



Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

The Feast of All Souls: November 2, 2025

Mass Intention Week of November 2

Monday, October November 3

9:30am Members of Burke & Lawlor Families +
Special Intention (PJ)
Ronald Coffey +

7pm Mike Cahill +
Theresa Galckin +
Rick Slaney +

Tuesday, November 4

9:30am Gerald, Philomena & Ed Nolan +
Luch & Gerald Stamp +
Linda Harding +

Wednesday, November 5

9:30am Gerald Winston Stone & Deceased Family +
Special Intention (RA)
Deceased Members of the Kearney Family +

7pm John Carey +
Gerald Rice +
Thomas McCarthy +

Thursday, November 6

9:30am Denis Lawlor +
Special Intention (CA)
Members of Penales & Durano families +

Friday, October 31

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

7pm Thomas Neary +
Robert Osborne +
Felix Martin +

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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Offertory Collection Week of October 26

Offertory	\$ 5,796
Initial Offering	\$ 5
Dues	\$ 100
Donation	\$ 240
Std to the Priesthood	\$ 30
World Missions	\$ 558

*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

Maria was the director of one of the choirs at the Jesuit church in Toronto. She and her sister had led the choir for decades. Though a demanding director, Maria loved her choir members, and they loved her back. She treated them like her family. After a short period of not feeling well, Maria went to her family doctor. Her doctor was concerned and referred her for some tests and X-rays. It was discovered that Maria had a growth in her colon, and it was malignant. She was scheduled for an immediate surgery. When the doctors and nurses made their incision, they discovered that she was full of Cancer, that it had spread widely. There wasn't much they could do for her, so they just stopped and stitched her back up. Later they told Maria that the treatment they could offer her would only prolong her life for a brief time. The tumor was fatal. She refused treatment. She and the rest of us began praying for her. Maria still seemed joyful and trusting in God. She began to evangelize her roommate in the hospital. Maria lived for three more weeks. I remember being at her funeral and realizing that God had answered all our prayers. We were praying for God to make her well, to give her back her strength, to give her more life. God, indeed, had

answered our prayers. I believe that God gave Maria the fullness of life, life with him.

This weekend we celebrate the feast of All Souls, the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. Losing loved ones is the most difficult part of being human. We miss their presence, their laugh, their kindness and thoughtfulness. We just miss them. No doubt we prayed for them during their illness or the medical emergency. And despite all our prayers, we find ourselves at the dreaded spot we tried to avoid with all our power. But to our loved ones, the first born from the dead, touches their pallet and says, "Rise!" "The dead man sat up and began to speak." It may not seem so at the time, but God answers these most important prayers for our loved ones. He answers them by giving them the fullness of life. He gives them perfection – he gives them eternal love in seeing him face to face. As we remember our deceased loved ones, know that they are more than ok, they are perfect. "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them."

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Stewardship from the Heart

*Every gift, no matter the size,
is an expression of gratitude to God.*

The Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) allows you to give intentionally—a reflection of trust that sustains our parish ministries and community outreach year-round.

It's easy, secure and confidential. Your monthly donation is withdrawn automatically, helping us serve other more effectively.

Brochures with Forms are available in the foyer, through our website, www.divinemercynl.com/ or by emailing info@divinemercynl.com to join.

Parish Office Hours:

Marion Dalton, our Parish Administrator is having surgery on her arm. We wish her the very best as she recuperates. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. While Marion is away, the Office hours will be as follows:

Mondays – the Office is Closed
Tuesday – Friday – 9am to 1pm

Changes in this Week's Schedule:

Due to preparation for the Memorial Mass on November 4, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place at 2pm will be cancelled this week. The Holy Hour following the morning Mass continues as normal. Thank you.

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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*.

A Note Regarding Fr. John's recent Talk: Fr. John gave a wonderful talk on bringing loved ones back to the Church on Saturday, November 1st. We were fortunate to have someone on hand to livestream it for us. We will be posting it on our website this week for those who are interested in viewing it. You can also find it on our Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/@divinemercy15565

To Serve:

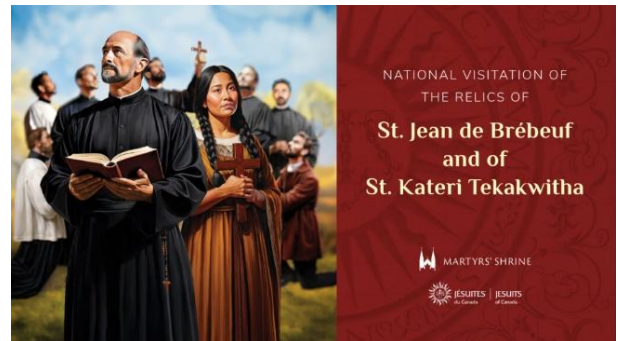
Liturgy of the Word with Children

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 our coordinator, Averil Nunes or a member of our LWC team 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.

To Love:



**The National Tour
of the Relics of the
Canadian Martyrs and
St. Kateri Tekakwitha
is coming to Divine Mercy Parish,
Friday, November 21 5:30-9:00pm**

The major relics of the Canadian Martyrs, including the skull of St. Jean de Brebeuf and the bones of St. Charles Garnier and St. Gabriel Lalemant are travelling across Canada. The tour will also include a relic of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first indigenous North American saint.

Our Schedule:

5:30 pm: Welcoming of the Relics and Rosary
6:00 pm: Celebration of the Mass
7:30 pm: Veneration of the Relics

Baptism Preparation Ministry:

Discover the beauty of sharing the faith with parents preparing for the baptism of their children. The parish provides the material and program and Robyn Noseworthy, our Baptism Coordinator, will guide you through the process. We are looking for people who would like to take part in the pre-baptism meeting, as well as individuals interested in setting up and helping at Baptisms in the parish. Contact the parish office today for more details.

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

Help make this a fun and successful event. 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.

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.

You might also like to help with set up and clean up or by joining our planning committee. 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, Barbara Cole and Anna Paolo.

All proceeds will be used to support Parish Initiatives. Thank you for your continued help and support.



Tickets for our 50/50 Raffle are now available! The draw will take place at the Bazaar on December 7 at 2:30pm. **The estimated jackpot is \$7,500.**

Tickets are \$5 each. Help us

make this a super success by taking a book or two to sell. Help us and watch the excitement grow.

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.

Remembrance Day Mass

On Tuesday, November 11 at 11am there will be a Mass for Remembrance Day at St. Francis Church (29 Outer Cove Rd), with hospitality to follow. All are welcome.

Food Bank Giving Tree

Divine Mercy Food Bank will soon be placing a giving tree in the foyer again this year. There, you will find tags for gift cards for children. You are invited to take a tag and buy a gift card. Insert the gift card in the tag and return it to the parish. Suggested amount for gift cards: \$20 to \$25. Please drop all gift cards in the collection plate or return to the parish office by November 30. We would like to thank you for all your generosity over the past years and most especially this year.

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 Ave) Cost: \$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.

A Note of Appreciation and Thanks for the CWL Bake and Craft Sale

A Sincere Thank You to all members and parishioners for your generous support of the CWL Bake and Craft Sale that took place last weekend. Thanks to you, it was a great success!!

Pick Up Your Box of Envelopes Today

Donation envelopes for 2026 are now available for pick up. You will find them in the foyer of the church. If your box is missing or has the incorrect information, or if you would like a box of envelopes, please contact the parish office. Thank you.