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

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica: November 9, 2025

Mass Intention
Week of November 9

Monday, October November 10

9:30am Michael Smart +
Gerald & Violet Griffin (PJ)
Deceased Members of the Kearney Family+

7pm Special Intention (BA)
James O'Toole +
Mary Redmond +

Tuesday, November 11

9:30am Special Intention (AF)
Maureen & John Doyle +
Ed & Maureen Mroz +

Wednesday, November 12

9:30am Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Marilyn Lawlor +
Thomas & Mary Lawlor +

7pm J. Craig Power +
Frank Ryan +
Mary Power +

Thursday, November 13

9:30am Lucy & Gerald Stamp +
Linda Harding +
Mary & Leonard Madden +

Friday, November 14

9:30am Larry Fagan +
David Mallam +
Souls in Purgatory

7pm John & Isabelle Dunne +
Bernard Farewell +
Bertha Halfyard +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Thomas Patrick Kennedy & David Billard

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.

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

Offertory Collection
Week of October 26

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

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Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

Pastor's Note

When in theology studies, the class was assigned to read an article by theologian, Karl Rahner, SJ, entitled, "The Church of Sinners." I remember my immediate reaction when hearing the title – I was not enthusiastic. At that time, I felt I had been adequately exposed to the failings of the Church; I was more interested in the Church's holiness and depths of its beauty. I wanted things to be positive rather than negative. Once I finally got down to reading the article, I discovered (as usual) that my initial thoughts were wrong. Fr. Rahner did not "bash" nor "white-wash" the history of the Church. Instead, his point was simple and accurate – the Church is sinful because it is constituted of sinful people, people like me. He wrote that the Church is both holy and sinful. Its sinfulness comes from the imperfection of Christians, that is, we are on the way to holiness but have not fully arrived. Its holiness comes from Christ's foundation of the Church, his abiding presence in it "until the end of the ages" and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the Church and into the hearts of believers. The Solemnity of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, "the Mother and Head of All Churches," provides a perfect moment to "feel and think" (in the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola) with greater clarity our membership of and life within the Church, the "mystical Body of Christ."

In St. John's, we have plenty of things to point to that call into question the holiness of the Church. Our times remind me of the years when the Jesuits were founded in the 16th century. The Reformation had just begun–financial corruption and questionable practices to raise money for the building of a new St. Peter's; priests not living their vows; and the Church involved with governments. At this exact moment, St. Ignatius founded the Jesuits and bound the Order more closely to the Church. He added a fourth vow. Jesuits also vowed to obey the Pope with regard to mission. He wrote "Rules for Thinking with the Church." Ignatius also began or popularized calling the Church "our Mother." A Mother nourishes her child. In a similar way, the Church, despite the sinfulness of members, always nourishes and feeds us. Where would I be without God's word in the Bible? The Church organized the writings and promulgated the Bible. Where would I be without the grace of the Sacraments? Through the Seven Sacraments, the faithful are given God's most powerful graces to assist us to grow in holiness. Where would I be without the Mass? The Body and Precious Blood of the Lord pour into us a love that is eternally self-giving and self-forgetting. Where would I be without my Christian community? The Church gathers us as brothers and sisters, as "friends in the Lord," and as members of Christ's mystical body.

The Church undoubtedly has its sinfulness, but where "sin abounds, grace abounds even more." We are truly blessed to be nourished and fed by our Mother, the Church. And today, we give thanks for the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – the Mother Church of All Churches, including Divine Mercy Parish. The place and the community through which we are fed, nourished and given new life in Jesus Christ.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Thank You for Your Generosity

Divine Mercy Parish is blessed by the continued generosity of our parish family.

Through Pre-Authorized Giving, many parishioners are supporting our mission with regular, automatic contributions. This steady support allows us to focus on what matters most — worship, outreach, and care for our community.

Not yet enrolled? It's easy to sign up — just complete the form in the brochure or contact dmparishnl@outlook.com.

Your faith, your gift, your parish — sustained together.

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

On Remembrance Day we honour those who gave their lives to serve our country. At each of our Masses this weekend, we remember and give thanks for all those who have served and given their lives in defence of our country and in the pursuit of freedom and peace.

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.*

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!

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.

To Love:

The Daily Examen

St. Ignatius of Loyola thought that the Examen was a gift that came directly from God, and that God wanted it to be shared as widely as possible. Discover the treasure of this daily prayer and learn how to incorporate it in you daily conversation with the Lord. Over the next five Mondays, Fr. John will give five recorded talks which will be made available to you through our website, our Youtube channel and flocknote.

November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8
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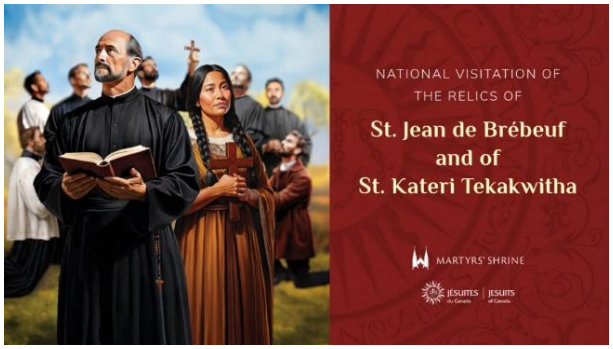

The National Tour
of the Relics of the
Canadian Martyrs and
St. Kateri Tekakwitha
is coming to Divine Mercy Parish,
Friday, November 21 5:30-9:00pm

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

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.

Parish Office Hours:

While Marion continues to convalesce, the Office hours will be as follows:

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

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.

Divine Mercy Parish Memorial Mass – New Date

Join us for our Annual Memorial Mass on **Tuesday, November 18 at 7pm**. We hope you will join us for this beautiful celebration.

Remembrance Day Mass

On Tuesday, November 11 at 11am there will 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 giving tree is in the foyer. 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.

Divine Mercy CWL Annual Memorial Prayer Service

Sunday, November 16th, 2025 beginning at 1:30 p.m. with a social to follow. Past Members and parishioners are invited to join with us for this solemn Prayer Service to celebrate the lives of our Deceased Members.