



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

3rd Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Week of April 14-20

Monday April 15

*Special Intention (PG); Special Intention (Martin Family);
Clotilda & Richard White*

Tuesday April 16

*Special Intention (Martin Family); Leo & Elizabeth White;
Michael Valencic*

Wednesday April 17

*Special Intention (Martin Family); Catherine & Michael Christopher;
William & Mary White*

Thursday April 18

*Maureen Doyle; Special Intention (Martin Family);
Mary & Denis Daley*

Friday April 19

*William Burse & Deceased Family; Neil & Melissa Maynard
John & Elizabeth Dunn & Deceased Family*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Sr. Helen Harding

(former teacher and principal at St. Pius X Girls School)

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm (Newfoundland Drive Site)

Sunday

9:00am (Newfoundland Drive Site)

11:00am (Newfoundland Drive Site)

3:00pm (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 **Wednesday and Thursday, 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

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Pastor's Note

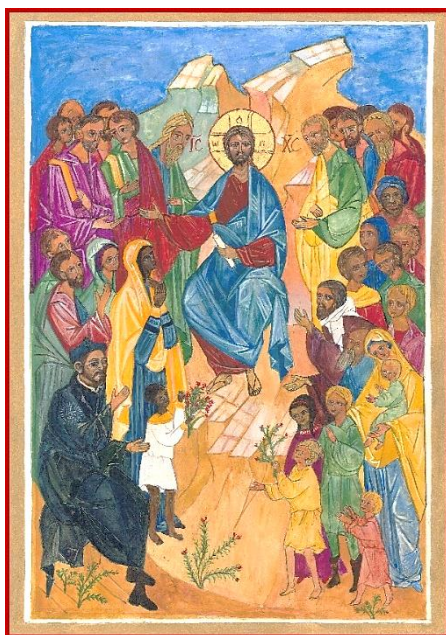
There is always hope because Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Shrouded in mystery, obscured by difficulty of comprehension lays the most central truth of the Christian faith – the Resurrection. Perhaps this difficulty is the reason why we, though an Easter People, can often marginalize the Resurrection in our faith. Sometimes I surprise myself by the disordered power of my ambition - I crave position and recognition. Often, I grow defeatist in my struggle to be a more generous and faithful follower of the Lord – I wonder if there is “light at the end of the tunnel.” For a longtime I doubted that I would even somewhat be free of a sadness that seemed to have found a home in my heart – I wanted joy, but it was beyond my reach. With each of these, and others unstated, I try to remind myself that the Resurrection is real! Therefore, my worth is not found in position, it is always found in him. While I struggle with sinfulness, my Lord and God is eternally patient, merciful and kind. Suffering in life does not have to be meaningless, lonely or forever, because the darkness of the tomb is not our home. Our home is with him. The Resurrection is real, not only in dogma or theory, but in experience and life.

The Gospel this week has some strange things. Jesus is adamant that the disciples see his wounds. He tells them to “Look at my hands and feet.” And in the face of their “disbelieving and still wondering,” he doesn’t lecture them, rather he simply asks, “Have you anything to eat?” Why the emphasis given to the wounds and the almost comical request for something to eat? The Risen Lord answers these questions – “see that it is I myself.” In other words, the Resurrection is real! The Resurrection is God’s revolution, it turns the world upside down. It turns our lives upside down. The Resurrection means that the landscape of one’s life is permanently changed. This world is beautiful, it is “charged with the grandeur of God,” but it isn’t our end. Our end, our goal is with him. If someone asks me what I most want for my priesthood or Christian life, it is that all may know the eternal love and inexhaustible joy of the Risen Lord. There is always hope. There is always “a second chance.” There is always “life and life in abundance.” The tomb is empty. He is risen. The Resurrection is real. And “you are witnesses of these things.”

God bless and take care, and Happy Easter,

Fr. John

Parish Ministry Fair “Gather Us In”



This Weekend 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!

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

Visit the displays and meet members of the different ministries and groups in the parish. Be sure to take a look at our Parish Ministry and Groups listing found at end of the bulletin this weekend. See you there!

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

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

Offertory Collection Week of April 7

Offertory	\$	5,355.00
Easter Offering	\$	1,100.00
Holy Thursday	\$	65.00
Good Friday	\$	75.00
Flowers	\$	5.00
Food Bank	\$	825.00
D & P	\$	10.00

*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!*

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**".

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Beginning this week, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at our St. Francis site Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 12 noon. Exposition will also take place on Tuesdays at our St. Paul site from 2 to 3:30 pm. Spend time in the presence of the Lord. All are welcome.

Tickets on a Quilt

Thank you to members and parishioners for so generously purchasing tickets on the quilt last weekend. They will be available again this weekend at our Catholic Women's League display table at the Parish Ministry Fair after all Masses Saturday and Sunday. We appreciate your support.

Eclipse Glasses:

What are you doing with them?

The CWL will have a box in the church foyer for next two weeks where you can donate your used (or unused) eclipse glasses. They will be shipped to Latin America for children to enjoy the eclipse in August 2024. Protect our environment; support our children.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus Meeting:

The 4th Degree of the K of C will hold its monthly meeting on Monday 29 April in the foyer of St. Paul's at 7 pm. The Agenda is as follows: Rosary. 7pm. Guest Speaker is Fr. Joe Mroz S.J. who will discuss his ministry at Memorial University. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. A Business Meeting for Knight's members only follows at 8:15.

DIVINE MERCY PARISH MINISTRIES & GROUPS

“What you are doing I cannot do, what I’m doing you cannot do,
but together we are doing something beautiful for God,
and this is the greatness of God’s love for us—

To give us the opportunity to become holy through the works of love
that we do because holiness is not the luxury of the few.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta



LITURGICAL & SUNDAY MINISTRIES:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Eucharistic Ministers, by assisting the Presider in distributing Holy Communion to the assembly, nourish the assembly with the gifts from the sacred table. Becoming a Eucharistic Minister is an important and privileged role for those who choose, or who are invited, to serve at our parish liturgies in this Ministry. Indeed, it is a ministry to which we are called, and our response is our desire and effort to be part of the liturgical life of our parish.

Lectors:

Lectors are members of the parish congregation who proclaim the Word of God from Sacred Scripture and lead the Prayers of the Faithful so that our lives may be nourished at the table and thus strengthen us on our journey to live the Christian mission. They devote time to preparing and reflecting on the readings in advance, so they may be proclaimed with familiarity, reverence, and love.

Music Ministry:

Music ministry is about enhancing the worship experience for the congregation at prayer. It builds relationships, witnesses to the greatness of God, quiets the mind and prepares it for truly hearing the Word. “Music Ministry is about prayer, not performance; humility, not power; and cultivation of joy that transcends even the darkest moments.” It is said that to sing is to pray twice, with word and song. The sound of a choir and congregation lifting their voices together is immensely powerful and emotional. The role of the music ministry is to assist the assembly in worship through music which reflects the message of the gospel. Our music ministry consists of cantors, choir, organists/pianists and instrumentalists. We assist at weekend Masses, Christmas, Easter Triduum, sacraments and other celebrations throughout the year.

Interested? We would love to have you join us in our Parish Music Ministry! Leave your name and contact information with Susan, Elizabeth or Mary, or at the parish office:

info@divinemercynl@gmail.com

“What has He done for me?
He has loved me and given me His whole self.
What shall I do for Him?
I shall love Him and give myself to Him
without reserve.”

~St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sacristans:

Our Sanctuary, holding both the altar and the tabernacle is the holiest of places in the church. The sanctuary is a place of peace, where one can go to commune with the Lord. Sacristans prepare the church for the celebration of the Mass and oversee the care of liturgical vessels, vestments, and assist the presiding clergy in the sacristy. The role of the Sacristan is to help the Mass run as smoothly and as prayerfully as possible from “behind the scenes.”

Usher Ministry:

*Become a Spiritual Ambassador for
Divine Mercy*

Ushers assure the comfort of the assembly in the worship space; provide hospitality and represent the rest of the assembly.

People’s impression of a parish is significantly shaped by the presence or absence of a welcoming atmosphere where they come to worship. Offering a smile and a word of welcome can have a profound impact on people as they arrive. If you have a friendly and unreserved personality and a kind and generous spirit this is the ministry for you! Contact us at info@divinemergynl.com or speak with one of our Ushers after Mass.

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Share, learn and grow in God's Word

Our team meets children wherever they are on their journey with Christ and walks with them a while. This involves reading the gospel, listening to their perspectives, helping them (and often ourselves) connect the dots through thoughtful activities, joining our voices with theirs in praise, and opening windows and doors of faith together, to grow in love, light and wisdom.

Come and see: If what you're reading here catches your attention, but you're not sure how and where you fit in, you're welcome to come join us for a session or more and find out for yourself. Reach out to Averil through info@divinemergynl.com

Hospitality:

What is it?

- Sharing stories.
- Making friends.
- Building community.
- Creating a stronger family parish.

A group of people bringing food and giving of their time twice a month or less.

We need your help, come join us. Speak to Helen Card or a member of the hospitality team. Or contact us at info@divinemergynl.com

Many hands make light work!

Collection Counting Ministry:

The members of this ministry are entrusted to count and handle with financial and spiritual integrity all offering contributions and other collections related to church services, fundraising events, and activities. Procedures and guidelines are put in place to protect volunteers, staff, and the church. Interested in joining the team? Contact us at info@divinemergynl.com

SACRAMENTS & FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES:

Baptism Preparation:

Baptismal preparation offers new parents, guidance in their understanding of the meaning of the gift of Baptism for their children. This program involves guided home reflection with a program book as well as at-the-church welcoming, videos and discussion, and “run-through” session.

Volunteers who wish to help with this ministry can participate in various ways. These include preparing the welcoming tea and treats for parents and godparents to meet Father John. You may participate in the discussion and run-through sessions. Facilitating call back after registration and follow up is another role.

You are most welcome to “come and see” a session before you determine if this ministry best fits your gifts and time. Contact us at info@divinemergynl.com

“From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life
and the zeal to share that life with others.”

~ St. John Paul II

Sacramental Preparation:

Sacramental Preparation for Children begins at the age of 7 with the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Preparation includes both at-home study and family catechetical sessions in the parish. Divine Mercy parish is committed to supporting parents and families in the growth of their faith and preparation for the sacraments.

RCIA: The Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults meets adults where they are in their faith and provides catechetical formation as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist).

There are a variety of ways to serve in both sacramental ministries. Discover if your gifts and talents will find a home here – try it out before you commit. We would love to hear from you. Contact us at faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com

*Share the Faith, share the Joy, Share Christ.
Be a Catechist!*

Faith Formation:

Catholic Faith Formation is a form of evangelization – a sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Evangelization is the fundamental mission of the Church. Faith Formation shares all the ways the Church teaches, celebrates, and witnesses to the gospel message with the aim of conforming hearts and minds to Jesus Christ. Faith Formation primarily focuses on deepening of our experience and relationship with the God who has “loved us first.” In this way it is a response to God’s invitation to love and life. It incorporates the catechetical, liturgical, and pastoral ministries. Because it is a form of evangelization, Faith Formation is a lifelong process.

The concept of lifelong learning invites us to grow in our faith by learning and sharing with others in our community throughout our entire lives. Divine Mercy’s Faith Formation works with and support existing ministries, groups, and teams in the parish, as well as working to develop engaging programs and possibilities for growing and sharing in Faith for all parishioners. If you have questions, suggestions, or ideas, we want to hear from you! faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com

MINISTRIES OF OUTREACH & CARE:

Bereavement Ministry:

*“Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.”*

Matthew 5:4

Who are we?

Our Team members offer support, compassion and empathy to families following loss of a loved one.

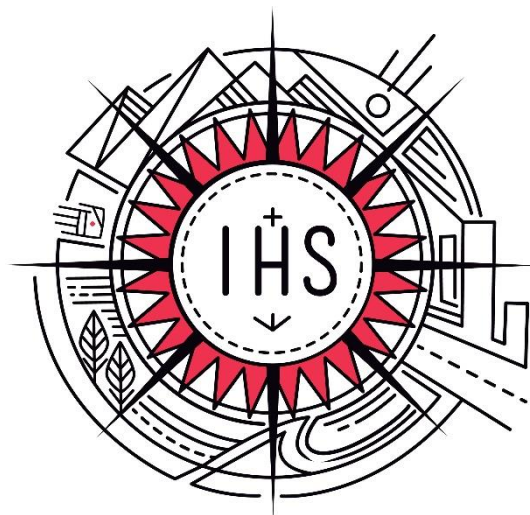
We help with funeral arrangements:

- Meet with family of deceased.
- Complete record form for Office
- Ensure presiding Priest has details.
- Follow up with funeral home.
- Help with music and reading selections.
- Help with funeral service.

If you think this ministry is the place to share your gifts and time, please reach out to Helen Card through info@divinemercynl.com

Divine Mercy Food Bank:

Join us as we let Christ use the work of our hands to be a blessing for others. This ministry provides direct relief to those in need of food. Working together in teams, it is the goal of our service ministry to provide support and compassion to those we serve by continuing God’s work of sharing “thy gifts from thy bounty”. Volunteers assist with organizing pantry set-up, required record keeping, preparing and packaging food, distribution of food hampers, and interacting with clients with warmth and kindness. If you are interested in this wonderful outreach, contact us through info@divinemercynl.com



New & Developing Ministries:

Altar Servers:

Altar Servers assist the presiding Priest in the Mass. They perform tasks such as lighting candles, carrying the Processional Crucifix, and holding the Presider's ritual book. Young people who wish to take part in this ministry should be at least nine years of age and have received all three of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist). Contact us at info@divinmercynl.com

Livestream Team:

Divine Mercy Parish livestreams the Sunday 11am Mass as well as other special events taking place in the church. This ministry allows us to reach out to members of the community who are unable to be with us in the person for the Mass or special parish events. Members of Team Livestream run the streaming equipment in the church and ensure the upload to our Facebook live and YouTube channels. All skill levels are welcome. Not a techie? No worries, the Parish will provide you with all the needed information and training. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact us at info@divinmercynl.com.

Visitation Ministry:

Through the *Visitation Ministry*, our sharing in the Eucharist extends to members of our community who are in hospital, long-term care facilities and homebound. Rooted in the corporal act of mercy to visit the sick, this ministry witnesses to the love God has for all his children and the inherent dignity of each human person. This ministry is open to all Catholics who have been fully initiated with the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If spending a little time in prayer and bringing the Holy Eucharist to members of our community, this ministry is for you! Contact us at info@divinmercynl.com for more information. We would love to have you on our team.

Consultative Groups

Divine Mercy Parish Council

The work of the Parish Council is Pastoral Planning. Members are either appointed or elected to be a consultative body to our Pastor. The Parish Council is called upon to work with Father John to build up the body of Christ. The council is concerned with the overall welfare of the parish family. The role of the Council is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love, values, and teaching of Christ to the world.

Divine Mercy Finance Council

The Parish Finance council is a consultative body of lay persons appointed by the Pastor to advise on matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish. The purpose of the council is to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education/formation and service activities within the parish.

Catholic Groups at Work in the Parish:

Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League is a lay association of women officially recognized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The objectives of the League are to gain a deeper understanding of your faith and put it into action; become involved in and advocate for justice issues; and, to be of service to others at home and abroad.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a global Catholic fraternal order founded by Fr. Michael McGivney in 1882. Empowering men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their communities, the Knights of Divine Mercy (St. Paul's Council 11776) is open to any man 18 years of age and up. "Support your journey of spiritual growth and become more like Christ who gave himself up for us and for our salvation. Discover your mission, Become a knight!"