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

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 26, 2025

Mass Intention
Week of October 26

Monday, October 27

9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +
Rita Wilkinson +
Deceased Members of the Petruzzelli Family

7pm Special Intentions (MF)
David Mallam +
Ron Maher +

Tuesday, October 28

9:30am Special Intentions (P)
Deceased Members of the Brazil Family +
Deceased Members of the Lynch Family +

Wednesday, October 29

9:30am Special Intention (B)
Joseph Buckingham +
Special Intention (GC & Family)

7pm Special Intentions (JM)
Frank Power +
Andrew O'Brien +

Thursday, October 30

9:30am Special Intention (L)
Peace in the Ukraine
Laura & Henry Fitzpatrick & Deceased Family +

Friday, October 31

9:30am Michael & Mary Martin & Deceased Family +
Edward & Angela Everard & Deceased Family +
Tom Cooper & Deceased Family +

7pm Special Intention (BM)
Helen Dalton +
Fergus Hickey +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Michael Boland, Pauline Dawe & Fay Hartwell

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 19

Offertory	**$ 4,577**
Dues	**$ 165**
Food Bank	**$ 115**
Cemetery	**$ 5**
Std to the Priesthood	**$ 50**
World Missions	**$ 868**

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

The most difficult period of my life involved a prolonged mourning for the death of my father. It was difficult for obvious reasons – sadness at the loss of a loved one. But as time went on, months became years, to the difficulty was added the compulsion to "fake it." To pretend to everyone that I was ok. I smiled at the right times and laughed too. My heart, however, was broken. I didn't want people to worry; I didn't want anyone to see that there was something hidden by the fake smile or forced laugh. So, I faked it for a long time. A consequence of this faking it, of not allowing my real feelings to flood over, was the experience of loneliness. My loneliness was self-imposed. I felt no one knew me but that was because I wouldn't let anyone know me. In retrospect, however, I came to slowly realize that although I felt alone in the world, this feeling was not true. God the Father is always watching over me. He is always holding me in his hands and, in fact, is carrying me. It was this experience that began to change my faith from an imposition of having to get up early on Sunday mornings to the first steps of falling in love with God.

Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy was written just prior to his martyrdom. He writes, "the time of my departure has come." And in looking back, he knows that he has sought to be faithful to the Lord, both in sharing the faith he received from God and, personally, in his following of Christ Jesus – "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Paul also sees something or someone else. At all times, but especially those most difficult, when "all deserted me," Paul was never truly alone. God was always with him. As he stood in front of judges, faced the dangers of hostile crowds, surviving powerful storms while travelling to spread the Gospel, or facing the executioner's sword, God was with him. The Father watched over him; the Son stood beside him; and the Holy Spirit filled him. In our own lives, through the kindness and love of God, we too can know and feel God's faithful presence. Despite sometimes feeling alone in life, even if "all deserted me," you are never truly by yourself. God is with you. He is watching over you, standing shoulder to shoulder and filling your heart with his life, that is, his love.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Farewell to Paul Noftall
Thank You for Everything!

This week will be the last week of work for Paul Noftall, our Custodian. Paul has worked at Divine Mercy parish since the very beginning. He has decided the time has come to explore different possibilities in his life. I and we cannot adequately express our gratitude to Paul for the immeasurable contribution he has made to the parish and to so many of us personally. I remember back to those first few months when our foyer was filled with things from different churches. There were two little paths, one from the front door and the other from the back. On his own, Paul cleared and organized all of that so that we could have a more helpful and peaceful experience in attending Mass. Paul initiated our streaming ministry so that those who could not physically be at Mass could at least be present virtually. Once, I remember seeing Paul alone in the church cleaning the tabernacle with great care. In his humility, I'm sure Paul would emphatically say he was "just doing his job." But I saw something else. I saw a wonderful man and Christian, through his delicate care, loving his God back. We will miss you, Paul. Please know that you have our gratitude, respect, affection and prayers.

May God bless you and watch over you,

The people of Divine Mercy parish

To See To Love To Serve

To See:

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

Friday, November 14, 10:30am - 3:30 pm
Join Fr. Scott for a Day Retreat:
A Pillar of Cloud by Day and Fire by Night – Spirituality for Navigating our Dark & Challenging Times
A light lunch, with coffee and tea will be provided

Both events will take place in the church
And both events are Free Admission

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.*

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:

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.

The Relics of Canadian Martyr, Saint Jean Brebeuf and Saint Kateri Tekakwitha 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.

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 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

Divine Mercy Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 7, 2025 12pm to 3pm

We are seeking your support and help to make this event successful. We encourage all parishioners and community friends to come out, participate and support this parish fundraiser.

Donations are requested for the following tables:

- Christmas Cakes,
- Baked Goods,
- Donations of items suitable for a Silent Auction,
- Christmas Handicrafts,
- Fudge, cookies and candy for the Children's Table.
- We will also need sandwiches and cookies for the **Tea Room**.

Donations of any of these would be appreciated.

Tickets for a 50/50 Ticket Lottery will be sold starting November 1 and drawn December 7 at 2:30 at the Bazaar. We are seeking your assistance in taking tickets to sell. Please come forward to assist.

All Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours or on Saturday Dec. 6, 2025 before 4:00 Mass or Sunday before 9:00 a.m.

Please make every effort to come along and bring your family and friends. Don't forget to **bring cash** since we cannot accept Debit or VISA at the event. All proceeds will be used to support Parish Initiatives. Thank you for your continued help and support.

If you would speak to someone about volunteering, or have something to donate, please feel free to speak with someone on the Planning Committee: Nina Beresford, Anne George, Anna Carroll and Anna Paolo.

A Small Step with a Lasting Impact

Giving through PAG is a simple way to live your faith every month.

With Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG), your offering to Divine Mercy Parish happens automatically—no envelopes, no worries, just consistent support for the community you love. By joining PAG you help us plan with confidence for our programs, outreach, and upkeep.

Brochures with Forms are available in the foyer, through our website, **www.divinemercynl.com/** or by emailing info@divinemercynl.com to enroll. Thank you for helping our parish grow in generosity and faith.

CWL Advent Prayer Service & Luncheon:
All are invited to join the CWL for their Advent Prayer Service and Luncheon on Wednesday, December 10, 11:30am for 12 noon at Knights of Columbus Hall (St. Clare AveCost: $32.14 + gratuity. Those wishing to attend please call Mary McGuire at 709-726-2161. Deadline to Register: November 24. Any no shows on December 10 will need to reimburse the CWL for the cost of the meal.

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.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting:

Monday, October 27 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Guest speakers address concerning the Basilica Foundation. Also planning the Christmas Parade. All members to attend if possible.

Daylight Saving Time Ends – November 2, 2025

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next Sunday. The clocks turn backward at 2 am on Sunday, November 2nd.