



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of September 10-16

Monday September 11

*Clarence & Ann Woodford; Sheila & Jim Hanlon;
Catherine Humphries*

Tuesday September 12

*Kevin Tracey & Deceased Family Members; Cecilia Tracey;
Eric Keating*

Wednesday September 13

*Laura & Henry Fitzpatrick & Deceased Family Members;
Rita Mauro; Special Intention (GC)*

Thursday September 14

*Arthur & Colleen George;
Deceased Members of the Lynch & Duff Families;
Special Intention*

Friday September 15

*Deceased Members of the Fleming Family;
Helen Walsh; Velma Smith*

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

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Pastor's Note

I have a close Jesuit friend who is of similar age. We went through our formation and studies at more or less the same time. Some years ago, we both realized we had a problem – whenever we got together, we would spend most of our conversation speaking badly, or gossiping, about the other Jesuits with whom we lived. Finally, we decided we had two choices, either change the topic of what we talk about or simply stop talking. Fortunately, we were able to do the former. Our gossiping affected how we saw and related with others. It affected how we valued or devalued them. It diminished others to become mere objects of irritation and obstacles to our enjoyment of Jesuit community life. We forgot that not only was God at work within our hearts, but so too was he at work in the hearts of others. In this week's Gospel, we see and hear the Lord instructing us how to correct another living and believing the wrong way and teaching us how God is present.

The manner in which Christ instructs how we are to correct one living and believing the wrong way reveals the focus of God and therefore, what our focus should be. Jesus tells us that we are to first try and “fix” things with the person alone and in private. If this is unsuccessful, then bring someone else along and try again. And only if the above two don't work, are we to bring the problem to the whole church, that is, make it public. The Lord's instructions reveal that the focus of God is always on the human person. God handles us with care and gentleness. It is only as a “last ditch effort” that the person's fault or error is made public. Even then, it is for one's own good.

This can help us how we treat others, be it in school, on our teams, among our friends and colleagues, and within our families. To treat one another not as a “problem” to be rectified, not as an irritant to be pacified and not as an object to be handled carelessly. Rather, it is almost like we are on “holy ground” when we are with another. As “holy ground,” we treat the person like we are holding the Eucharist – with great care, attention, love, devotion and gratitude. We would never hold the Body of Christ in a careless way. We would never treat it as a problem. We treat the Body with the dignity the Eucharist deserves, that is, the most precious and holy gift in our lives. This is because Christ, God, is really present. And Christ is really present in the hearts and lives of others. As the Lord himself taught, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

You are not a problem to be overcome. You are not just a gathering of people. You all are the “holy ground” of God because he is “there among” you.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Daily Readings:

Week of September 10-16

Sunday, September 10

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday, September 11

Colossians 1:24-2:3
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 12

Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 13

Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 14

Numbers 21:4b-9
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Friday, September 15

Hebrews 5:7-9
John 19:25-27 or
Luke 2:33-35

Saturday, September 16

1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 6:43-49

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Lector's Schedule:

The Lector Schedule for the period Sept 9 to Oct 29th has been emailed to readers. Copies are also available in the church foyer.

“Enlarge the Space of Your Tent”- Women in the Synod”

Tuesday, September 26, 10am – 1 pm At the Lantern, Barnes Road: The retreat, led by Dr. Anne Walsh, DMin, will explore how we are following Pope Francis’ request to journey with him in his discernment of a Synodal Church, learning a new way of living relationships, listening to one another, having honest dialogue, hearing and following the voice of the Holy Spirit. Anne will lead us in a discussion of how our church community and, in particular, the women of the Catholic Women’s League, can walk together and form a people open to listening, change, dialogue and discernment? CWL members and all women of Divine Mercy Parish are invited to attend this Retreat

Offertory Collection Week of September 3

Offertory	\$ 6,247.00
Dues	\$ 1,295.00
Food Bank	\$ 470.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 60.00
Students for the Priesthood	\$ 25.00

E-transfers can be made through
dmparishnl@outlook.com

(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!*

This Week in The Faith

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14

On September 13, 335, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem was dedicated. The following day, the cross that Empress Helena had discovered on September 14, 320 was venerated in a solemn ceremony. As Christians, it is not the cruelty of the Cross that we exalt, but the love that God showed us by accepting death on the Cross.

Pope Benedict wrote “Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event.” The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross suggests that God wants to enter a relationship of love with each of us. This is offered in His Son, Jesus, lifted on the Cross. Meditating on the crucified one, we are faced with an all-abiding truth – that out of his love for us, regardless of our failings, we are continually invited back into his embrace.

We cannot remain neutral about the Cross of Jesus. Either we open our hearts to receive him or we turn away from the extraordinary gift that is offered. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16) Let us stand with wonder and awe ready to receive him once again.

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows September 15

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is often depicted as being pierced by seven swords, representing the sorrows that she experienced with and alongside her Son. Mary lived her life in perfect obedience to God and his Will. This meant cooperating with God’s work of salvation, witnessing her Son’s passion and death and entering into his sorrow and suffering.

Did you know that the month of September is dedicated to the Sorrows of Mary? The Seven Sorrows of Mary are important for us to know and pray. They are all based on scripture and help us recall Mary’s role in salvation history. Can you name the seven sorrows of Mary and find them in the Gospels? Email us at info@divinemercynl.com with your answer to this pop quiz. Write: 7 Sorrows in the subject line. We will take a closer look at the 7 Sorrows next week!



5 to Thrive

Five Saints to Connect with through the School Year

September is here and students of all ages are returning to classes. In the year ahead there will be much work, challenges, growth and, hopefully, lots of fun and friendship. As people of faith, we know that we are not alone in the path of our life. And accompanying us are the Saints who are powerful intercessors and models for the us. Sometimes when we reflect on the saints, we think of heroic moments in their lives, but we should remember that they prepared for sainthood in their day-to-day lives. Their ability to attain holiness as regular people, just like you and me, is an incredible example. As the new school year begins, we invite you to reflect on a few saints that might inspire and support you through the year.

St. Thomas Aquinas:

Considered to be one of the most brilliant minds in the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote many works, most notably his *Summa Theologica*. Throughout his work, Aquinas demonstrates his desire to know the truth in all things. The pursuit of truth is the ultimate goal of education. Learning the truth about the world and our human nature can help lead us to the One who is Truth itself, Jesus Christ. Aquinas helps us to center our study on the Truth, who is Jesus, in every field of academics. Whether you are teaching a new subject or studying something new, it is always a good idea to say a prayer to St. Thomas.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, the patron saint of youth and students, was born into an Italian aristocratic family. As a young boy, he became ill with kidney disease. He spent much time in prayer and reading about the saints. It was in this time that he had a spiritual awakening. By the age of 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children and fasting three days a week. Against his family's desire, at the age of 17 Aloysius renounced noble life to become a Jesuit. When a plague broke out in Rome, Aloysius cared for the sick and the dying in a hospital set up by the Jesuits. Due to his own poor health, he became ill with the plague and died at the age of 23.

St. Joseph Cupertino

Joseph was born in Cupertino, Italy in 1603. When he was 17 he decided to apply to the Franciscan Order but he was rejected due to his lack of education. He began to study very hard, yet despite his tremendous effort, still struggled academically. When faced with his final examination that would determine if he was fit for priesthood, he asked the Lord to let him only be asked the questions for which he knew the answers. His prayer was answered, and he managed to pass his exams and become a priest at 25. It is no surprise that St. Joseph of Cupertino is the patron saint of test takers.

St. Therese of Lisieux

Born in 1873, St. Therese of the Child Jesus succeeded entering the Carmelite convent at the young age of 15. Patron of missionaries and advocate of youth, she is also known as the "Little Flower". St. Therese was unable to travel to the missions during her lifetime but prayed fervently for their success. Even though she was only a youth, St. Therese possessed a maturity of spirit and understanding, becoming a model for all young people. She is an inspiration of engagement with and prayerfulness in faith no matter what our mission in life. In October 1997 she was declared a Doctor of the Universal Church.

St. John Paul II

While St. John Paul was not a young adult when he died, he spent much of his life and his time as Pope addressing young adults and encouraging them to fulfill God's purpose and plan for their lives. He had a unique compassion and love for young people and understood their vital role in the future of the Church. Before he died, he established World Youth Day, an international pilgrimage for youth. The vision and goal of WYD is to assure young Catholics of their capacity to continue the church's goal of New Evangelization within the world.