



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

5th Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Week of May 7-13

Monday May 8

*Murray Folkins; Deceased Members of the McGrath, Whalen & Street Families;
Elisa Corpin*

Tuesday May 9

*Richard, Bridget & Martin Roche & Deceased Family Members;
Stephen, Ann & Jack Power; Joseph, Paddy & Hazel Power*

Wednesday May 10

*Peter Ryan & Deceased Members of Ryan and Boulas Families;
Stephanie Sandifer; Jack Ershler*

Thursday May 11

Clarence & Ann Woodford; James, Mary & Betty Power; Mary Ryan

Friday May 12

*Deceased Members of the Burke Family;
Deceased Members of the Neary Family; Loughlin Campion*

Please pray for the Recently Deceased:

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm St Paul's

Sunday 9:00am St Francis

11:00am St Paul's

Daily Mass:

Monday to Friday 9:30am

Daily Masses take place at
our St. Paul's Site

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday:
8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am -12:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Join us for Adoration and
Benediction every **Tuesday, 2:00
to 3:30 pm** in the church. Prayer
will include the Divine Mercy
Chaplet.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays:
8:30 to 9:15 am**
Saturdays 3-3:45pm

By appointment:

Please call 709-726-9924 or email
info@divinemicynl.com

Sacrament of the Sick Murr & Home Visits

Do you know someone in hospital or who
is homebound with health concerns?
Arrange a visit for the Sacrament of the
Sick or to receive Holy Communion. Call
the Parish Office at 709-726-9924

Divine Mercy Parish Contact Information:

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Pastor's Note

The formal name of the Jesuits is the "Society of Jesus." Ironically, when I entered the Society of Jesus in 1995, I felt uncomfortable praying to and speaking about "Jesus." Looking back, I was more at ease being a Catholic than a Christian. To speak of Jesus was something preachers did on TV. I think because my father had died a few years before, I was more comfortable praying to the Father than to the Son, and with regards to the Holy Spirit - forget it. One of the things I am most grateful for to the Jesuits is that the Jesuits have provided a style of prayer that is centred on Jesus Christ. This type of prayer, and God's grace, has allowed me to form a more personal and deeper relationship with the Lord. I have come to love the Father more because the Son reveals the Father. To say the "God is love" is now filled out, given content through the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Echoing Pope Benedict, Jesus Christ is everything.

In the Second Reading from St. Peter, we are told that the Lord is "a living stone" and in the Gospel, that he is "the life." We need a solid foundation to live our life. Our world, because it is always changing and bound to time, is not an adequate

foundation, it isn't "solid." Jesus Christ is our foundation. It is upon him and with him that we build and grow our lives. The life that he gives is a life marked by "life in abundance" because it is enlivened through the gift of eternal love. This does not mean that a Christian will not know suffering and difficulty in their life. But it does mean that love is never in jeopardy, that love will dry-up. Rather, it is always given and always flows into our hearts. Jesus Christ is everything because he has given and gives everything. He shows us the face and person of God. He redeems and saves us from our sinfulness. He breathes God the Holy Spirit so that we may cry out "Abba" from our hearts. And he beckons us to the fulness of life by giving infinite, eternal love. Jesus Christ is, indeed, everything.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Offertory Collection Week of April 30

Offertory	\$ 5,421.00	Parish Maintenance	\$ 164.00	Holy Thursday	\$ 30.00
Donation	\$ 350.00	Flowers	\$ 5.00	Good Friday	\$ 10.00
Cemetery	\$ 368.00	Food Bank	\$ 60.00	Easter Offering	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your continuing generosity. God Bless!

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

CWL Bake Sale – Thankyou!

The Catholic Women's League at Divine Mercy Parish thanks its members and parishioners for making the Bake and Craft Sale last weekend such a great success. We appreciated your donations of baked goods, handmade crafts and goods, financial donations, and your generosity in making purchases. We are so grateful for your support. Money from this sale will be used to support local causes, especially for women, children, and the elderly.

Praying the Rosary in the Month of May

The Catholic Women's League and members of our parish will gather in the church (St. Paul's site) following the 9:30 am weekday Mass to pray the Rosary throughout the month of May. All are welcome to join in this most beautiful devotion.

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree May Meeting:

Sir Knights meet on May 30 in the Foyer of Divine Mercy Parish at 7 pm. The agenda is Rosary at 7pm, guest speaker follows, and business meeting begins at 8pm. This a very important meeting because we have nominations for 2023 - 2024. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

Knights of Columbus *Grand in Your Hand* Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus of Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul's Council) will hold their monthly *Grand in Your Hand* fundraiser commencing May through October. All proceeds will support the valued initiatives and projects of the K of C council. Two hundred tickets at \$10.00 each are available in the foyer (St. Paul's site) and the Parish Office through the week. The winner will receive \$1,000. Your support is greatly appreciated.

33 Days to Morning Glory

This six-week retreat program, where participants meet once a week for ninety minutes for a video and discussion, is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, "33 Days to Morning Glory". The readings in it teach the secrets of drawing closer to the Heart of Jesus through Mary. Join us at Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul's site) Saturday, May 13 10:30am to 12 pm for our first session. To register: call the parish office, 726-9924, or for more info: call Patricia @ 722-5273 or Marilyn @ 364-2758



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) warmly invites the Catholic faithful to celebrate together National Family and Life Week (NFLW), which will take place May 7 to 14. The theme chosen for this year is Jesus words, "Love one another. Just as I have loved you, love one another." (John 13:34) The theme invites us to discover that at the heart of family relationships – love in its most human reality – is a communion of love in Christ.

This week offers a unique opportunity to honour and support families through faith, prayer, and service. Watch our Facebook page - [Facebook.com/divinemercyparishnl](https://www.facebook.com/divinemercyparishnl) – throughout the week for prayerful reflections and practical suggestions on celebrating this week. Let us spend NFLW – May 7-14 united in prayer, reflection and action, demonstrating our active support for family and life. Indeed families are "guardians of life" when we love another within our families and in wider society when we show kindness toward and care for the vulnerable and marginalized.

Renewing Practices of Family Holiness

The Office for Family and Life of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is organizing a free webinar entitled "**Concrete Ways to Renew Practices of Family Holiness**" to be held on **Saturday, 3 June 2023, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. EDT**. More information can be found on the Archdiocesan website: <https://rcsjarchdiocese.org/>

Celebrating the Sacraments



Confirmation

This week we look at the Sacrament of Confirmation. This second Sacrament of Initiation, while at times underappreciated and even forgotten, is, like all the sacraments, an encounter with Christ. Through it the Lord confirms us with the gift of his Holy Spirit, thus enabling us to participate in his mission.

Confirmation is deeply tied to the Sacrament of Baptism. In the Catechism we learn "By the sacrament of Confirmation, the connection of the baptized to the Church is rendered more perfect and they are enriched by a special force of the Holy Spirit and thus obliged more strictly to spread and defend the faith by word and by action as true witnesses of Christ." Confirmation strengthens, or 'confirms' what has been given in baptism, namely our relationship to the Trinity. If in Baptism we are drawn into and immersed into the inner life of God, Confirmation "strengthens that relationship and stirs it up." (Bishop Barron) This is so the baptized believer can spread and defend the faith by word and action. It enables us to respond the Lord's Great Commission "to go therefore and make disciples of nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." (Matthew 28.19-20)

The following is a reflection on the Sacrament of Baptism by Madonna Simms. Madonna, a member of Divine Mercy Parish, and serves in the Sacramental Preparation program in the Parish, working with young people preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Confirmation is freely receiving first and foremost the love of God in our hearts. In confirmation we say "yes" to God the father's love for us, we say "yes" to Jesus being our Lord and we say "yes" to the Holy Spirit freely giving us gifts to be all God created us to be.

The greatest of all the gifts of the Holy Spirit is Love. True Love consists in this "not that we have loved God but that He has first loved us" God loved us even in our sin while giving us grace to overcome evil. We confirm at confirmation that we are Sons and daughters of the Father and can call Him Abba, tenderly meaning Daddy, which means we are brothers and sisters in family of the church.

The Holy Spirit seals our hearts to the heart of Jesus, in whom we trust. Let's daily say "yes" to him following example of Mary Joseph and all the saints who have gone on before us.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion Celebration

Young people in our parish will be celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion today, **Sunday, May 7 at 1pm** (St. Paul's Site). The Most Reverend Peter Hundt, Archbishop will preside. All are most welcome to join in the celebration. Please keep all those preparing for the sacraments in your prayers.