



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week February 11 to 17

Monday February 12

*Special Intention (MM); Bruce Woodland;
Elizabeth Coady*

Tuesday February 13

*Arthur Joseph George;
Marilyn Lawlor & Deceased Family; Special Intention (MM)*

Wednesday February 14

*Special Intention (MM); Corey Sampson;
Margaret Green*

Thursday February 15

Special Intention (MM); John, Isabelle & John Jr. Dunne; Sara Sexton

Friday February 16

*Souls in Purgatory; Linda Harding;
Gerald & Lucy Stamp*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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 at our St. Paul's site and every **Thursday, 11am to noon** and **Friday from 11am to noon** at our St. Francis Site.

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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

God suffers! If God is all perfect, however, how can God truly suffer? Does suffering not imply an imperfection? This was the conclusion of a heretical group in the Early Church called the Docetists. They held that Jesus' humanity was merely an appearance – he pretended to be human so that we could more easily learn from him. And so, when he was hungry, he was just faking; when he wept at the death of Lazarus, he was just acting, and when he expressed pain at his crucifixion, he was just being dramatic. A few chapters in advance of this week's gospel, the Lord encounters a man who could not hear or speak without an impediment. Saint Mark wrote, that Christ "groaned" as he prepared to heal him. To groan implies discomfort, pain or suffering. The pain or suffering of the Lord was due to the pain and suffering of the man. In love, the man's suffering became the suffering of Christ. Not only does the Lord suffer for us, he also suffers with us. It is through this lens of love that we can best understand Jesus' words and actions.

This week we hear the story of the healing of a leper. Listen to the first reading again so as to know what life was like for someone with leprosy. The Book of Leviticus teaches, "anyone who has the leprous disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of their head be dishevelled and shall cover their upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' That person shall remain unclean as long as

the disease persists; and being unclean, such a one shall live alone with their dwelling outside the camp." Such a person could have no human interaction, no relationships and friends. As a healthy person approached, the leper had to yell a warning so that the healthy person could avoid them. And worst of all, they could not even enter the Temple or synagogue. They were unwelcome in God's own house. One can feel the loneliness, despair and suffering such an existence meant for a leper. It must have been a horrible life. Desperate for resurrection in his life, the man with leprosy said to the Lord, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean.'" In Christ, our God knows what it is to suffer and he groans with sharing our pain. No matter what we are experiencing in life, we can know absolutely that we do not suffer alone. Because we are eternally loved by him, he brings healing to our lives and even, suffers with us.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

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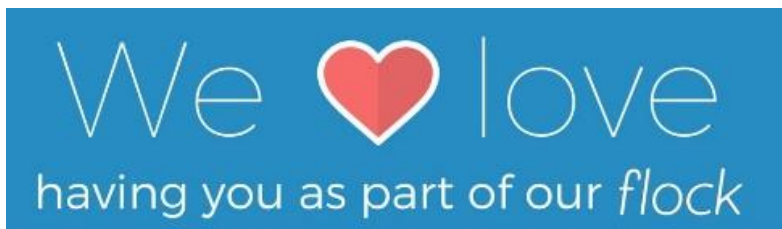
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Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday: Lent Begins

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024. This is a season when we, as Christians, prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule February 14, 2024

9:30 am (St. Paul's site with Fr. John)
6:30 pm (St. Paul's site with Fr. Joe Schuck)
6:30 pm (St. Francis site with Fr. John)

Way of the Cross

Fridays throughout Lent:
Feb 16, 23, Mar 1, 8, 15, & 26
5:45 pm: Join Fr. John for a hot bowl of soup
6:30 pm: Stations of the Cross begin in the church.

Lenten Penance Service:

Wednesday March 13 at 6:30pm

Open for Private Prayer:

Divine Mercy Parish is open daily at both our sites throughout Lent for private Stations of the Cross and other devotions.

At our St. Paul's Site:

Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 12 pm
With Daily Mass at 9:30 am

At our St. Francis of Assisi Site:

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

World Day of Prayer for the Sick: Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Thursday February 15, 11am

Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul's site) will gather for a Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on Thursday, February 15 at 11am. Everyone is most welcome.

If you know someone who is need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please share this invitation with them. Also, if you know someone who is homebound or in hospital who would like to receive the sacrament, please be in contact with the parish by calling 709-726-9924 or email us a info@divinemercynl.com

Fasting & Abstinence

As Catholics we are aware of the practices of fasting and of abstinence. Fasting is about how much or how little food we take in over a period of time. Abstinence has to do with the kinds of foods we deny ourselves (e.g. meat, chocolate). Fasting for religious purposes is a practice of self-discipline and has a long tradition in the Church. It is used as an aid to concentration in prayer and it also helps develop a sensitivity to those in need. As a Church abstinence calls us (aged 14 years or older) to refrain from the eating of meat. Fasting allows only 1 full meal a day but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and the evening. In addition, eating between meals is prohibited. Fasting applies to those between the ages of 18 – 59 (those with medical conditions are exempt). In Canada Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the required days of fasting and abstinence.

Offertory Collection Week of February

Offertory	\$	6,041.00
Initial Offering	\$	135.00
New Year's Day	\$	20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	55.00
Food Bank	\$	614.00

*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!*

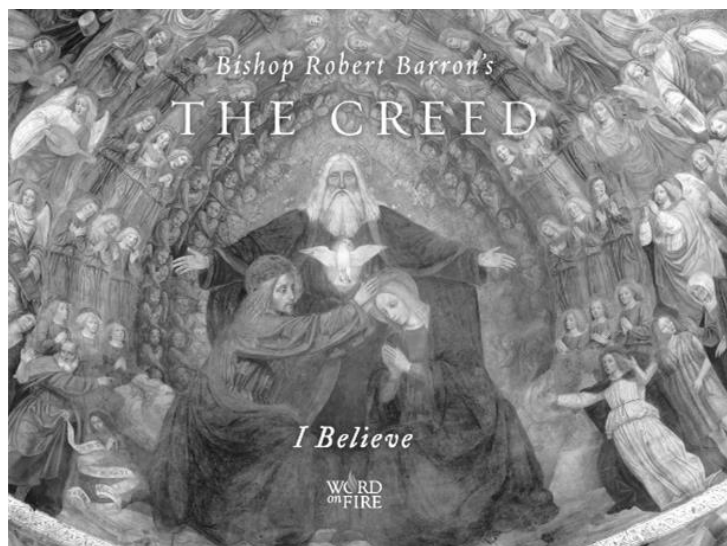
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Our new schedule for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament includes times for both our sites. Adoration will take place at our St. Francis site on Thursdays and Fridays from 11am to 12 noon. This will be in addition to our Tuesday Exposition at our St. Paul site from 2 to 3:30 pm. All are welcome.

WORD ON FIRE

The Creed

Divine Mercy Parish Faith Formation Series



Begins Thursday, February 15

In the Creed, a film series blending both documentary footage and dynamic talks, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed. The Creed will help you rediscover the great spiritual depths of Christian dogma and reclaim the unity, clarity and conviction of the Christian faith.

Our Faith Formation Series and Word on Fire are available to you through our flocknote. Subscribe today!

More News & Resources

The Catholic Women's League at Divine Mercy Parish

The Catholic Women's League welcomes women of all ages and diverse backgrounds. Throughout Canada, you will find Catholic women growing in faith, caring through a wide range of services, and seeking true justice for all. Did you know non-Catholics can become associate members? Want to make a difference but not sure how to get started? Your place is among us! Membership forms available in the church lobby.

Parish Ministry Fair "Gather Us In"

**February 17 & 18
In the Gym at our St. Paul's site**

Discover the heart of Christian ministry here at Divine Mercy Parish. Celebrate the life of our growing parish. There will lots to see, friends to meet and fun to be had. You may even find a place for your own gifts and talents. We hope to see you there!

Ministries & Groups You'll See:

- ✦ Lectors ✦ Eucharistic Ministers ✦ Ushers
- ✦ Music Ministry ✦ Hospitality ✦ Counting Ministry
- ✦ Children's Liturgy ✦ Baptism Preparation
- ✦ Sacrament Preparation ✦ RCIA
- ✦ Bereavement ✦ Parish Food Bank
- ✦ Catholic Women's League ✦ Knights of Columbus
- ✦ and some new Ministries in the planning stages

Consider your own gifts and talents and how you might like to share them.

Enjoy some hospitality as you meet and talk with people in the different ministries of the parish. Join our scavenger hunt! Lots of fun.

Join us following the 4pm Mass & Sunday following the 11am Mass

Could God be calling you to become a priest? Come and see. A vocation discernment group, led by Fr. James Fleming, meets regularly on the last Sunday of every month at the Basilica at 6:30pm. Single Catholic men, 18 years and older, who are open to considering a call to the priesthood are invited to attend. To register or find out more, please contact Fr. James Fleming at (709) 834-9481 or vocations@rcsj.org.