



# Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Mass Intentions

*Week of May 1*

### Monday May 1

*Alphonsus, Mary & Ben Short; Pat Short & Deceased Family Members;  
Henry & Mary Ellen Kieley*

### Tuesday May 2

*Special Intention (KL); Gerry Furlong; Mary Sampson*

### Wednesday May 3

*Special Intention; Mass of Thanksgiving by Margaret Tellis; Christine Lasrado*

### Thursday May 4

*Paul Hennessey; Marlene Sampson; Special Intention (JM)*

### Friday May 5

*Catherine & Raymond Walsh; Nellie Hennessey; Paddy Howlett*

***Please pray for the Recently Deceased:***

***Martin Roche (Funeral Mass: May 6, 10:30am, St. Francis Site)***

## 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](mailto: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

I don't think I have a long history of trusting God. For my whole life I professed belief in him but in hindsight, I often lacked faith in him ("faith" in the sense of being confident to rely on another). I went to Mass and said my prayers before bed. But the "rubber never hit the road." I lived my life as if God were not present, as if God were not interested in my life nor anyone's, and, as if God never offered his grace. During the past ten years or so, my living as if God were absent, has fortunately begun to change. I no longer think God is disinterested in our lives, but that God is more involved and present to each of us than we are to ourselves. This change was not due to the learning of a new theory, but through the experience of the Crucified and Risen Lord.

After eight months of being together at our new parish, you probably have the opinion that I'm a bit of a "broken record," that is, I always preach on the love of God. If you have this opinion, you are not being unfair, in fact, you're absolutely correct. I preach about God's love because, in a way, it's all I know and, I believe, it is how Jesus Christ has made the invisible God visible. Through Christ, we see that the face of the Father is the face of love. God hanging on a cross is the most vivid revelation we could have been shown – God on the cross is love for us. The crucifixion of the Lord exposes the infinite depths of God's love for each of you. And with the resurrection, we now know that his love is eternal, that it remains fully and infinitely offered.

The Passion and Resurrection have consequences for our daily lives of faith. On the one hand, we can know that one's horizon of life isn't limited to this world but encompasses the fulness of life in both this life and the life to come. Our faith in the crucified and risen Lord as God's perfect gift of perfect love means that God is involved in one's life, that God is laboring within one's heart. Therefore, as we each try and live, because of Christ, we know in an unshakeable way, that our trying is not just up to our wisdom, skill, and luck. God is involved with us even more than we are. This is not a platitude – it is knowledge derived from the crucifixion and resurrection. And so, maybe not with perfect confidence but with growing confidence, I know that I can trust in him, that he is my Good Shepherd. That indeed, I do not walk alone. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

## Update on Pews in the Church

By Fr. John

A few months ago, I announced that the parish would consider replacing our current seating, provided by chairs, with pews. I also asked for your input because our parish is indeed "ours." I received fifty to sixty emails, several phone calls, had many brief conversations in person and spoke with our new Parish Council. The overwhelming preference of our new parish is to have pews. While I understand the flexibility the chairs offer and the how they served St. Paul's well in the past, we are all members of a new parish without exception. And as a new community, the overwhelming preference is for pews. The installation of the pews will be done in stages and may take several months to complete. I am grateful for the amount and depth of input you offered. It shows that we are not an unengaged community but are a community of engaged disciples.

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## Confirmation and First Holy Communion Celebration

Young people in our parish will be celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion next **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.



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.

## CWL Bake Sale – Today!

Don't miss a chance to pick up some delicious baked goods and some of the best bargains in town at the Catholic Women's League Bake Sale this weekend! The Sale take place before and after the Saturday evening Mass and

This week offers a unique opportunity to honour and support families through faith, prayer, and service. Watch our Facebook page - **Facebook.com/divinemercuryparishnl** – 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.

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus *Grand in Your Hand* Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus of Divine Mercy Parish 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.

## CWL Membership:

Women of the parish are invited to join the Catholic Women's League at Divine Mercy Parish. Registration forms are available on the table in the foyer.

## Offertory Collection Week of April 23

Offertory	\$ 4,480.00	Children's Liturgy	\$ 50.00	New Year's Day	\$ 750.00
Donation	\$ 2,000.00	Good Friday	\$ 15.00	Papal Charities	\$ 5.00
Initial Offering	\$ 170.00	Easter Offering	\$ 230.00	Food Bank	\$ 60.00

*Thank you for your continuing generosity. God Bless!*

## Celebrating the Sacraments



### BAPTISM

Signed with the Cross, anointed with oil, plunged into the waters, this sacrament of regeneration reflects the great Easter mystery – the death and resurrection of Christ – the love of God poured out so that we might have life eternally. For those of us who have received baptism – whether as infants or as adults – how often do we contemplate what God has given us in this sacrament? How often do we reflect on the faith that has brought us to the waters of baptism?

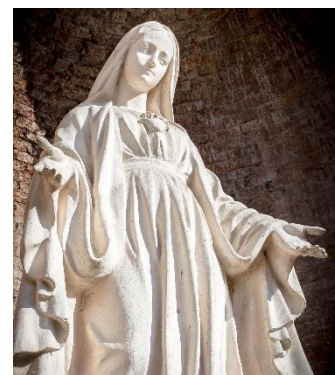
Through baptism we become God’s sons and daughters. Through Baptism, not only is Christ present to us, but He lives His own life within us. We become configured to Christ and participate in his mission of redemption. And, indeed, the baptized person is changed by being immersed into the inner life of God. The Trinity dwell not only mutually within Each Other but also within us! What a wondrous thing our God has done for us.

## Mother Mary and the Month of May

Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion? May is the month of Mary. Devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout May originated in Rome in the 18<sup>th</sup> century as a way of building the faith of young adults who were studying in college there. Since then, it has spread through most of the Church throughout the world. Devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses both on Mary's ever lasting chastity and purity, and her fidelity to God's will, and on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers.

Popular devotions in May include praying the rosary daily and celebrating the crowning of Mary either in the parish or at home. May also includes some notable Marian feasts: May 13: Our Lady of Fatima; May 24 – Mary, Help of Christians; and May 31 - The Feast of the Visitation (a great day to pray the joyful mysteries of the Rosary).

Spend some time with Mary this month. As our mother, Mary has endless love to give. She has much to teach us about her Son, Jesus, and about how to open ourselves to the will of the Father. She is a reflection of the mercy God has shown us.



*The following is a reflection on the Sacrament of Baptism by Robyn Noseworthy. Robyn serves here in Divine Mercy Parish in a variety of ways and specifically in our Baptism Preparation program for Parents who are asking for Baptism for their children.*

As members of the Catholic community, we believe that God is an eternal relationship of self-giving love between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In baptism, we both receive and offer our children, the opportunity to begin their life with God, to become sharers in God’s own divine life. Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit. (CC 1213). Our relationships, family stories, experiences and perception influence our reasons for bringing our children to be baptized. With our acts of faith, whether great or small, whether we realize the profoundness of the gift of baptism or not, God places an undeletable mark on the soul of the baptized through His Mercy and Love.

Our Divine Mercy Parish welcomes you as you are, recognizing that everyone is in a different part of their journey towards relationship with God and one another. We are offering a new program called *Belonging: Baptism in the Family of God* to individuals and families who wish to have their children baptized. This program involves guided home reflection with a manual as well as at-the-church welcoming, videos and discussion, and a “run-through” session. If you wish to have more information, please contact our parish office at [info@divinemercynl.com](mailto:info@divinemercynl.com) or 709 726 9924.