Divine Mercy
Catholic Church
A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 12, 2025

Mass Intention
Week of October 12

Monday, October 13

9:30am Special Intentions (GC)
Mary C. Roche +
John Abbott +

7pm Una Mullins +
Mary Buckley +
Cyrille Quimex +

Tuesday, October 14

9:30am Catherine & Raymond Walsh +
John, Ann & John Jr. Kenny +
Reg Ryan +

Wednesday, October 15

9:30am Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Edward & Mary Rodgers +
Isabelle James +

7pm Frances Buckley +
Florence Connors +
Dr. Robert Walley +

Thursday, October 16

9:30am Joe & Helen Coady +
Vince White +
Dave Coffey +

Friday, October 17

9:30am Carmel Boudreau +
Special Intention (AF)
Elizabeth McCormick +

7pm Special Intention (SGM)
Elaine Dunphy +
William Broderick +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Liz Breen & Gordon Francis Healy

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: Monday to Friday 9:30am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 8:30 to 9:15 am;
Fridays 6:30pm
Saturdays 3-3:45pm
By appointment: email info@divinemercynl.com

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Holy Hour every weekday after the 9:30am Mass

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

Contact Information:
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Associate Pastor: Fr. Joe Mroz, S.J. email: ej_mroz@yahoo.ca

Offertory Collection
Week of October 5

Offertory	**$ 7,843**
Dues	**$ 725**
Food Bank	**$ 655**
Needs of the Cdn Church	**$ 368**
Std to the Priesthood	**$ 1,173**
World Missions	**$ 70**

E-transfers can be made through dmparishnl@outlook.com
(Please include your name and indicate what the E-transfer is for)
Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

Pastor's Note

Some lessons are harder to learn. We tend to grasp more quickly what are those things that may cause us bodily harm or pain. Consequently, we are likelier to avoid them. For example, no one intentionally touches the burner on the stove a second time. Other things, however, seem harder for us to learn. I think temptation is just one of those things. We often feel differently after giving into some temptation. Maybe we lost our temper, showed impatience, spoke unfairly about another, or let our eyes wander. The list, of course, could be much longer but the result is usually the same. We feel disappointed, sad, exasperated and a failure. We are familiar with the results of our sinfulness but seem unable to learn our lesson and, thereby, completely avoid them. This is due to our "fallen nature." Part of our feelings is a sense of not having lived up to the picture we have of ourselves, or the hope of the person we wish to become. In addition, a feeling of having failed and disappointed God. Our infidelity, we think, will likely result in God's distancing himself from us. Our infidelity, however, never leads to a lessoning of God's fidelity to us. God's fidelity is eternal which means it continuously expands. In the Second Reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy, we hear Paul teach that God is always faithful.

Most scholars of the writings of St. Paul believe that Paul incorporates a church hymn into this passage. The early Church sang of God's fidelity! Towards the end of the reading, we hear Paul say, "If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him, he will deny us. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself." The structure of the ideas leads our minds to expect the hymn to conclude that God will be unfaithful if we are unfaithful. But it isn't the case. In breaking the melodic flow of the words and ideas, God's fidelity becomes emphasized. God is absolutely faithful because God "cannot deny himself." He cannot cease to be mercy and love, patience and compassion, hope and fidelity. In other words, God will always be God, he will always be our Father.

Some lessons may be harder to learn than others, especially in the life of faith. We are, however, learning them. We are learning and seeing God more clearly. We are perceiving and knowing the incomparable goodness, kindness and beauty of God. In response to God's fidelity, our infidelity may still remain, but less than before. God is capturing our hearts through unending love.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Welcome Miteau Andréus, S.J.

Miteau Andréus is a Jesuit Scholastic from Haiti. He has been missioned to St. John's for two years. He will work at St Bon's as a staff member and here at Divine Mercy Parish as well. We are blessed to have Miteau with us and welcome him whole heartedly. Welcome to Newfoundland and Divine Mercy!

Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of Fr. John, the Jesuit Community and the Parish Staff, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. We pray in gratitude for your presence here at Divine Mercy Parish and for the beauty of the faith we share. May God Bless you and your families.

Please Note: Monday, October 13 is a statutory holiday. The church will be open for our two daily Masses at 9:30 am and 7pm. Parish Office will be closed.

To See To Love To Serve

*We have some exciting and inspiring opportunities in through our **To See, To Love, To Serve**. Here are just a few. Be sure to pick up a To See, To Love, To Serve brochure with a full year's listing today!*

To See:

October 24, 31 and November 7

This Saints Series will look at three ***different Jesuit Saints, including St. Jean de Brebeuf and the Canadian Martyrs.*** The series will be available through Flocknote: **divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/226220**

The Relics of the Canadian Martyrs are coming to Divine Mercy Parish in St. John's on **Friday, November 21st** in the evening. Mark the date in your calendar and join us for the celebration of Mass at 7pm and other activities being planned for the evening.

Return:
Bringing Those We Love Back to the Church

A Workshop with Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.
Saturday, November 1st
10 am-12pm in the Church

If you have loved ones you've been worried about and praying for, you won't want to miss this.

Based on the book, Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to Church by Brandon Vogt

To Love:

Our 'How to Make a Rosary Workshops Continue:
Discover the heart of the Rosary devotion, while learning to make your own Rosary. The workshops, teach different techniques and are aimed at different ages groups. The workshops will be led by two members of our parish who are rosary making experts, David Caroll and Adam Stone.

Workshop 2: Thursday, October 16 7pm to 9pm
For Teenagers and Adults – Elastic Rosaries

Workshop 3: Thursday, October 30 6pm to 9pm
For Teens and Adults – Chain Rosaries

Registration is required to ensure enough materials and the provision of support and attention. Once registered you will be given a time slot to attend.

To Serve:

The Parish is Growing and So is our
Liturgy of the Word with Children

This coming December the ministry will expand by taking place at the 9am Mass as well the 11am. Interested in sharing your creativity and joy in faith – join this dynamic team. Call the parish office or speak with a member of the LWC after Mass today!

Livestreaming:
We need volunteers to help in the livestreaming of our Masses. This is service ministry is great for those comfortable with computers but does not require a great knowledge or experience of technology. The parish will provide training and equip you for the ministry. For more information, speak with Anna after any of the weekend Masses or call the parish office at 709-726-9924.

Our Food Bank Need You! Our Parish Food bank is need of some volunteers to do some lifting and stacking for a few hours on a weekly basis. For more information, please contact Marion in the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 or email her at info@divinemercynl.com.

Visitation Ministry to the Sick and Homebound
Are you looking for a way to make a real difference in someone else's life? We are looking for people who are willing to spend some time with homebound parishioners and those in long-term care facilities and to bring Holy Communion to them. No experience necessary. The parish will provide training and equip you for the ministry. For more information, speak with Anna after any of the weekend Masses or call the parish office at 709-726-9924.

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

BECOMING CATHOLIC
THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Divine Mercy Parish welcomes individuals and families who are interested in joining our Catholic faith community. You or someone you know may be considering becoming a Roman Catholic. The **Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults** or RCIA is for you and will **begin next Sunday, October 26 after the 11am Mass**. If you would like to know more, please email us at info@divinemercynl.com

Pre-Authorized Giving

Divine Mercy Parish is setting up to receive preauthorized direct giving. This option allows you to have your weekly Offertory contributions automatically withdrawn from you bank account on a monthly basis. Next weekend at all of our Masses, there will be a brief presentation for the parish. As well, brochures and registration information will be distributed.

JOB POSTING: Maintenance/Cleaning (17 hours per week) Divine Mercy Parish

Reporting directly to the Parish Pastor (or designate), the Maintenance/Cleaning staff is responsible for ensuring the cleanliness, safety, and readiness of all parish facilities, including the Church, Parish Offices, etc. and surrounding grounds. The role includes routine cleaning, event support, seasonal maintenance, and proactive identification of facility needs. The incumbent must be self-directed, reliable, and capable of working independently with minimal supervision. This role also requires an individual who can be flexible in their work schedule. Knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety guidelines required. Please forward resumes to Theresa Whiffen, HR Manager via email twhiffen@rcsj.org or drop off to the parish office. Closing date for application is October 20, 2025, at midnight. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

Calling Parents of Children of Sacramental Age!

If you have a child or children 7 years of age or more, you are invited to register them for our sacramental preparation programs. Our program for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will begin Saturday, October 25 at 10am with our first Family session. To Register, pick up a form from the Welcome Kiosk in the foyer or go to our website: **www.divinemercynl.com/** If you have any questions about the requirements or specifics of what is involved, please do not hesitate to be in contact with us.

St. Martin's Cloak

Upon seeing a poor man in rags begging, St. Martin of Tours cut his soldier's cloak in two sharing it with the beggar. The next night St. Martin in a dream saw Jesus wearing the gifted cloak.

Unfortunately, too many of those in need around us are in need proper winter coats. In the spirit of St. Martin of Tours, we will be collecting winter coats at **weekend Masses from this weekend to October 25/26th** and distributing them to those in need. All new and gently used coats of all sizes, from baby to adult are welcome. There will be a box for coats stationed in the foyer.

MID-FALL FLING, Dinner and Dance

Sponsored by St. Paul's Council Knights of Columbus
Friday, October 17, 2025 - 5:30 for 6:00 pm
Columbus Hall, St. Clare Avenue.
Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner, Live music by 1452's,
Tickets: $30.00 each.
Tickets available from Ray English 709-754-0780
or Brian Kennedy 709-727-5288.
All parishioners are welcome!

Catholic Women's League Notices:

October's General Meeting of the Divine Mercy Council of the Catholic Women's League will take place on **Sunday, October 19, 1:30-3:30pm in the foyer.** Social to follow meeting.

The 2026 CWL **Membership fee** ($30) for new and renewing members is now due. Dues may be brought to the General Meeting next Sunday or placed in an envelope marked "CWL Membership Fee" along with your contact information and placed in the collection basket during the Offertory Collection.

Mark the Date: **CWL Bakesale**: October 25 & 26th before and after all the Masses in the foyer of the Church.