



Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

The Second Sunday of Advent: December 7, 2025

Mass Intention Week of December 7

Monday, December 8

9:30am Maryann Ryan +
Anne Ryan +
Denis Hickey +
John & Catherine Wade & Deceased Family +

7pm Ron Begley +
Angela Parsons +
Margaret Hillier +
Ann Broderick +

Tuesday, December 9

9:30am Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Ronald Abbott +
James & Bridget Coady & Deceased Family +
Special Intention (JG)

Wednesday, December 10

9:30am Robert Kinsella +
Michael Kelly +
Frank Power +
Special Intention (Ashley Wiley)

7pm Graham Maddox +
Joe Riche +
Ron Southcott +
Cynthia Hannifan +

Thursday, December 11

9:30am Howard Hillier +
David Freake +
Rosemary Fahey +
John-Michael Mackey +

Friday, December 12

9:30am Mary Ryan +
Ron Maher +
Sandi Noseworthy +
Robert McGrath +

7pm Gerard Fitzpatrick +
Mary Kennedy +
Kathleen Ryan +
Eric Hayden +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Noble Sir Christopher Njoku,

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@divinemicrcynl.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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Offertory Collection Week of November 30

Offertory	\$ 6,035
Initial Offering	\$ 10
Dues	\$ 100
In Memoriam	\$ 50
Flowers	\$ 30
Food Bank	\$ 432
World Missions	\$ 60
Stds to the Priesthood	\$ 20

*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

I took a reading course on the *Spiritual Exercises* almost twenty years ago and I still remember what my Jesuit teacher, Fr. Monty, said about one passage. Towards the beginning of the *Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola writes, "This is an exclamation of wonder and surging emotion, uttered as I reflect on all creatures and wonder how they have allowed me to live and have preserved me in life." This comes after Ignatius has reflected on his history of sinfulness. Fr. Monty said that Ignatius thinks in justice he should have been destroyed but realizes through mercy, God has given everything to him. And so, there is a cry "of wonder and surging emotion." What Ignatius comes to understand through God's grace is that in his life God has been present and active. God has, in fact, been labouring for him and his salvation. Ignatius realizes that he is in God's hands. Saint Paul's *Letter to the Romans* expresses the same truth – We are in God's hands, and he is at work for us.

Paul tells the early Christian community at Rome that the Scriptures were "written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Steadfastness means endurance; encouragement means comfort; and hope means to believe that what was promised will come. The world may often feel "out of control," so too, perhaps one's own life. It can seem as if we are on a ship without a navigator. We are at the whims of the current. But St. Paul looks back to the Old Testament in light of the New and sees that this is not the case – God has always been at work, and the promises of the Old are fulfilled in Christ Jesus. Our endurance or patience within the struggles and suffering of life is endured with God's encouragement. It comforts our minds and hearts. We are comforted by the truth that God has fulfilled his prophecies, he keeps his promises. It isn't true that we are left to the whims of the current. In truth, we are in the hands of God. Therefore, we always hope because he means what he says, God keeps his word. The infant lying in the manger is proof of this – So "with one voice [we may] glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Divine Mercy Parish Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve:
December 24

5pm, 7pm & 9pm

Christmas Day:
December 25

11am

**Feast of the Holy
Family:**
December 28

Saturday 4pm
Sunday
9am & 11am

**Feast of Mary,
Mother of God**
December 31 5pm

January 1 10am



Advent Reconciliation Service: Thursday, December 11 6:00 pm

In Advent, parishes everywhere are having Advent Reconciliation Services. Whether you've gone to confession recently, or haven't been for many years, this is a great opportunity to prepare for the coming of Lord that we celebrate at Christmas.

In the Sacrament, we do not go to the priest just to list our sins, have them forgiven, and receive a penance (although this all happens in Confession). Rather, and most importantly, we come to celebrate the mercy and forgiveness of God that we are graced with in our lives. We come to the Sacrament with a sense of joy for what God has already done through Jesus Christ in our lives and what God continues to do – fill us with his mercy and love. We can come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation with confidence and trust in God who has 'loved us first.'

We hope you will join us **on Thursday, December 11 at 6pm in the church for our Advent Penitential Service.**

Several Priests will be available for individual confessions. Come, experience once again, the mercy and forgiveness of the Father.

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To See:

Word on Fire: THE EUCHARIST

Discover a deeper understanding of the Eucharist – the Source and Summit of our Christian Life!

6 sessions available through our Flocknote

Wednesdays in January: Begins January 7, 2026

divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/230081

The CHOSEN

Season 5: 8 Episodes

Begins, Thursday, January 22, 2026

Available through our Flocknote

Or in person Thursdays following the 9:30am Mass

divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/227376

Missed Seasons 1-4? Let us know and we'll catch you up!

To Serve:

Liturgy of the Word with Children

In January 2026, this 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:

Simbang Gabi: Christmas Novena

December 15 to 23



'Simbang Gabi' is Filipino for 'Night Mass' a beautiful 9-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas. The Novena will take place at 6:30 pm each evening from December 15 to 23. The Masses will also be livestreamed. Find us on Youtube: www.youtube.com/@divinemerccyparish12

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Begins at the 9am in January 2025

A worship experience geared to children; this ministry is a wonderful and vital ministry in the parish. It currently takes place every other Sunday at the 11 am Mass throughout the year. In January this ministry will be extended to our 9am Sunday Mass as well.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Retreat in Everyday Life

Becoming an Easter People: Considering the Joy of the Lord

Deepen your experience of the Resurrection through Ignatian prayer. Framed by the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this 12-week at home retreat offers a journey of spiritual renewal, focusing on the joy and hope found in Christ's victory over death. **The Retreat begins the week of January 11, 2026.**

The Retreat consists of:

- Daily Prayer –guided by the retreat text "Becoming an Easter People" by Fr. Joseph Tetlow, S.J.
- Presentations on the *Spiritual Exercises* available through Youtube.
- Small Group Faith Sharing

Cost: \$55 to cover the price of the Retreat Manual. However, if you would like to use the manual and return it at the end of the retreat we will waive the cost and provide you with a notebook for your prayer notes.

Sign up through flocknote:

<https://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/237906>

or email Anna at faith.divinemerccynl@gmail.com

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

DIVINE MERCY PARISH



Christmas BAZAAR

Sunday, December 7

12pm to 3pm

DIVINE MERCY PARISH
340 A NEWFOUNDLAND DRIVE

- CHRISTMAS CAKES
- BAKED GOODS
- CHRISTMAS HANDICRAFTS
- SILENT AUCTION
- CHILDREN'S TABLE
- KID'S CRAFT TABLE
- TEA ROOM
- 50/50 RAFFLE



Last Chance to Get Your Tickets!

The draw will take place at the Bazaar on December 7 at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$5 each. The current jackpot stands at about \$4,000 and is growing. Don't miss this opportunity.

If you have any outstanding stubs and money collected, please bring it into the Parish Office before the Parish Bazaar begins. Thank you to all who have bought and sold tickets for the parish!

Pick Up Our Parish Christmas Schedule

Copies of our Christmas Schedule are available for pick up this weekend. They are printed in bookmark form, making them easy to hold onto, post or share with family and friends.

Please Pick up Your 2026 Parish Envelops:

Donation Envelopes for 2026 are available for pick up in the foyer. If your box is missing, or you would like to register for a box, please see us in the Parish Office and we will assist you. Thank you.

Christmas Carol Concert in Aid of St. Francis Cemetery December 7 @ 7pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Minimum donation of \$20 can be e-transferred to: Stfrancisroadcemetery@gmail.com. A receipt will be provided for donations of \$20.00 or more. At the same email, you can provide us with the names of loved ones you would like remembered at the concert and we will list the names at the event. You can also make your donation at the door.

Centre for Life:

Assistance for Mothers and Babies in Our Community!

The Centre for Life is seeking donations to support mothers and children. Your contribution helps ensure families have access to the basic necessities for their little ones' health and comfort. Any new baby item is gratefully appreciated. Some items in low supply are: **Diapers of All Sizes: Newborn, larger sizes and pull ups; Baby Wipes; Baby Wash; Lotions; Vaseline; Diaper Creams; Baby Oil; Pacifiers; Children's Clothing: All sizes, from infant up to 5T**

Donations can be dropped off in the foyer during weekend masses. If you wish to drop off at the Centre for Life please call 709-579-1500. Thank you for your kindness and support!

Vigil to Remember those who Died by Suicide:

Sunday, December 14 at 3pm at St. Mark's Church, 203 Logy Bay Rd. This candlelight vigil is held to support family and friends who lost loved ones to suicide. To add a name to be read aloud, email Kim at kakelly@mun.ca by December 9. You are invited to bring a framed photo of your loved one to be displayed and sandwiches and cookies for tea and coffee. All are welcome.