



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of June 18-24

Monday June 19

Edward & Josephine Butler; William Connors; Jackie Park

Tuesday June 20

*Special Intention (Y & J); Bob Campbell;
Deceased Members of Lynch & Duff Families*

Wednesday June 21

Paul Hennessey; Peter John; Samuel Barry

Thursday June 22

*Peter & Mary Kennedy; John & Richard Roche;
Anne Gillespie*

Friday June 23

*Jiahua Sun; Fred Holden & Deceased Family Members;
Special Intention (BV)*

Please pray for the Recently Deceased:

Patrick Anderson

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 & 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 *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola propose a faith dynamic. Step one is to see what God has done and does in salvation history and in one's life. One then begins to form an understanding of why God has done what God has done, namely, out of love for the person. Step two is the response one makes. As St. Ignatius writes towards the end of the *Exercises*: "Take O Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will. All that I have and possess. You have given all to me, to you O Lord, I return it. Do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace and I shall want for nothing more." Our love for Christ grows and our generosity to serve him expands through our awareness of his goodness, service to us, grace and fidelity. God loves first and then we try to love back. In this week's gospel, we hear the Lord call his disciples and us to serve others because they are "like sheep without a shepherd."

The call we are given is immediate and urgent – "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into the harvest." It may feel too imposing or intimidating to accept the call of Christ. We may think to ourselves, "The job is too difficult. I wouldn't even know where to start." While that may be true, how can we not respond to him in love as we become more knowledgeable of what the Lord Jesus has first done?

How can I remain complacent when I see God walking through Galilee proclaiming the kingdom of God? Or how can I silence my heart when I see God hanging on a Cross? In Jesus Christ we see and experience the love of God in a personal way. God's love is not just for humanity. His love is for each of you personally! We take it all in. There is a "cry of wonder" as we begin to see and know clearly. The deception is exposed. We are not loved due to our actions but loved as the Father's children. As St. Paul wrote in the Second Reading: "While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. . . . God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us." And so we understand more our call to labour in the harvest for the "Lord of the Harvest." It's not just that it's our duty or obligation. It is because we want to and feel compelled to. We want to love the Lord back because he has first loved and served us.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Offertory Collection Week of June 11

Offertory	\$ 5,945.00	Parish Maintenance	\$ 100.00
Baptism	\$ 50.00	Food Bank	\$ 10.00
Cemetery	\$ 415.00	Papal Charities	\$ 20.00
Donation	\$ 200.00	Easter Offering	\$ 20.00
		Holy Thursday	\$ 30.00

*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

Happy Father's Day!

To all our dads, because of who you are and all you do, Happy Father's Day! With Fr. John, the Parish staff, Jesuit community, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus and all our Parish ministries and groups, we pray that the Lord may continue to bless you and the work of your hands and hearts.

Be sure to pick up a Father's Day Prayer card from one of Ushers before you leave the church today.

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, or would like more information 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.

Knights of Columbus Final Meeting of the Year

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree will hold its final meeting for the year on June 27, 7pm in the Foyer of Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul's site). The agenda will begin with Rosary at 7pm and Guest speaker Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. discussing the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This will be followed by a Business Meeting and Social. All are invited to attend the Rosary and Presentation. The Business meeting is for Sir Knights only.

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

Daily Readings: Week of June 18-24

Sunday, June 18

Exodus 19:2-6a
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8

Monday, June 19

2nd Corinthians 6:1-10
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 20

2nd Corinthians 8:1-9
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 21

2nd Corinthians 9:6-11
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 22

2nd Corinthians 11:1-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 23

2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30
Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday, June 24

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

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

Saint of the Week



St. Aloysius Gonzaga Feast Day: June 21

St. Aloysius was born in Castiglione Italy, the oldest of 7 children in a wealthy family. It has been said that the first words he spoke as a child were the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Destined by his father for the military, he began training at the age of 4. At the age of 8 he became ill with kidney disease. During his illness he spent a lot of time in prayer and reading about the saints. It was in this time that he had a spiritual awakening, and it is said that he took a private vow of chastity when he was 9 years old. By the age of 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children and fasting three days a week. Receiving his First Holy Communion at the age of 12, he decided that he wanted to become a missionary and join a religious order.

In 1581 Aloysius moved to Spain with his family. While there, he had contact with the Jesuits, and when his family returned to Italy, he decided to join the Society of Jesus. His Father was absolutely against this because it would mean Aloysius was giving up his right to inheritance.

In the end, Aloysius persevered and his father gave. At the age of 17 Aloysius entered the Jesuit novitiate in Rome and at 19 took his vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience. At 20 he was ordained a deacon.

In 1591, a plague broke out in Rome. Aloysius cared for the sick in a hospital set up by the Jesuits. Due to his own poor constitution, he found this difficult, and even “revolting,” but continued to work with the sick and the dying. He became ill with the plague and died on June 21, 1591, at the age of 23, after receiving last rites from St. Robert Bellarmine. It is reported that the last words he spoke was the Holy Name of Jesus.

St. Aloysius was canonized on December 31, 1726. He is the Patron Saint of youth, students, Jesuit novices, and sufferers of pestilence.

Prayer for the End of the School Year

As we near the end of June, many students and teachers are preparing for a well-deserved break. We offer this as a blessing and prayer. May the summer bring fun and refreshment.

At the end of this school year, we give thanks to God: for all the teaching and learning that has taken place, both in and out of the classroom, for the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced; for the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed; for the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown. for the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles, for the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days and for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord – bless all students – those anticipating the end of classes and those who are sitting their exams: bless all teachers and support staff who have dedicated themselves to our young people. May your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness. Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us, O Father of Mercy, that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen