



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Corpus Christi

Mass Intentions

Week of June 11-17

Monday June 12

*Roche, Annie & Samuel Lambe ;
Jane Stanyer ; Patricia Morrissey*

Tuesday June 13

James Nolan; Chris King; Lucy Fitzpatrick

Wednesday June 14

*Clarence & Ann Woodford; James & Mary Darcy;
Madonna Roche*

Thursday June 15

*Sheila & James Hanlon; James Hickey;
Sam Howlett*

Friday June 16

Catherine Doyle; Samuel Howlett; Dr. Jim Russell

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@divinmercynl.com

Sacrament of the Sick & 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

During Covid there was a period, while I was assigned to the Jesuit parish in Toronto, in which we were permitted to have no more than ten people in the church at a time. Because we weren't allowed to have public Mass, we organized to have the Eucharist available throughout the day. One day about a year into the pandemic, I was walking across the parking lot to enter the church to take my shift with the Blessed Sacrament. A man, probably in his sixties, got out of his car and asked me if he could visit the church. I told him he could and that the Eucharist was also available. At some point, the man came to receive Communion. When I said, "the Body of Christ," he tried to respond with "Amen," but he was struggling with words as he had become emotional. Before he left, he came to me to explain his actions. He apologized for getting emotional and said that he and his wife were not in the best of health. Consequently, this was the first time in about a year that he had received the Eucharist. This man's reaction to receiving the Eucharist reminds me of the true meaning of the gift that Christ has given us in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Risen Lord is really present in the Eucharist. It may still look like bread and wine, but the Holy Spirit has changed them into the Body and Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas called

the Blessed Sacrament the "Sacrament of love." It is the "Sacrament of love" because it reminds us of the Last Supper and his Passion. We remember how he offered his life out of love for us. Regardless of it being a good day or bad day, the Blessed Sacrament fills us with the love of the Son. In John's Gospel, Jesus has said that he is "the living bread that came down from heaven . . . [and] . . . whoever eats of this bread will love forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the "summit and climax" of the Christian faith. It gives us, feeds us and nourishes us. It nourishes us with divine love.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John



Offertory Collection Week of June 4

Offertory	\$ 5,169.00	Flowers	\$ 10.00
Dues	\$ 25.00	Food Bank	\$ 170.00
Cemetery	\$ 1,661.00	Papal Charities	\$ 5.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 40.00	Easter Offering	\$ 5.00

*E-transfers can be made through dmparishnl@outlook.com Password: Church
(Please remember to include your full name and a message indicating what the E-transfer is for)
Thank you for your continuing generosity. God Bless!*

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Sunday Hospitality: Join us today for some fellowship!

We are starting something new in the parish – Fellowship after Sunday Mass. By way of experiment, we will be offering hospitality after our 11am Sunday Mass (St. Paul’s site), in the Foyer, every other Sunday. If all goes well, we hope to expand to every Sunday at all our Masses. As a parish, our hope is that this offering of friendship will be experienced as a continuation of our Sunday Eucharist.

Join Our Fellowship Team: Would you like to help our new Fellowship Ministry? Perhaps you would like to be part of a group that we can call upon to supply donations of sandwiches and cookies on an occasional basis following mass. Or you might like to help with the set up and service of coffee and baked goods. If you are interested in helping, please leave your name and contact info with the Parish office at 709 726 9924 or sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer. Hospitality is a great time for all of us to get to know each other, please consider helping if you can.

Developing Ways of Giving in the Parish:

Recently we were pleased to introduce an **E-transfer Option** for those wishing to donate to Divine Mercy Parish. Our E-transfer email is dmparishnl@outlook.com. The **password is Church**. When you are sending an E-transfer please remember to include *your full name and a message letting us know what the E-transfer is for*. This allows you to make a one-time donation whenever you would like.

We would also like to let everyone know that we are now set up for **Pre-Authorized Giving**. This would allow those who wish to have their weekly Offertory contributions automatically withdrawn from your bank account on a monthly basis to do so. If you are interested in this option, a form is attached to this bulletin. If you would like more information about this option, or would like to discuss it further, please contact the Parish Office at 709-726-9924.

We recognize that giving is a personal and discretionary action. We hope these options, along with our parish envelope are helpful alternatives to choose from. We are grateful for your continuing support to the Parish.

Sacrament Preparation: A meeting for parents and children preparing for First Reconciliation will be held at our St. Paul’s Site at 6:30pm on Monday, June 12. Please register at the office. Children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on June 20th at 6:30pm.

Daily Readings:

Week of June 11-17

Sunday, June 11

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a
1st Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Monday, June 12

2nd Corinthians 1:1-7
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 13

2nd Corinthians 1:18-22
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 14

2nd Corinthians 3:4-11
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, June 15

2nd Corinthians 3:15,4:1, 3-6
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday, June 16

Deuteronomy 7:6-11
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday, June 10

Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Catholic Cemeteries Mass for the Faithful Departed

The annual Cemetery Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Outer Cove will take place on **July 12 at 7pm**. If the weather is inclement, the Mass will take place at Divine Mercy Parish (St. Francis Site).

Other Cemetery Services in St. John include:

Gate of Heaven Cemetery –
Tuesday, June 27th at 7pm
Kilbride Cemetery –
Tuesday, July 4th at 7 pm
Mt. Carmel Cemetery –
Tuesday, July 11th at 7pm
Belvedere Cemetery –
Tuesday, July 18th at 7pm
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery –
Tuesday, July 25th at 7pm

Knights of Columbus - Why Join?

✦ Lead with Faith ✦ Protect your Family
✦ Serve Others ✦ Defend your Values
You are invited to put your faith in action. To join online go to kofc.org/join
A promo for free sign up lasts until June 30 (Password BLESSEDMCGIVNEY and Agent code TTIBBS). You can also contact Gerry via email gerry@puddister.ca or call 709-685-4785

Celebrating the Sacraments



Sacrament of Holy Orders

The Catholic priest is a man of faith who has heard and who continues to hear the authentic call of God. His life as a priest is lived out by responding to the best of his ability to that ongoing Call. His vocation is a mystery, lived in the presence of God and God's people. His happiness and joy, his peace and fulfillment are derived from God's gifts to himself. *For this final segment on the Sacraments, we have a reflection on the experience of Priesthood by Fr. John.*

I received the Sacrament of Holy Orders, ordination to the priesthood, in April 2007. Sometimes a person asks me if I "like being a priest." Usually, I stumble over my words for a few seconds and then remember to be honest, to speak from my heart. Being a Catholic priest in the Jesuit Order is the most precious gift God could ever have given me. I am completely grateful to God. I am grateful that God allows me to preside and celebrate the Mass. I am in awe that God too allows me to say the same words Christ spoke at the Last Supper while God consecrates the bread and the wine to become the Body and Precious Blood. To feel as if the Lord Jesus and I are side-by-side in prayer and praise of the Father.

When not presiding at one of the Sacraments, I experience my priesthood as having freed me to love much more than I use to because the Sacrament has freed me to be loved by God in an unlimited way. While everyday may not be so easy, as is true in anyone's life, I have been blessed not to have lost my gratitude for what God has done. He has given me the most precious gift I could ever have imagined. He has given to me the vocation of priesthood.

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gifts of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence in
the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and
strength they need to follow in the footsteps of
Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your
kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the
Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their
ministry. Help them to become instruments of
your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and
reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations to Religious Life

God our Father,
we thank you for calling men and women to
serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons,
and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond
generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of
sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, forever and ever. Amen

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH
DIRECT PAYMENT SERVICE
Enrollment Authorization Form**

*****Please fill in and return to the Parish Office*****

Parishioners: Would you like your Weekly Offertory Contributions to automatically come from your banking account on a monthly basis? If so, just complete this form and return it to the parish office. Please indicate the amount of donation on the form below. You can still use your weekly envelopes when attending Mass, just mark Debit on them and they will be taken care of. We are unable to use this feature for Any Special Collection Envelopes. Thank you!

I/We Name(s) _____
Address _____
Parish Envelope Number _____ Phone Number _____

AUTHORIZE Divine Mercy Parish, 340A Newfoundland Drive, St. John's, NL, A1A 3R9
To DEBIT MY/OUR ACCOUNT: Branch #: _____ Transit #: _____ Account #: _____
Held at (Name of Financial Institution and address)

FOR THE PURPOSE OF _____
Fixed Amount (Regular Weekly Envelope) In the Fixed Amount of \$ _____, Payable monthly (On or near the 30th day of the month) Beginning _____ (date).

I/We have read & understood the terms of this authorization & acknowledge receipt of a copy thereof.

Signature Date

Signature Date

- **For Debit, include a personal cheque unsigned and marked VOID (For verification purposes)**
- **For Joint Accounts, all depositors must sign if more than one signature is required on cheques issued against the account.**