



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of November 12 to 18

Monday November 13

*Deceased Members of the Molloy Family;
Michael and Anastasia Carrigan and Deceased Family;
Gerry Carey & Deceased Family*

Tuesday November 14

Larry Fagan; Fred & Leo Holden; Special Intention (CA)

Wednesday November 15

Mary Sampson; Michael Craggs; Special Intention (JM)

Thursday November 16

Robert Rowe; Marlene Sampson; Special Intention (CK)

Friday November 17

*Carl Pike; Maude & Patrick Kelly;
Sebastian and Elizabeth Walsh and Deceased Family*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Malcolm Stone, Patrick Bennett

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.

Divine Mercy Parish Contact Information:

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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@divinemicynl.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

Pastor's Note

When I finally decided to contact the Jesuits back in 1995, to see whether I had a vocation, I was first sent to do a retreat at the Jesuit retreat house in Guelph, Ontario. My retreat director was Fr. John English. On the first day he assigned me Psalm 42 – “As the deer longs for running streams, so God does my heart long for you.” After years of debating a vocation within myself and feeling that no one in the whole world could understand what I was thinking and feeling, here it was, on day one, exactly what I felt in my heart. I had tried other things and paths to try and quench this thirst, but nothing seemed to work. I realized that only God can satisfy the deepest longings within a human soul. When we look at ourselves, others and the world, we consistently see the evidence of a world trying to find its home. Unfortunately, we often seek blindly, groping and grasping for home, for peace in our hearts. But the longing and thirst remain. And so, what to do? Eyes on the prize.

Our longing and thirst for God is no accident, it is not merely a fluke. To be made by God and in his image and likeness means that, in a way, our souls remember where we come from, we remember our Maker. As we hear in our Psalm for this week: “O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.” God is never absent from a person. No matter how many wrong turns one takes, God seeks us and finds us. He will not leave us alone. One could, however, become unaware of and unconcerned with God's presence. One could almost obsessively try to quench the thirst of one's heart with other things, be so pre-occupied with this world,

that one neglects to think of the world to come, life in union with God. And slowly, over time, one can begin to forget God, to move him to the periphery of one's life or even to deny him. One clings more frantically to constructed “homes,” yet, in the end, these “homes” fail us, not because they are necessarily bad but because they are not our true home, not our Maker whose imprint is stamped on our hearts. There remains deep within us a longing and thirst. There must be something more. And there is – It is the Lord, the prize!

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. my soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish Memorial Mass

Join us for our Annual **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.

Christmas Bazaar – December 3:

Divine Mercy Parish Christmas Bazaar – Sunday, December 3, following the 11 am Mass. Plans include a tearoom, bake sale (including Christmas cakes), and a craft fair. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Help Make our Parish Christmas Bazaar a Success!

Donations of sandwiches and other tasty treats for our tearoom and bake sale, along with crafts for the craft table would be gratefully accepted. If you would like to offer some of your time and talents for the event, we would love to have you on the team. Our parish enjoys a great diversity of cultures and backgrounds, and your contributions will help make this a joyful celebration of the rich heritage we share. Watch for more info in upcoming bulletins.

Daily Readings: Week of November 12 to 18

Sunday, November 12

Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Monday, November 13

Wisdom 1:1-7
Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 14

Wisdom 2:23-3:9
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 15

Wisdom 6:1-11
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday, November 16

Wisdom 7:22b-8:1
Luke 17:20-25

Friday, November 17

Wisdom 13:1-9
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday, November 18

Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9
Luke 18:1-8

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.

St. Paul's Junior High Breakfast Program: St Paul's Jr High School is collecting for their Breakfast Program next Sunday, November 19. Accepted items must be peanut free. Any help is appreciated.

Offertory Collection Week of October 29

Offertory	\$ 7,222.00
Dues	\$ 1,300.00
Donation	\$ 450.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 120.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 3,335.00
Food Bank	\$ 370.00
Food Bank In Memoriam	\$ 275.00
Cemetery	\$ 30.00

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!

In the Faith

Looking Forward to Advent



Last week we looked briefly at the upcoming new liturgical year. The purpose of the liturgical calendar is to celebrate and understand the mystery of Jesus Christ and the expectation of his return in glory. Most appropriately, the new year begins with First Sunday of Advent – the season in which we prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the coming of the Lord, both in its historical reality of God being made human in the birth of Jesus and in anticipation for his return. During Advent, Christians prepare for this here-and-now coming of Christ by remembering the long years during which Israel waited for the coming of the Messiah, and by looking forward to the final coming of Christ at the end of time. Both themes are reflected in the Church’s readings during Advent.

The word **Advent** comes from the Latin *adventus*, which simply means coming, approach, or arrival. Advent as a liturgical season is a time of preparation, anticipating the great Church feast celebrating the Birth of Christ – Christmas. As such, it is a time of penance, of turning away from sin and of hopeful and joyous preparation as we make room of the coming of the Savior.

Here are some practical ways that you can prepare to fully celebrate Advent with your family and friends of all ages. Remember, you don’t have to do it all—just choose a few practices to focus on and see whether they work for your family. You will find a fuller description of each idea, along with prayers, blessings, colouring pages and other fun and helpful resources on our resource page: https://www.divinemercynl.com/?page_id=1476

1. The Advent Wreath:

One of the most familiar symbols of Advent, children love lighting the candles, one each week, as a way of counting down until Christmas. You can buy an advent wreath, but you may find its more fun and meaningful to make one at home. Blessing of the advent wreath normally takes place on the First Sunday of Advent. This is a wonderful way to gather family and friends.

2. The Nativity Scene:

St. Francis had the brilliant idea to create a scene depicting the nativity of Jesus as a way of teaching people about the Incarnation. Displaying a nativity scene (or manger set) in your home during Advent is a great way to remind everyone (not just little kids) about the true meaning of Christmas: The Creator of the universe entering into creation in order to save it. Once you have set up your Nativity scene, gather the family together for a time of prayer and blessing of the scene. (A blessing and prayer for a Christmas Manger or Nativity scene can be found on our website).

3. A Jesse Tree:

A Jesse tree, which is decorated with ornaments based on symbols of Old Testament events preparing for the coming of Christ. It might include an ark or rainbow to depict Noah’s ark, a lamb and a lion lying together, a crown, representing King David, etc. Jesse trees do not have to be elaborate – they can easily be made of paper or felt. It’s a wonderful way of involving young children in the preparation for Christmas.

4. Advent Calendar:

An Advent calendar, as the name implies, marks the days of Advent until Christmas. Some elaborate calendars have a door to be opened each day with candy or a prize inside. For a simple, downloadable and more spiritually focused calendar, see our resource.

5. Mark the feasts and celebrations of Advent:

There are several coming up and you might even consider planning small celebrations throughout the season. Here are a few:

- December 3: Feast of St. Francis Xavier
- December 6: Feast of St. Nicholas
- December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 9: Feast of St. Juan Diego
- December 12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 13: Feast of St. Lucy
- December 14: Feast of St. John of the Cross
- December 16: Christmas Novena begins
- December 17: O Antiphons begin