



Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 19, 2025

Mass Intention Week of October 19

Monday, October 20

9:30am Special Intentions (DC)
Anne Ryan +
Souls in Purgatory

7pm Special Intentions (LR)
Constance Furlong +
Patricia Angel +

Tuesday, October 21

9:30am Sandi Noseworthy +
Robert Bennett +
Special Intention (G & D)

Wednesday, October 22

9:30am Patricia Quigley +
David Fox +
Stephanie Quinlan +

7pm Special Intentions (MC)
Carmel McDonald +
Jacqueline Dawe +

Thursday, October 23

9:30am Wayne & Greg Morris +
Sean Morrissey +
Patrick Fleming +

Friday, October 24

9:30am Clarence & Ann Woodford +
Mary & Edward Rodgers +
Ann Ryan +

7pm Special Intention (JM)
Marueen Moore +
Sr Maureen Lawlor +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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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Offertory Collection Week of October 12

Offertory	\$ 5,663
Dues	\$ 650
Food Bank	\$ 153
Development & Peace	\$ 5
Std to the Priesthood	\$ 110
World Missions	\$ 65

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

Pope Saint John Paul II envisioned Christian life in the world as a form of our cooperation with God. Many offer different opinions. Some say that good works can never be done by fallen humanity. All we can do on our own is sin. Others propose the opposite. Human beings do good works, and we do them without God. The first position destroys human agency – we become like puppets. The latter removes divine agency – we make ourselves the ultimate actor and arbiter. We make ourselves gods. Neither position express Catholic Christian teaching. Rather, we believe, as John Paul II taught, that we have a part to play, both in the salvation of oneself and of the world, that is, we cooperate with God.

In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, we hear the story of a battle between Israel and the Amalekites. Joshua led Israel in battle and Moses remained on a hill with a staff of God in his hand. Israel was successful whenever Moses raised the staff and began to be defeated when he lowered it. Due to exhaustion, Moses could no longer keep the staff raised so Aaron and Hur held up his hands for him. “And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people.” With this brief story of an ancient battle, we are shown that God has freely chosen to work with us. God didn’t need Moses’ assistance; he freely chose to partner

with Moses and Israel, to incorporate our contribution and cooperation in the fulfillment of his will. Our cooperation with God is not from necessity, it is from God’s desire, what he wants, what he wills. Our cooperation with God is an eternal moment of God’s loving.

One type of love is *agape*. It is a self-emptying and self-forgetting love. While God certainly could have defeated the Amalekites with a mere thought, he freely chose to include us. Why? Often, if not all the time, we cannot reason ourselves to love. When we love a person, we love them because we love them. No doubt those we love have good things about them, but so too, do they have negative traits. We don’t, however, formulate a list of the pros and cons of the person and then decide to love or not to depending on which side is longer. We love them because we love them. God desires our presence with him. He desires our cooperation in the fulfillment of his will. He wants our contribution. He wants our company. Our cooperation with God is not about efficiency or empowerment. It’s about tender love. God’s love of you, freely chosen and freely given.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

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

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.

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

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.

How Catholics Read the Bible
November 13, 7pm
Fr. Scott Lewis, S.J.

Fr. Scott Lewis is a Jesuit priest and biblical scholar. He taught the New Testament at Regis College in Toronto for almost 25 years and served as the Director of the Jesuit Retreat House in Pickering Ontario before moving to Campion College in Regina. He has written many books including: *How Not to Read the Bible: An Authentic Catholic Approach to Scripture for Today*.

To Love:

Our 'How to Make a Rosary Workshops Continue: 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.

To Serve:

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 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.

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 the Church* by Brandon Vogt

Divine Mercy Parish Memorial Mass

Join us for our Annual **Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 4 at 7pm.** Each year, in the month of November, we hold this Mass to celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have died during the past year. We hope you will join us for this beautiful celebration.

Our Food Bank Need You! Our Parish Food bank is in 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

Faithful Giving, Made Simple

*"What shall I return to the Lord
for all His bounty to me?"
-Psalm 116:12*

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) helps you give regularly and intentionally to Divine Mercy Parish, even when you are away. Your monthly donation is transferred directly from your bank account – secure, confidential, and easy to set up.

Every contribution helps sustain our parish ministries, outreach, and worship throughout the year.

Pick up a PAG brochure at the church entrance or email info@divinemercynl.com to enroll.

Faithful giving. Sustaining our parish mission.

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 twiffen@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.

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 25th/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.

Catholic Women's League Notices:

Your support will be greatly appreciated for the Bake and Craft Sale in the Church Lobby before and after all Masses on the weekend of October 25th and 26th. Please ensure to bring your own bags for your purchases. We can only accept cash or cheques made out to Divine Mercy CWL.

Saints Pilgrimage for Youth, ages 10 + November 2 12:30pm to 6:30pm

Join youth from **Our Lady Queen of Families** in a pilgrimage to six churches (including Divine Mercy) in St. John's Mount Pearl and CBS to learn about the saints which each church is named. We'll meet at Our Lady, Queen of Families (110 Ashford Dr., Mount Pearl) to board the bus at 12:20pm. The bus leaves at 12:30pm. The Final stop will be at Our Lady, Queen of Families. Youth can be picked up at the parish between 6:30 and 7pm. Spots on the bus are limited, so call 709-364-8606.

Matthew 25 Outreach

Matthew 25 Outreach is requesting donations for Gideon's Orphanage and School in Kenya. Matthew 25 has been supporting them since 2009 with everyday needs, food, seeds, clothing, school and medical supplies and a special Christmas dinner. E-transfer donations may be sent to donate@theharvest.ca. Please put "Newton" in the message box. You can request an income tax form if you wish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. For more info, call Margie Stead at 709-746-6492