Saturday evening but she needs a ride to church. Would you be able to give her a ride please? Contact Margaret at the Parish office if you are able (di_office@rogers.com).

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Thursday - 9:00 am & 7:00pm

Friday - 9:00am & 6:30pm

Saturday - 9:00am

Stations of the Cross will follow 6:30 pm Mass on Fridays

PENITENTIAL SERVICE:

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Good Friday is a day of **fasting and abstinence from meat**. Other Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday Nights During Lent



Please join us this Lent as we journey together meditating on the Stations of the Cross. This special devotion helps us to reflect and recall the last day of Jesus' life on earth as man.

The Lectors will lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 13 at 7:00 pm.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Exposition of the Blessed sacrament is every **Wednesday following the morning Mass**.

During Lent, Divine Infant Parish will also be having **a full day of Adoration:**

**Every Tuesday
9:30am -7:00pm**

There will be a solemn Benediction at 6:50 pm with regular Mass following at 7:00pm.



DIVINE MESSENGER - MARCH 2026

The March edition of the Divine Messenger is now available for reading from our parish website (www.divineinfant.on.ca/).

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DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Week 3: March 8

Women protecting the Earth



In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the

air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours.

Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called *Seeds of the Earth* with the support of *Justiça nos Trilhos* (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

Discover JnT's work in our [Mini-magazine](#) and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent.



EASTER FLOWER DECORATION PROGRAM

This lent, we invite you to decorate a small intention card (3"x2" or similar size) or create one from an Easter card you received in the past. Place it and your donation in an envelope identified as "Donations for Easter Flowers". When you come to Mass, please deposit this card in the collection box or mail slot beside the bulletin board outside our parish office. You may also mail it to our parish office (Divine Infant Parish, 6658 Bilberry Drive, Orleans ON K1C 2S9). These intention cards will be placed on the sanctuary and prayed for throughout the Easter season.

THE MUSTARD SEEDS

Calling All Youth grades 5-12

Join Us each Friday!

7:30 PM – 8:15 PM

Parish Hall, Divine Infant Church

Youths congregate in the Parish Hall 7:00 pm. Dismissal 9:00 pm.

Please contact Fiona, youth@divineinfantparish.ca, to receive more information.

THE DISCALCED CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER

The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order under the patronage of Our Lady of Mount Carmel offers a lay vocation to the faithful. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of Spirituality, teaches us how to pray. We meet once per month at St. Patrick's Basilica in Ottawa. For more information contact Carmel Farmer at 919-420-4125.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER



2026 SCHEDULE

WE JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

PENITENTIAL SERVICE - Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm

CHRISM MASS AT NOTRE DAME BASILICA - Tuesday, March 31st
(There will be no evening Mass on Chrism Tuesday at Divine Infant Parish)

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30 pm
11:30 pm— Liturgy of the Hours and
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 3rd

Stations of the Cross led by the Divine Mercy Cenacle – 10:00 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 3:00 pm
The church will remain open for private veneration of the Cross
Stations of the Cross led by the Clergy – 8:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4th

Blessings of food baskets – 11:00 am
Easter Vigil – 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th

Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 2:00 pm

*There will be no Mass on Holy Saturday at 5:00pm or on Easter Sunday at 5:00pm
There are no Confessions during Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday – Easter Sunday)*

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