

Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

2nd Sunday of Easter/Feast of The Divine Mercy

Mass Intentions

Week of April 7-13

Monday April 8

*Special Intention (VD); Fred Holden;
Bruke & Neary Families*

Tuesday April 9

*John Dyer, Antonio Carvalhal;
Beverly Jaeger*

Wednesday April 10

*Jim and Margaret Butler; Jim Butler Jr;
Wm Patrick Walsh*

Thursday April 11

*Marilyn Lawlor & Deceased Family;
Patricia Quigley & Deceased Family; Anita Fox*

Friday April 12

*William, Mary Ellen & Brendan White; Special Intention (R Martin);
Special Intention (Ed & Michelle)*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm (Newfoundland Drive Site)

Sunday

9:00am (Newfoundland Drive Site)

11:00am (Newfoundland Drive Site)

3pm(Outer Cove Site: Divine Mercy

Chaplet and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Mass at 3:15pm)

Daily Mass:

Monday to Friday 9:30am

Daily Mass takes place at our Newfoundland Dr. site

Modified Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am -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.

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@divinemercynl.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

Contact Information: Divine Mercy Parish, 340A Newfoundland Drive, St. John's, NL A1A 3R9 tel. 709-726-9924 www.divinemercynl.com/ email: info@divinemercynl.com Facebook.com/divinemercyparishnl Join our Flocknote by texting 01556 to 514-900-0130 and follow the prompts to enter your email address and preferences. Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. Pastor Email: john@ekon.ca Telephone 416-417-1513

Pastor's Note

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, also called "Divine Mercy Sunday." We celebrate with extra gusto because "Divine Mercy" is the name of our parish. Despite this, we often have an uncomfortable relationship to mercy. On the one hand, we are always grateful for the mercy and forgiveness of God. We make our mistakes, we commit sin, and are relieved to realize that God doesn't cast us out, that our relationship with him remains open and inviting. On the other hand, mercy can be a constant reminder of our imperfection, of personal failures to be the person we want to be. Who likes to be reminded of this? It's almost as if while grateful for mercy, we may wish it was not necessary or needed. Surprisingly, as we grow in our faith, we begin to see and understand that mercy is less centred on our need of forgiveness and more expressive of God's nature, that is, of who God is.

I imagine mercy in the following way. It's as if there is a roadblock. On one side is me and on the other is God. The obstacles between us are of my own making, these are my sins, my failings as a Christian. I look at them and think, "There are too many, they are too big, I am utterly unable

to find a way through." And so, I'm stuck. God, however, while seeing my collection of sins focuses his vision on something else. He focuses less on the sins and more on the sinner, the one the Risen Lord calls the daughters and sons of God the Father. Because God sees his child, his heart burns with love. He moves and easily brushes aside those things I considered insurmountable. He brushes them aside and loves his child, eternally – no beginning nor end, infinitely. We may be sinners, but we must remember that we are beloved sinners. When God brushes aside those things we consider obstacles and loves eternally, we call "mercy." We celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with great gusto. It isn't so much about our sinfulness and need of forgiveness, rather, it reveals the infinite, eternal and personal love of God for each of us. It shows us the face of God. We are truly grateful. We are offered forgiveness. And we are loved eternally – "Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' Let the house of Aaron say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.'" God bless and take care, and Happy Easter,

Fr. John

Divine Mercy Parish New Mass Schedule Begins This Weekend April 6 & 7

Saturday 4pm (St. Paul's site)

Sunday 9am (St. Paul's site)

Sunday 11am (St. Paul's site)

Sunday 3pm (St. Francis site)

Mass will begin at 3:15 pm
following the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

Be sure to pick up a bookmark with the new schedule
and share it with family and friends!



Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Celebrating the Sacraments at Easter

With great joy we welcomed two new members into our community at the Easter Vigil. They celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation and for the first time, they joined us at the Lord’s Table in the celebration of the Eucharist. May God continue to bless and grace them and their family as they continue on their journeys of faith. Congratulations!

Preparing for the Sacraments

Please keep in your prayers the young people who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist in our Parish this Spring. May the blessing of God’s gifts be profoundly experienced by all of them and their families at this wonderful time and may their faith continue to grow and deepen throughout their lives.

Offertory Collection Week of March 24

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| Offertory | \$ | 6,930.00 |
| Easter Offering | \$ | 4,873.00 |
| Holy Thursday | \$ | 2,087.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ | 2,752.00 |
| Initial Offering | \$ | 5.00 |
| Flowers | \$ | 30.00 |
| Food Bank | \$ | 2,270.00 |
| D & P | \$ | 93.00 |

*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!*

Modified Hours for the Parish Office

While Marion is away recuperating, our Parish Office will run on modified hours: Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 12pm. Please don’t hesitate to be in contact through our email: info@divinemerlynl.com We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

A worship experienced geared to children, this ministry has become a wonderful and vital ministry at the 11am Sunday Mass in our parish. Our normal schedule of alternate Sundays will be temporarily interrupted in April. Here are the upcoming dates to note:

April 21, May 12, May 26, June 9

A Great Symphony of Prayer:

The CCCB Ad hoc committee for the preparation of the Jubilee of 2025 announces a webinar series, A Great Symphony of Prayer. This series will include one four-part webinar series in the spring and one more four-part series in the fall. Dr. Josephine Lombardi will present these eight webinars. The theme of the Spring sessions is “A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Program for Life” and the sessions are scheduled April 2, 9, 23 and 30. Each session is from 1pm -2:30 pm EST. The link for registration can be found on the Archdiocesan website: www.rcsj.org.

Join the Knights of Divine Mercy (St. Paul's Council 11776)

There will be a degree ceremony Thursday April 11th at St. Paul’s church at 7 PM for any men, 18 years of age and above, of Divine Mercy Parish who wish to join the Knights of Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul’s Council 11776). You can also join online at: KofC.org/join and then pick your parish council as your choice of council you wish to participate.

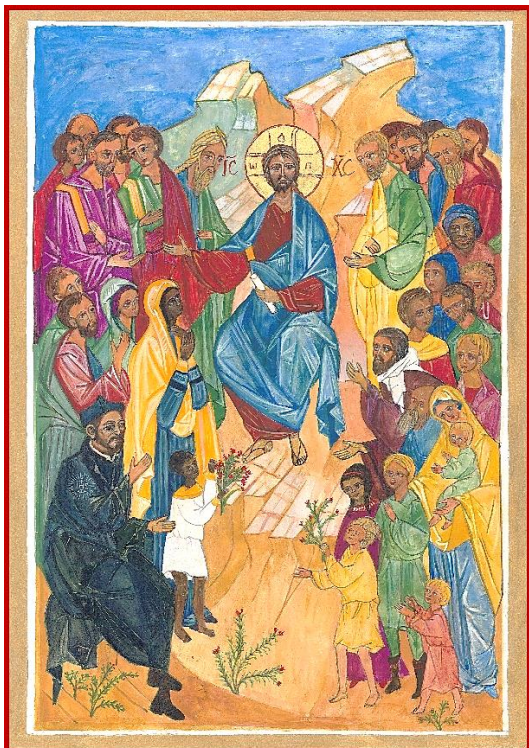
Catholic Women’s League at Divine Mercy

The CWL at Divine Mercy are hosting a special reflection meeting on **Prayer** on Wednesday, April 24 at 630pm in the church. All women of the parish and neighbouring parishes are invited to attend. A social will follow. The reflection, titled, “**Prayer: A Conversation with God**”, will be facilitated by Anne Walsh, D.Min., Redemptorist Lay Missionary in St John’s, and is part of Pope Francis’ request that 2024 be a “**Year of Prayer**”.

Tickets on a Quilt

The CWL will be selling tickets on a quilt, Newfoundland theme, donated by one of our parishioners. Tickets will be available before and after weekend Masses for the next three weeks and are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. We appreciate your support.

Parish Ministry Fair "Gather Us In"



April 13-14

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

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

**Join us following the Saturday 4pm
Mass & Sunday following the
9am and 11am Masses**



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"Christ confers on the whole of the Old Testament tradition about God's mercy a definitive meaning. Not only does he speak of it and explain it by the use of comparisons and parables, but above all he himself makes it incarnate and personifies it. He himself, in a certain sense, is mercy. To the person who sees it in him — and finds it in him — God becomes 'visible' in a particular way as the Father who is rich in mercy."

— St. John Paul II

Happy Feast of the Divine Mercy!