



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of November 5 to 11

Monday November 6

*Dave Mercer; Robert & Emma Kelly;
Patrick, Mildred & Andrew Barry & Deceased Family*

Tuesday November 7

*Michael & Agnes Nash & Deceased Family;
James Coady & Deceased Family;
Deceased Members of the Noseworthy Family*

Wednesday November 8

*Cathy & Gerry Feehan; Holy Souls in Purgatory;
Deceased Members of the Ryan Family*

Thursday November 9

*Peter & Mary Kennedy and Deceased Family Members;
William & Margaret Feehan & Deceased Family Members;
Michael Hickey*

Friday November 10

*Tom, Mary & Marilyn Lawlor; Albert & Marie Button;
Denis & Matilda Dobbin*

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

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Pastor's Note

When I entered the Jesuits in 1995, we were assigned house jobs. I was so happy that I was given the responsibility of cleaning the two common bathrooms. In a house of twenty-one men, the bathrooms were definitely not too clean. I was happy because I viewed it as the worst job to be given, it was the humblest task one could do in service to the other Jesuit Novices. In a sense, I was proud of being seen as “humble.” Of course, this is the opposite of true humility. In this week's Gospel, the Lord proclaims, “The greatest among you will be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Our understanding of humility or being humble rests in a knowledge of the one God sees when he sees each person.

When I was proud of being “humble” in given the task of cleaning the bathrooms, I gave myself a personal value and worth derived from the opinions of others. I thought I was like the patron Saint of Jesuit Novices, St. Stanislaus Kostka, who,



though a Polish prince, always asked for the lowliest of jobs. I thought I was the holiest because I was the humblest. And I sure hoped, and did what I could, to ensure that others knew of my “humility.” Humility, however, is not derived from the opinions of others, be them positive or negative. It is by his “Cross and

Resurrection” that we each have been set free. One's value and worth are not assembled from opinions but is given and given not from others but from God. To be exalted by God is to grasp the truth of being God's beloved child. Our identity as the child of God is not due from anything we have done, rather it is from what God has done. It is freely given to us. All we have to do is believe it and then live it in our daily lives and our faith. As we prayed at the beginning of Mass: “Grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised.”

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Saints Speak

If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and to them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.

St. Katharine Drexel

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Parish Communications:

Timely communication is important, especially as winter approaches. Whether it is information about schedules, parish events and new parish initiatives or short-notice and urgent communications such as weather closures and delays, we want to keep everyone in the loop. We have many modes of communication such as our website, Sunday bulletin, Facebook, direct email, and our parish app. Please speak with Fr. John, our Parish Office or any member of our Parish Council about the best way for you to say connected with Divine Mercy. Please ensure your contact information with us is up to date by emailing us at info@divinemercynl.com Thank you.

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). 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.

Daily Readings: Week of November 5 to 11

Sunday, November 5

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
Matthew 23:1-12

Monday, November 6

Romans 11:29-36
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 7

Romans 12:5-16ab
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 8

Romans 13:8-10
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday, November 9

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Friday, November 10

Romans 15:14-21
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday, November 11

Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27
Luke 16:9-15

Book of Remembrance

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. Together, let us pray that they will see God face to face.

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, 709-754-0780. Fr. Bill is 95 years young and still serving in our catholic community and a great supporter of the Knights of Columbus.

Knight of Columbus General Meeting:

Archbishop E. P. Roche 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, November 27 at 7pm in the foyer of Divine Mercy Parish (Newfoundland Drive site). All are invited to join in the Rosary and speaker events. Only members may attend the business meeting which follows at 8pm.

Gaza Humanitarian Emergency Appeal

Development and Peace (Caritas Canada) has released a statement about the urgent crisis in Gaza, appealing for assistance in helping aid those in need. Caritas Canada is participating in the Humanitarian Coalition's Gaza Humanitarian Emergency appeal. This means that donations for this cause will be matched dollar for dollar by the Government of Canada up to a maximum of 10 million until November 12. A copy of this press release (Gaza crisis: a call to help, a call to peace) can be found on our Archdiocesan webpage: www.rcsj.org.

Offertory Collection Week of October 29

Offertory	\$ 4,836.25
Dues	\$ 400.00
Donation	\$ 1,500.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 515.00
Food Bank	\$ 426.55
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 10.00
World Missions	\$ 180.00

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!*

Saint of the Week



One of only two Popes to have earned the title Great – Leo I was born at the beginning of the 5th Century, probably in Rome. When he as a deacon, others looked to him for advice and for explanations of the faith. Leo was sent to settle arguments among factions with the Church was on such a mission in 440 when he was elected Pope. As Pope he would be instrumental in keeping the Church united when it was being attacked both from within from heresy and from outside by invasions from warring tribes.

Among the heresies that Pope Leo defended the faith against were Pelagianism (which involved the denial of Original Sin), and Manichaeism (a gnostic system that saw matter as evil). Perhaps the Leo's greatest teaching contribution to the Church was his teaching on the Christ's two natures: Leo's teaching confirmed that Christ's eternal divine personhood and nature did not absorb or negate the human nature that he assumed in time through the Incarnation. Instead, "the proper character of both natures was maintained and came together in a single person. So without leaving his Father's glory behind, the Son of God comes down from his heavenly throne and enters the depths of our world," the Pope taught. "Whilst remaining pre-existent, he begins to exist in time. The Lord of the universe veiled his measureless majesty and took on a servant's form. The God who knew no suffering did not despise becoming a suffering man, and, deathless as he is, to be subject to the laws of death."

Pope Leo led the Church during a particularly volatile period, when Rome found itself under siege by outside forces. With the collapse of civil authorities, he stepped in as the Bishop of Rome to protect the people. In 452 he successfully negotiated with the barbarian king, Attila to prevent an invasion of Rome. In 455, when the Vandal leader Genseric occupied Rome, the Pope confronted him unarmed and obtained a guarantee of safety for many of the city's inhabitants and the churches to which they fled. Pope St. Leo the Great died on November 10, 461. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIV in 1754. A large collection of his writings and sermons survives and can be read in translation today.

In the Faith

Preparing for a New Liturgical Year

For Catholics, the liturgical calendar marks the Church year, a sequence of seasons and feasts celebrated in the liturgy during a year's time. The liturgical calendar uses terms and measurements similar to a typical calendar. However, the liturgical calendar's purpose is to celebrate and understand the mystery of Jesus Christ and the expectation of his return in glory. In each liturgical year, we celebrate the entire life and paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. Liturgies celebrated during different seasons have distinctive music and specific readings, prayers, rituals, and colors. The liturgical year of the Roman Catholic church is often referred to as the Year of Grace, meaning that people should celebrate their unbounded love of God at all times in all places.

The new liturgical year begins December 3, with the First Sunday of Advent —are you ready?

With the new liturgical year, a new set of readings are heard at our Sunday Mass. After Vatican II, the lectionary was divided into three years (A, B and C) so that Catholics might hear as much of the Gospels as possible. This year, we are entering Year B, which focuses on the Gospel of Mark.

Facts about Mark:

- St. Mark the Evangelist is symbolized by a winged lion, a symbol of courage and monarchy. The lion is also symbolic of Jesus' resurrection (because lions are believed to sleep with open eyes, a comparison with Christ in the tomb), and Christ as King.
- The gospel of Mark records more miracles than any other Gospel. He focuses more on Jesus' actions (which reveal who Jesus is) than on His words.
- Mark's Gospel is fast-paced, and action packed. He uses the adverb "immediately" 42 times, keeping things moving and creating an urgency in the reader. This is one way that Mark reflects the sense of urgency around Jesus and the good news of the Kingdom.