



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of January 14-20

Monday January 15

*Dave Mercer; William Braden;
Paul Toporowski & Deceased Family Members*

Tuesday January 16

*Special Intention (MPR); Margaret & Francis Hamilton;
Patricia Kennedy*

Wednesday January 17

*Jim & Margaret Butler; Jim Butler Jr.;
Maureen Doyle*

Thursday January 18

*Deceased Members of the Hamilton Family;
Deceased Members of the Lawlor Family;
Lilian Hayward*

Friday January 19

*Christopher Whalen; Thomas & Mary Fennessey;
Helen & David Roche*

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@divinemergynl.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

I remember an older Jesuit telling me years ago that “we are to wait on God.” To “wait on God” can mean to serve God or to appreciate that things happen according to God’s schedule. At the time, I really liked what he said because it seemed to echo my understanding and experience of faith. I viewed the living of Christian faith, of following the Lord, as essentially joyless, self-negating and marked by suffering. And so, I thought to be a Christian was to labour, to sacrifice and, surprisingly, not to have too high of expectations for God and his grace. This gradually, and then suddenly, changed when I had an experience of the personal love of God. To “wait” on God, however, remains a necessary and real part of Christian life.

Today, I cannot think of many things more wonderful than to “wait” on God. Growing in our experience and understanding of the personal love of God, we want to try and love God back. Loving God back may be through big ways or small, so small

that they may appear invisible to the world. At Mass, when I consume his body and blood, I silently say to him, “My Lord and my God.” I imagine that my recognition of him, of knowing that he is my Saviour, brings a little smile to the Lord’s face. He seems grateful. If moved by love, there is no service - no action, gesture, or prayer - we offer God that is insignificant. In fact, in being received by God, they become an eternal gift of love for him. To “wait” on God for his grace is no longer a time of low expectations. It is to know that God has heard us, he is concerned about us and intensely interested in our lives. Therefore, to “wait” is to live a faith that relishes the love of God and trusts that his grace will come when it is truly best for oneself according to God’s perspective. And so with the psalmist, we say, “I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.”

God bless and take care,

Fr. John



Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Sacraments for Children :

If you have a child or children 7 years of age or more, you are invited to register them for our sacramental preparation programs for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Programs will be starting soon! Register by calling the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 or email us at info@divinemeracynl.com

Catholic Women's League at Divine Mercy:

Be an advocate: Catholic Women's League members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Join us and let your voice be heard! Application forms available in the church lobby.

Daily Readings: Week of January 14-20

Sunday, January 14
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

Monday, January 15
1 Samuel 15:16-23
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17
1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18
1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Mark 3:7-12

Friday, January 19
1 Samuel 24:3-21
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20
2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Mark 3:20-21

Offertory Collection Week of January 7

Offertory	\$	4,086.00
Dues	\$	100.00
New Year's Day	\$	556.00
Initial Offering	\$	617.00
Food Bank	\$	120.00

*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!*

Jesuit Provincial Fr. Erik Oland, S.J. Invites you to a Town Hall via Zoom

The Town Hall with Fr. Erik Oland previously scheduled for today (Sunday Jan 14) has been rescheduled to take place by Zoom from Halifax on Monday, January 15 at 7:30pm NL time. There will be a 20 minute video presentation on the Jesuit Province in Canada at the beginning of the meeting. Join the meeting through this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81372950047?pwd=eWhqa0dCS3VsMGV6M3pCY1J6Qnl3Zz09>
Meeting ID: 813 7295 0047 Passcode: 700630

Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation: Have you applied?

Last Week to Register! Application Deadline is January 15, 2024. We are now accepting applications for the 2024-25 Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Program. The Certificate program, facilitated by the Providence Institute for Transformative Leadership at Saint Paul University (Ottawa) will run from June 2024 to June 2025, with both face to face and online courses. The application deadline is January 15, 2024. Learn more and apply at <https://www.cwlfcanada.ca/participate> or email: ritacjanes@gmail.com.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity celebration will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel (Adam's Avenue) on January 21 @ 2:30 pm with Major Lorne Pritchett as our guest speaker. This year's theme is "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Clergy/Pastoral Chaplain Appreciation Breakfast:

Monday, January 22 9am at the Salvation Army Citadel. Sister Elizabeth Davis will speak on the recent Synod of Synodality. A catered breakfast will be served; the cost is a free will offering. Any interested individuals or groups are most welcome

This Week in the Faith

What is Ordinary Time?



This past week the Church entered what we call “Ordinary Time.” Now wait, don’t think that this means that we’re done with Christmas and now we’re just in the humdrum time before we enter Lent and begin our preparation for the great celebration of Easter. There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. In fact, the *ordinary* in Ordinary Time, does not refer to a season of dull routine but rather the listing of ordinal, or sequential numbers. That is what we mean when we say today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Rather than making a statement about degrees of importance, the term *Ordinary Time* refers to the order of Sundays in the church year that do not fall into the major liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter.

Think of the liturgical calendar as a continuous pilgrimage through the life of Christ. The mystery of Christ unfolds, bringing to light the beauty and meaning of how He calls us to live our lives through him comes to light. The Christmas and Easter seasons highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. It is a time of conversion, a time of living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented in the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

This is a time of conversion, maturation, and quiet growth. It comprises the longest time on the liturgical calendar when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus’ teachings and miracles while on this earth. One symbol often found in Ordinary Time is comprised of two fish and a basket of bread — symbolizing Jesus’ “Loaves and the Fishes” miracle. (See Matthew 14: 13-21.)

You will notice that green is the liturgical colour of Ordinary Time that we find in the vestments the priest wears and in the church décor. It is the colour of life and hope.

Living Ordinary Time:

It’s important to remember that in our faith, there is always something to celebrate. It’s important to stay involved and engaged in our faith from Sunday to Sunday throughout the year. Here are a few suggestions to incorporate during Ordinary Time:

- Attending Daily Mass, saying the Rosary and go to confession more frequently are all great practices to incorporate into our daily lives.
- Keep a gratitude journal: count your blessings and cultivate a thankfulness for God’s presence and grace in your life. It doesn’t have to be big or earth shattering. Learning to be simple and direct in our expressions of gratitude to God can be transforming.
- Develop a daily habit of picking up the bible or doing some spiritual reading. A few minutes with God’s Word or the lives of the saints are wonderful ways to keep our faith vital and vibrant.
- Consider setting a little time aside to serve out your love for God. Visit a sick friend or help out in a local soup kitchen. In all of it, find yourself doing something “beautiful for God.”