



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Pentecost

Mass Intentions

Week of May 28-June 3

Monday May 29

Stephen Payne; Anne Gillespie; Chris King

Tuesday May 30

*Elaine Gallant; John, Ann & John Kenny;
Barb Ryan*

Wednesday May 31

John Roche; Alice Felix; Sister Patricia Decker

Thursday June 1

*Ulysse & Germaine Boudreau & Deceased Family Members;
Don Spurrell; Special Intention (PM)*

Friday June 2

*John & Christine Molloy; Edward Molloy;
Graham Kelly*

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

We have received the same Holy Spirit that the Apostles and first disciples received 2,000 years ago. The power of the Holy Spirit remains the same in us as he manifested himself in the early Christians. We read in Acts of the Apostles:

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

This description of the experience of the Holy Spirit may not sound like our experience. The violent wind we know comes from the North Atlantic, not the Holy Spirit. How then do we account for the difference? God the Holy Spirit is God, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, and God does not change his mind. So, why is our experience different from the early Church?

While God does not change God's mind since God is all-knowing, God desires and wills that we know him, follow him and love him. Because human culture develops in different ways, God changes not the content but the tactics of proclamation. Those who lived in the time of the Early Church responded best to acts and the manifestation of Divine power. In our world of today, many lack

trust in institutions, including the Church, the Church itself is not the "Church Triumphant" of centuries ago, and the message of the Church is often muted due to the Church's own sinfulness.

As Christians, we are in a time in which love and mercy, gentleness and humility speak directly to our hearts and, thus, are most effective in proclaiming God's Kingdom. The Solemnity of Pentecost can be a moment in which the gift of the Holy Spirit we were given at Baptism is both deepened and stirred in our hearts. The love shared between the Father and the Son, that is, the Holy Spirit, dwells in you. Perfect eternal love calls each of you his home. God's love frees us more to receive the life of the Lord Jesus Christ as our own. We know that if life seems insecure at times, there is always one thing never in jeopardy – the love shared between the Father and the Son, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. And so, we are to reveal the truth that dwells within – love and mercy, gentleness and humility.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit provides us with everything we need to do what we do as disciples of Christ. So much in today's world focuses on what we as individuals can accomplish, be successful at. Sometimes, we can begin to think that what we do is simply of our own making. But it isn't. As with those early disciples in Upper Room at Pentecost, we, too, have the power of the Holy Spirit moving and guiding us. Daily, we are called to ask what the Holy Spirit wants us to do and the way in which it is to be done. This part can be a challenge. We tend to want direct answers to our questions. When something gets difficult, we often want God to move those obstacles out of the way. And yet, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is wisdom, which teaches us that we are not in control, God is.

As believers, we have a faith which teaches us to trust in God and in God alone. Easier said than done. Being "filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:4), means that other things that fill us need to give way, even the belief that we are in control. Instead, we are in what St. Vincent Pallotti called, "holy cooperation" with God. We have been filled to overflowing with divine love. As the baptized, we are co-responsible for the mission of Christ and the Church. He gave the mission to the Apostles to "go and make disciples" (Mt 28:19). We share in that same mission until Christ comes again!

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish E-Transfer

We are now set up for E-transfer donations. Here is our E-transfer email: dmparishnl@outlook.com When you are sending an E-transfer please include a message letting us know what the E-transfer is for. We deeply appreciate your generosity and support of the parish.

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 Archbishop Hundt 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. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend the Rosary and presentation.

Knights of Columbus of Divine Mercy Dinner Dance

Saturday June 3, 2023, 6:30 for 7:00 pm
 At Royal Canadian Legion, Pleasantville
 Stuffed Chicken or Fish & Chips \$35 per person
 To Reserve your tickets, call
 Ray English @ 709-754-0780

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 18st at 7pm
 Holy Sepulchre Cemetery – Tuesday, July 25th at 7pm

Offertory Collection Week of May 21

Offertory	\$ 4,509.10	Papal Charities	\$ 752.00
Food Bank	\$ 145.00	Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00
Cemetery	\$ 240.00		

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 (Please remember to include a message indicating what the E-transfer is for)
 Thank you for your continuing generosity. God Bless!*

Daily Readings: Week of May 28-June 3

Sunday, May 28

Acts 2: 1-11
 1st Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
 John 20:19-23

Monday, May 29

Sirach 17:20-24
 Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 30

Sirach 35:1-12
 Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 31

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 or, Romans 12:9-16
 Luke 1: 39-56

Thursday, June 1

Sirach 42:15-25
 Mark 10:46-52

Friday, June 2

Sirach 44:1, 9-13
 Mark 11:11-26

Saturday, June 3

Sirach 51:12cd-20
 Mark 11:27-33

Celebrating the Sacraments



Sacrament of the Sick

In the Gospels we hear of Jesus healing miracles. When he heals people, he heals the whole person, not just their illness. Often healing is connecting with the gift of God's mercy through the forgiveness of sin or with a person's faith. The experience of illness isolates a person, separating them from family and friends. We need only think of the recent pandemic and feelings of isolation and loneliness that so many of us experienced.

In the Gospels it is often noted that Jesus felt pity or was moved by mercy and compassion to heal someone. Jesus' healing is seen as a natural extension of God's saving love and a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven. By healing people's bodies as well as their souls, Jesus showed that the entire human being is touched by God's salvation.

In the Gospels we see that Jesus shared his healing ministry with his apostles (e.g. see Mark 6:13). This ministry was carried on by the early Christian community and in the Letter from James the Church is given this advice:

*"Is anyone among you sick?
He should summon the presbyters of the church,
and they should pray over him
and anoint with oil in the name of the Lord,
and the prayer of faith will save the sick person,
and the Lord will raise him up.
If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven."
(James 5:14-15)*

The whole spiritual situation of the sick person has changed. The active presence of Christ counters any threat that the person's salvation might suffer. The anointing saves (from death, for life), it strengthens and invigorates, and it brings forgiveness. Thus, the old meaning of sickness as a curse is changed. Illness could now contain a blessing.

In the celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick, there is a laying on of hand – an ancient gesture which symbolizes and confers the giving of the special grace of the Holy Spirit. In the sacrament, the anointing with the Oil of the Infirm marks the individual out for the Holy Spirit's special care.

The prayer for blessing of the oil shows how the Spirit accomplishes this healing ministry:

*God of all consolation
you chose and sent your son to heal the world.
Graciously listen to our prayer of faith:
send the power of your Holy Spirit, the Consoler,
into this precious oil, this soothing ointment, this rich
gift, this fruit of the earth.
Bless this oil and sanctify it for our use.
Make this oil a remedy for all who are anointed with
it; heal them in body and soul, and in spirit,
and deliver them from every affliction.
(Prayer for the blessing of the Oil of the Sick)*

From our earliest tradition, outreach to those suffering from illness was understood as an important element of Christian community. Significant to healing is the support and prayers of the faith community as well as the reintegration of the sick person into the fullness of community. In both the Sacrament of the Sick and in the corporal act of mercy to visit the sick, we experience the intertwining of our human experience with the saving love of God.