



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of October 22nd to 28th

Monday October 23

Wayne & Greg Morris; Special Intention; Celeste Boulos

Tuesday October 24

*Greg Thorne; Thomas & Ann O'Keefe;
John & Clara Young*

Wednesday October 25

*Special Intention (CK); Monica O'Brien;
Deceased members of the Burke Family*

Thursday October 26

*Souls in Purgatory; Deceased members of Neary Family;
Denis & Ann Sheehan*

Friday October 20

*Fr. Michael O'Donnell, S.J. ; Special Intention;
Anne Edwards Lambe*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Angela Philpott, Theresa Marshall

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

Sometimes I can think of living the Christian faith as being similar to following dance-steps outlined on the floor. As a person who is incapable of rhythm, I do appreciate the outlined instructions. When it comes to our faith, we can imagine a list of prescribed or prohibited actions corresponding to particular situations. For example, if wronged, we are to turn the other cheek; before going to bed, we are to say our prayers; or, during Lent, we are to abstain from meat on Fridays. These and other examples one can easily think of are significant to our Catholic faith to varying degrees. At the same time, however, we can give short-shrift to our faith if we see it principally as a way of acting. It is much more so a way of being, from which our actions flow.

In the Gospel this week, the Lord is asked whether or not it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar? Jesus replies by taking a coin, looking at the face on it, and saying give “to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” Christ’s answer appears to give confirmation that to follow him is centred on proper ways of acting – there are times when one acts with a civic mindset and other times with a religious or faith mindset. But if we stop and reflect a bit, it isn’t as clear as we might first think. If God is the Creator of all that is, then all things, ultimately, belong to God. There may be intermediate persons or authorities, but in the end, as St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote, “You have given all to me. To you, O Lord, I return it.”

To accept what Ignatius taught, is to understand our faith in a more integrated way, that is, more of a way of being. God is not a factor in some instances in one’s life but is **the** factor in every moment. Therefore, in truth, our considerations can never exclude God. Our faith isn’t compartmentalized but is integrated, it is who we are. As we often hear in the Mass, “For in you we live and move and have our being.” This Sunday, the Lord tells us to give “to God the things that are God’s.” In other words, we give to the Creator of all things all of who we are. We seek to give everything.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Saints Speak

The Suscipe Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Take 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.
All is Yours, dispose of it wholly according to Your will.*

*Give me Your love and Your grace,
for this is sufficient for me.*

Amen

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish Memorial Mass

Divine Mercy Parish extends a warm invitation to all in the community for our upcoming **Memorial Mass on Wednesday, November 15 at 7pm** (at our St. Paul's site). The month of November, which begins with the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls, is a month devoted to prayer for the souls who have gone before us. Each year, in the month of November, we hold this Mass to celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have died during the past year. Please join us if you are able.

Book of Remembrance

As the month of November approaches, you are invited to add the name of deceased loved ones to our **Book of Remembrance** located to the right of the sanctuary in the church (at our St. Paul's site).

First Reconciliation Program

Preparation for First Confessions (children, 7 and above) has begun. Registration for our Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion continues. Contact the Parish Office: info@divinemerlynl.com

Daily Readings:

Week of October 22-28

Sunday, October 22

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

Monday, October 23

Romans 4:20-25
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 24

Romans 5:12.15, 17-19, 20-21
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 25

Romans 6:12-18
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 26

Romans 6:19-23
Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 27

Romans 7:18-25a
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 28

Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-16

Note of Gratitude:

Divine Mercy Parish would like to thank Lesters Farm for their generous support of items for the Thanksgiving display in the church. We are so grateful!

Received in Loving Memory:

\$1,320.00 was received for Divine Mercy Foodbank in memory of Theresa Marshall. Our Parish is grateful to the family, who, in lieu of flowers, asked that donations be made to Divine Mercy Food bank.

Tribute Dinner for Rev. Fr. William Browne, S.J.

The Knights of Columbus of Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul's Council 11776) is holding a Tribute Dinner in honour of Rev. Fr. William Browne, S.J. on Thursday, November 16, at Columbus Hall (51 St. Clare Ave). The doors will open at 6pm and a Turkey Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Entertainment/Dance: Brian Finn; Cash Bar; Tickets - \$35. Tickets are available from Ray English, who will be available after Masses for those who would like to purchase tickets. You can also contact Ray at 709-754-0780.

Knight of Columbus General Meeting: Date Change!

Archbishop E. P. Roche 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will meet on **Monday, October 23 at 7pm** in the foyer of Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul's site). All are invited to join in the Rosary and speaker events. Only members may attend the business meeting which follows at 8pm.

The CWL Council at Divine Mercy thanks our members and parishioners for your very kind support of the Baby Shower the past two weekend. Your generosity of baby clothes and financial gifts are very much appreciated. Thank you to members Mary Whelan, Elizabeth Hollett, Madeline Whelan and Mary's four granddaughters for ensuring the success of the shower, making many babies and their parents very grateful.

Offertory Collection Week of October 15

Offertory	\$ 4,872.00
Dues	\$ 200.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 70.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 5.00
Students for the Priesthood	\$ 18.00
World Missions	\$ 63.00

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

(Please include your full name and a message indicating what the E-transfer is for)

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

Saint of the Week

Saints Jude & St. Simon the Apostles Feast: October 28

We all know who Peter, James, John and Andrew are – fishermen, brothers, followers of Christ and Apostles. The two Apostles we celebrate this week, are lesser known to us, but hold an important place in the history of our faith.

Almost nothing is known about Simon and Jude. Simon, or Simon the Zealot, is mentioned three times in the Gospels, but only once is his name listed along the other disciples. According to Acts 1:13, he was present in upper room in Jerusalem after the Ascension. St. Simon would have matured into an apostle during the three years of Christ’s earthly ministry. Following Christ as a disciple he would have learned to spread the gospel in truth and love to all people. According to Church tradition, he served as a missionary in Egypt and was martyred in Persia.

Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Christ. He was one of the twelve apostles. Images of St. Jude often include a flame around his head, which represents his presence at Pentecost, when he, along with the other apostles, would have received the Holy Spirit. Scholarship agrees that St. Jude was a son of Clopas and Mary (who was a cousin of the Blessed Virgin Mary). Early Christian writers tell us that after the Ascension, he would go on to preach the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia and Lybia. He was probably martyred in either Armenia or Beirut. Following his death, his body was brought to Rome and today his bones can be found in the left transept of St. Peter’s Basilica under the main altar of St. Joseph, in a

tomb he shares with St. Simon. St. Jude has become known as the saint of lost causes or of the impossible.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two “sons of thunder,” and a man named Judas Iscariot. It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often.

Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God’s creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

What is apostolic succession?

Apostolic succession is the transmission by means of the sacrament of Holy Orders of the mission and power of the Apostles to their successors, the bishops.

Thanks to this transmission the Church remains in communion of faith and life with her origin, while through the centuries she carries on her apostolate for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ on earth.

-Compendium, Catechism of the Catholic Church

Other Notes:

- 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 October, dedicated to the devotion of the Rosary. All are welcome to join in this most beautiful devotion.
- **Save the Dates: Two Ignatian Spirituality Series by the Atlantic Ignatian Ministry:**
 1. *Seeing With Heart: October 19, November 2 & 9 7:30 pm (NT)*
 2. *Advent Series: Experiencing Prayer and Spiritual Conversations: November 23, 30, December 7 & 14 7:30 pm (NT)*

For more info or to register, email atlanticignatianministry@gmail.com
- Applications are now open for Knights of Columbus State Council Scholarships. Application Deadline is October 31. Information on the scholarships and the applications can be found at www.kofcni.org.
- Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course: October 28 @ the Pastoral Center (200 Military Rd.) Register at <https://rcsj.org/chancer/marriage-preparation/register>