



# Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **Mass Intentions**

*Week of November 19 to 25*

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### **Monday November 20**

*Elizabeth Ivey; Rose Philips;  
Special Intention (MC)*

### **Tuesday November 21**

*Kevin Walsh; Malcolm Stone;  
Margaret & Catherine Holden*

### **Wednesday November 22**

*Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention (AR);  
Sheila Slaney*

### **Thursday November 23**

*Marilyn Lawlor & Deceased Family; Helen Buckingham;  
Don Graham*

### **Friday November 24**

*Larry Fagan; Maureen Doyle;  
Theresa, Michael & Michael Jr. Roche*

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## **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

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### **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@divinemicynl.com](mailto: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

### **Divine Mercy Parish Contact Information:**

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# Pastor's Note

When I think of how grateful I am to God to be a Jesuit priest, one of the things I am most grateful for is the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The *Exercises* are not a book of theology or teaching, rather they are a guidebook for a retreat. Through the *Exercises* one may be able to experience the presence of God according to God's own self-revelation, that is, the *Exercises* helped me to see and know God is a different way. I grew-up thinking of God as like a strict judge, a sort of "hangin'" judge from old Western movies. To my mind, it was like God meticulously combed my life for transgressions and sinfulness. Such an understanding of God leads to two outcomes: God doesn't seem to be so loving after all; and, is not a person one wants to be around. In this week's Gospel, Jesus gives us a parable in which we are shown three different responses guided by the servants' understanding of their master.

The third servant did not use the sum given him to earn a greater amount. His reason was clear – "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground." The negative perception of the third servant does not seem to correspond to the actions of the Master. He had given the servants a significant responsibility and rewarded the other two well. Therefore, the third servant simply got it wrong. In a similar way, we can tragically get it wrong when it comes to God. We can paint God in a manner that is different from the revelation

of the Father in Christ. Sometimes we can make him that "hangin'" judge as I did, rather than the merciful Father the Lord described in the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

Other times we present God meticulously combing our lives for sin, instead of seeing, believing and accepting the eternal and luxurious love of God in the crucified and risen Lord. We have been given a most precious and beautiful gift in Christ, "a pearl of great value." We have been shown God's own self-revelation, we have been shown the face of the Father. And how amazing it is.

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John

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# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## Christmas Events – Mark Your Calendar!

### Christmas Bazaar – December 3 12pm to 2pm.

Join us Sunday December 3 from 12pm to 2pm at our Newfoundland Drive site for our Parish Christmas Bazaar. Stop by for a hot drink and sweet treat. There will also be a table of baked goods for sale and a children’s area of non-stop fun. We will even have some Christmas music!

### Help Make our Parish Christmas Bazaar a Success!

We are looking for donations of baked goods such as cakes, cookies, buns, etc. to help make the Bazaar a success. 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. Please keep this event in mind when you start your Christmas baking. Thanks for your support!

### Here We Come A-Caroling:

Join Divine Mercy Parish on Sunday, December 10 from 2 to 4pm at our Outer Cove site for a Carol Sing. Come along and bring a friend for some festive singing. Refreshments will be served following the Carol Sing in the Annex.

### Daily Readings: Week of November 19-25

#### Sunday, November 19

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

#### Monday, November 20

1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63

Luke 18:35-43

#### Tuesday, November 21

2 Maccabees 6:18-31

Luke 19:1-10

#### Wednesday, November 22

2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31

Luke 19:11-28

#### Thursday, November 23

1 Maccabees 2:15-29

Luke 19:41-44

#### Friday, November 24

1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59

Luke 19:45-48

#### Saturday, November 25

1 Maccabees 6:1-13

Luke 20:27-40

## Offertory Collection Week of November 12

Offertory	\$ 4,621.50
In Memoriam	\$ 50.00
Flowers	\$ 15.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 1,152.00
Food Bank	\$ 500.00
World Missions	\$ 105.00

*E-transfers can be made through*

*[dmparishnl@outlook.com](mailto: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!*

### Up for A Christmas Pageant or a Movie?

We are exploring the possibility of putting together a Christmas Pageant with children and/or screening a movie based on the volume of responses received. We are asking interested families to reach out through email: [info@divinemercynl.com](mailto:info@divinemercynl.com)

### Divine Mercy Giving Tree

Divine Mercy Food Bank has placed our giving tree in the foyer (Newfoundland Drive site) back of the Church (Outer Cove site) again this year. We have placed tags for gift cards for children. Please drop all gift cards in the collection plate or return to the parish office by December 10<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank you for all your generosity over the past years and more especially this year.

### Knight of Columbus General Meeting:

Archbishop E. P. Roche 4<sup>th</sup> 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). His Grace, Archbishop Peter Hundt will be the guest speaker. All are invited to join in the Rosary and speaker events. Only members may attend the business meeting which follows at 8pm.

### Memorial Service for Deceased CWL Members

You are invited to a Prayer Service for all deceased members of the Catholic Women’s League at Divine Mercy Parish after 930am Mass on Tuesday, November 21. We remember especially, Winnie Bindon, Patricia Kennedy and Eileen Hammond who passed away this year. Social will follow.

### General Meeting for Members of the Catholic Women’s League

There will be a general meeting of all members of the CWL Council at Divine Mercy after 930am Mass, November 28, followed by a Social. All Ladies welcome.

# In the Faith

**The Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year  
The Solemnity of Christ the King  
Sunday, November 26**



As we near the end of the Liturgical year, we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Established in 1925, this feast gives special recognition to the dominion that Christ our Lord has over all aspects of lives.

Pope Pius XI instituted the feast in response to the growing secularism and atheism of the time. During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. In response to this, Pope Pius XI's wrote the encyclical, *Quas Primas* (In the First). It gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ “is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind” (*Quas primas*, 7).

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. God, in the Second person of the Trinity, became one of us. Jesus is fully God and fully human. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. “From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures” (*Quas primas*, 13).

It may seem difficult to reconcile the image of a king – powerful, ruling over, wealthy, majestic – with the image of Jesus nailed to a cross and dying. But it is precisely in the self-emptying of Christ on the Cross that we come to understand his power. Pope Benedict XVI would

speak on the “Power” of the Kingship of Christ saying:

*But in what does this “power” of Jesus Christ the King consist? It is not the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. It is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness. This Kingdom of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom. Christ came “to bear witness to the truth” (Jn 18: 37), as he declared to Pilate: whoever accepts his witness serves beneath his “banner.” . . . Every conscience, therefore, must make a choice. Who do I want to follow? God or the Evil One? The truth or falsehood? Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that he alone can give us. This is demonstrated, in every epoch, by the experience of numerous men and women who, in Christ's name, in the name of truth and justice, were able to oppose the enticements of earthly powers with their different masks, to the point that they sealed their fidelity with martyrdom.*

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

*He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God.’ -*Quas primas*, 33*