



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of October 29th to November 4

Monday October 30

*Elizabeth Hannifan; Robert Kirkland Jr;
Special Intention*

Tuesday October 31

*Elizabeth Doyle; Simon & Elsie Corcoran;
Special Intention*

Wednesday November 1

*Cheryl Furlong-Hynes; Thomas Grant;
Edward Molloy*

Thursday November 2

*Kevin Whelan; Gerald, Philomena & Ed Nolan;
Special Intention (TA)*

Friday November 3

*Rosemary Walt; Souls in Purgatory;
Special Intention*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Gerry LeDrew

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm
(Newfoundland Drive Site)

Sunday 9:00am
(Outer Cove Site)

11:00am
(Newfoundland Drive Site)

Daily Mass:

Monday to Friday 9:30am

Daily Mass takes place at our Newfoundland Dr. 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

Some years ago, a Jesuit Provincial (the head Jesuit in Canada) read to me a letter he had received from the parish council of a small Indigenous church on a Reserve. The Provincial had reassigned the Jesuit who had been serving there to another work in a different part of Canada. The parish council was asking him to reconsider, to keep that Jesuit at their church. The reason they gave for their request was not that he was the most eloquent or profound homilist, or that he was an expert in spirituality and prayer. Rather, they simply said, that “He makes us feel better about ourselves.” To follow the Lord, to be his disciple, is to share in his own life, to resemble him in our words and actions. The Lord proclaimed to every person that they weren't essentially a “sinner,” “leper,” or “Samaritan” but that each was the child of the Father, and so “the apple of his eye.” Our own mission, a participation in his Mission, is to do likewise, to use each and every opportunity to reveal the truth to others – that each is the apple of the Father's eye.

In this week's Gospel from Saint Matthew, we are given the “Golden Rule.” We are to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” It is not a question of which one of these commandments we are to obey and follow. It is the

understanding that one cannot authentically and honestly love the Father yet disregard the children of the Father. To love the Father entails to love what the Father loves. To serve the Father entails to serve those whom the Father serves in the Son. And therefore, we share in the Mission and the life of the Son. As Christians we have the most beautiful job possible – to proclaim in word and deed to every person who exists the truth in Jesus Christ, that we and they are loved by God with a love beyond our understanding. “I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer. My God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the source of my salvation, my stronghold.” Indeed, we have the best job in the world.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Saints Speak

The reason for our existence is to quench the thirst of Jesus. When he asked for water, the soldier gave him vinegar to drink—but his thirst was for love, for souls, for you and me.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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** (Newfoundland Drive 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.

Daily Readings:

Week of October 29 – November 4

Sunday, October 29

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Monday, October 30

Romans 8:12-17
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 31

Romans 8:18-25
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, November 1

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Thursday, November 2

Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

Friday, November 3

Romans 9:1-5
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, November 4

Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29
Luke 14:1, 7-11

Offertory Collection Week of October 22

Offertory	\$ 5,799.00
Dues	\$ 430.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 25.00
Food Bank	\$ 950.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 100.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 5.00
World Missions	\$ 838.00

*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 generosity. God Bless!

Meeting for Reconciliation Preparation Families:

There will be a meeting for all children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their parents next Saturday, November 4, 1pm at our Newfoundland Drive site. Also, a note for parents: unfortunately, the children's preparation books which were ordered have not yet arrived, so we will continue sending out the material by e-mail. Week 3 material will be sent out this weekend. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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.

Parish Family News:

This week in our community, we celebrate the Baptism of Lowell Robert MacDonald, Hugo Joshua MacDonald, Simon John MacDonald and Vera Jane MacDonald. With the MacDonald family, we rejoice in the gift of faith and pray that they might all grow in the light of God's grace.

This Week in the Faith

The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls: November 1 & 2



We begin the month of November with two holy days that help us to focus our attention on our beloved dead: the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls). The first recognizes and asks for the prayers of all who now wear, in the words that St. Paul wrote to St. Timothy, “the crown of righteousness.” The second centers our prayer on those who have completed their earthly journey yet are presently undergoing “the final purification of the elect” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1031).

In the Book of Revelation, which gives us the First Reading for the feast of All Saints, we hear of the magnificent vision, “of all nations and tribes standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands, proclaiming Him who redeemed them in His Blood.” It is a vision of all of creation united in praise and thanksgiving to Christ who sacrificed himself to bring salvation to the world. During the early centuries the Saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later, the Popes set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the saints.

We might ask what we have in common with the saints we celebrate. Like us, they were all human and fallible. They chose in their humanity to follow Christ and bear witness to his mercy in the world. We all have this “universal call to holiness.” This means that to become a saint we must follow Christ in his work of salvation. We “must follow in His footsteps and conform [our]selves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. [We] must devote [our]selves with all [our] being to the glory of God and the service of [our] neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history” (*Lumen Gentium*, 40).

The Feast of All Saints inspires us with great hope. Marked with the sign of faith, the Saints are both an example to us of the Christian life and a source of help in living that life. These very human brothers and sisters followed Christ, and having gone before us, they show us how and call on us to follow and to join them joyfully in praise and thanksgiving to the God of mercy and life. Yet, the month of November is not for them, but for those who we remember on All Souls Day. These are our brothers and sisters in Christ who have died and, who in the words of the *Catechism* “are indeed assured of their eternal salvation” but must first be cleaned in the pre-heavenly state that we commonly call Purgatory.

Praying for those who have died is a central activity in the Church. The *Catechism* reminds us that: “From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.” It is customary in parishes to light candles and to add the names of loved ones who have gone before us in a book of remembrance.

Both feasts find their deepest meaning in Jesus Christ’s life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Christ’s sacrifice has defeated sin death. It no longer has a hold on us and no longer separates us from one another or from the love of our Father. In this is our hope and our joy.

Prayer for the Commemoration of All Souls:

God of life,
 You created us to be with You forever in Heaven.
 Pour out Your love on our departed dead.
 Hold them close to You.
 Your Son Jesus suffered and died for the sins of all humankind. But You raised Him up, that we too might be raised and enjoy eternal life with You.
 May we never despair, Lord, but trust in the power of Your love. For grace and mercy are with Your Holy ones and all those who have faith abide with you in everlasting joy.
 Amen.