



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

4th Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Week of April 21-27

Monday April 22

*Frank & Constance Costigan; Richard Barnes;
Deceased Members of St. Paul's Council of Knights of Columbus*

Tuesday April 23

*Special Intention (Martin Family); Christopher Whalen;
John, Ann & John Jr. Kenny*

Wednesday April 24

*Special Intention (Martin Family); Paul, Dale & David Perry;
Claudia O'Connor*

Thursday April 25

*Kevin Kearney & Family; Deceased Members of Boland Family;
Deceased Members of Nugent Family*

Friday April 26

*Special Intention (Martin Family); Souls in Purgatory;
Special Intention (MG)*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

John Walsh & Vic Parsons

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@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

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Pastor's Note

If I imagine my faith life with God, I sometimes imagine it to be static. God sits on his heavenly throne and waits for me as I meander down many different paths, most of which are the wrong ones. In faith we search and seek God. My favourite words from the whole Bible come from Psalm 42: "As the deer longs for running streams, so God does my heart long for you." Years of my life were spent consciously searching for God. I would listen over and over again to a popular song called "I still haven't found what I'm looking for." I knew I was longing for God but I just didn't know where he was and, thus, how to find him. So, I searched and sought. It's true that a necessary part of our faith life is to search and seek. But it is also true that, ultimately, it is God who searches and finds. Searches and finds us.

The Lord identifies himself as the "good shepherd." He is not a "hired hand" who cares much more for his wages rather than for the lives of the sheep. Jesus says, the hired hand "sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them." The good shepherd, however, "lays

down his life for the sheep." The good shepherd and the hired hand consider the same thing but come to opposite conclusions. The hired hand and good shepherd consider the value of the sheep relative to their own personal value. The hired hand gives to himself the place of highest value. The good shepherd concludes the opposite – he gives to the sheep the place of highest value. To give highest value to the sheep is not about material worth, it is about a value derived and defined through love. We cannot compare to God's perfection, power, goodness and beauty. How, then, can Christ offer the parable of the Good Shepherd with a "straight face?" It only makes sense through the reality of Divine Love and the priority that flows from his love. St. John writes the amazing and surprising truth, "Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are." We search for God, but remember always, God searches too and God finds. He is relentless because we are his children.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John



The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) warmly invites the Catholic faithful to celebrate together National Family and Life Week (NFLW), which will take place May 13 to 19. The theme chosen for this year, "Love hopes all things" is inspired by the words of St. Paul, the apostle: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things" (1 Corinthians 13:7) The theme, linked to *Amoris Laetitia*, a discourse on love by Pope Francis, guides us towards hope, a theological virtue that renews our relationship with God and others.

National Family & Life week offers a unique opportunity to honour and support families through faith, prayer, and service. Watch for prayerful reflections and practical suggestions on celebrating this week in upcoming bulletins. Concluding on the Solemnity of Pentecost, National Family and Life Week 2024 offers a special opportunity to ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us in celebration of life. It reminds us that families are the bearers of Christian hope, not only by cultivating love within our homes, but also by extending our benevolence to society as a whole. By acting with trust, support and compassion, families become artisans of hope, contributing to the healing of hearts and the renewal of our social fabric.

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Thank You for Visiting our Parish Ministry Fair

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Ministry Fair last weekend. It was a wonderful event and a beautiful expression of our growing faith community. Thank you to all of the ministries and groups who were represented. Thank you for your creativity and the spirit of welcome and companionship.

Our deepest appreciation to everyone in the parish who came out, showed interest and expressed appreciation for the different works of the parish. People’s engagement was wonderful to see and helped make the weekend the success that it was.

The winners of the Parish Ministry Fair Scavenger Hunt:

Lianna D’Sa
Ray English

Congratulations!

Both Lianna and Ray will receive special Divine Mercy Rosaries made by Stone Rosary Co. Stone Rosary makes handcrafted rosaries for any occasion and a percentage of their sales go to local charities.

The winner of the Food Bank/Family Aid “Guess how many candies in the Jar” was

Esther Mberede
Well done Esther!

Divine Mercy Parish May & June at a Glance

- The Crowning of Mary: Sunday May 5 at the 11am Mass
- Rosary after Daily Mass through the Month of May
- Novena to the Sacred Heart May 29- June 6
- Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion: Saturday, June 8 at 1pm
- Faith Formation Series on the Saints:
 - St. Augustine of Hippo
 - St. Catherine of Siena
 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Series, from Word on Fire’s *Pivotal Players* will be made available through our Flocknote. As part of this series, we will also have a gathering in the church, featuring Fr. John reflecting on the Prayers of the St. Ignatius and the early Jesuits.

Watch for details on these events in upcoming bulletins.

If at any time you would like to know more about any of our ministries or groups or would like to speak with someone about giving of your gifts or talents, please do not hesitate to contact us through the parish office.

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, and June 9.

Are you hoping to have your child baptized in the near future? Are you looking to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage? Perhaps you, yourself are, or someone you know is considering becoming a Roman Catholic? For details on the process of preparation for any of the Sacraments, contact the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 or email us at info@divinemeracynl.com

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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.

Eclipse Glasses:

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 pm.

Offertory Collection Week of April 14

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| Offertory | \$ | 4,722.00 |
| Easter Offering | \$ | 233.00 |
| Holy Thursday | \$ | 25.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ | 120.00 |
| Baptism | \$ | 100.00 |
| Food Bank | \$ | 135.00 |
| D & P | \$ | 20.00 |

*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!*

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 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.

Catholic Women's League at Divine Mercy

At its general meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30pm the CWL at Divine Mercy are hosting a special reflection session on **Prayer**. All members, women of the parish and neighboring parishes are invited to attend. The meeting will take place in the church and a social will follow in the foyer. The reflection, titled, "**Prayer: A Conversation with God**", will be facilitated by Anne Walsh, D.Min., Redemptorist Lay Missionary in St John's. This reflection on prayer is in keeping with Pope Francis' request that 2024 be a "**Year of Prayer**".

Marriage Preparation:

Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course is scheduled for May 4, 2024, at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 200 Military Rd, St. John's. Couples can register by going to <https://rcsj.org/chancery/marriage-preparation/register> Once registered, couples will receive additional information outlining the session and schedule.