



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

5th Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Week of April 28 to May 5

Monday April 29

*Special Intention (Martin Family); John, Charlotte & Paul Roche;
John, Margaret & Thomas Waterman*

Tuesday April 30

*Special Intention (Martin Family); Jeffrey Murrin;
Thomas Nemec*

Wednesday May 1

*Special Intention (D & M); Richard Molloy;
Louis Collins & Deceased Family*

Thursday May 2

*Patsy, Richard & Michael O'Donnell; Souls in Purgatory;
Laura & Henry Fitzpatrick & Deceased Family*

Friday May 3

*Burke Family; Souls in Purgatory;
Intention of Thanksgiving (Margaret)*

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)

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

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.
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Pastor's Note

When I entered the Jesuits in 1995, I was surprised and honestly disinterested during those talks or classes on the importance of "Community." I loved hearing stories of great Jesuit saints, like the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola, or the courage and heroism of St. Francis Xavier. We were told about "Our way of proceeding," the Jesuit manner of speaking of our tradition and customs. And how the spirituality of Ignatius led to an offering of oneself back to God. All seemed to "fit like a glove." But when we spoke of Religious Community, I just didn't think it was necessary for me. Over the years, however, I have come not only to appreciate Community and friendships within the Jesuits, but to see it as vital.

Statistics indicate that a person who has entered the Church as an adult needs a circle of friends of seven other Christians in order to grow stronger and persevere in the faith. For those raised in the faith, the number may be a little different, but the emphasis remains, that is, we all need support, encouragement, counsel, and inspiration as we try to follow the Lord

more closely. If we rely solely on ourselves, we tend to drift towards a cooler, less impassioned faith and practice. I think this is clear in the prayer Jesus taught us – he didn't say "My Father" but "**Our** Father." St. Ignatius habitually used the term, "friends in the Lord" to speak of Jesuit Community. This term can also be applied to our own sense of Community within our parish. We aren't just a bunch of individuals but are "friends in the Lord." Our relationships with, interest in, and care for each other is rooted and grounded in our shared faith in Jesus Christ. He is the "vine, you are the branches." Can you imagine a "vine" with only one branch? Not much of a "vine." Maybe in the past, being "friends in the Lord" or Community, wasn't felt to be so necessary or important. But in our world today, it is definitely needed, and, even more importantly, it is what God wants and wills for us – "**Our** Father, who art in heaven . . ."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Mother Mary and the Month of May

Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion? May is the month of Mary. Devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout May originated in Rome in the 18th century as a way of building the faith of young adults who were studying in college there. Since then, it has spread through most of the Church throughout the world. Devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses both on Mary's ever lasting chastity and purity, her fidelity to God's will, and on Mary as a role model for Christians. Popular devotions in May include praying the rosary daily and celebrating the crowning of Mary either in the parish or at home. May also includes some notable Marian feasts: May 13: Our Lady of Fatima; May 24 – Mary, Help of Christians; and May 31 - The Feast of the Visitation (a great day to pray the joyful mysteries of the Rosary). Spend some time with Mary this month. As our mother, Mary has endless love to give. She has much to teach us about her Son, Jesus, and about how to open ourselves to the will of the Father. She is a reflection of the mercy God has shown us.



Image: Our Lady, Mother of Mercy

Faith Formation Corner



Jesus in the Eucharist Craft Project Display

On display in the foyer this weekend is our “Jesus in the Eucharist” Craft Project. These art pieces have been made by young people in our parish who are currently preparing for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

The craft project is designed to help children understand that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Although Jesus is hidden, he is truly there. This reality can be difficult for us to comprehend, but these young parishioners are diving deep into this beautiful mystery. The eucharistic host in the craft opens to reveal Jesus.

We have 35 young people preparing for the sacraments. They and their families have shown a great commitment and devotion and are growing in anticipation of the reception of the sacraments. As these young people of our community continue in their preparation to receive Christ’s most precious body, we ask that you keep them and their families in your prayers. Thank you!

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) Below is the first in a series of catechetical messages on the theme for National Family and Life Week.

Catechesis for Families and Parishes

Love hopes all things

The family has been called to be a **community of life and love**, where a relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, is fostered and becomes a source and witness of hope for the whole world. Even in the face of disillusionments, suffering and sorrows within our families, *“We must not let hope abandon us, because **God, with his love, walks with us. ‘I hope, because God is beside me’: we can all say this. Each one of us can say: ‘I hope, I have hope, because God walks with me.’ He walks and he holds my hand. God does not leave us to ourselves.”*** This is why we can say with Saint Paul the Apostle, **“Love hopes all things.”** We have hope that all things will work towards the good of our families, and through our families, the larger human family.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, **“Hope** is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.” May our faith communities help our families deepen their desire for the Kingdom of Heaven and, relying on Christ’s strength, become a witness of joyful faith, hope and love for our world.

Coming Soon!

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 upcoming bulletins for more details!

If you are already signed up for our Flocknote you are good to go. If you haven’t yet joined our flock just text 01556 to 514-900-0130 and follow the prompts to enter your email address and preferences.

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Crowning of Mary

May is the month of Mary – a month dedicated to devotion to the Blessed Mother. A traditional devotion at this time is the Crowning of Mary – symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of our lives. Join us next Sunday, May 5 at our 11am Mass when we will crown the statue of Mary in our Church. Reception to follow. The Mass will be livestreamed on [Facebook.com/divinemercuryparishnl](https://www.facebook.com/divinemercuryparishnl)

Praying the Rosary in the Month of May

The Catholic Women’s League and members of our parish will gather in the church (St. Paul’s site) **before the 9:30 am weekday Mass** to pray the Rosary throughout the month of May. All are welcome to join in this most beautiful devotion.

Catholic Women’s League at Divine Mercy

Thank you for your support in purchasing tickets on the quilt and stand donated to us by a parishioner. The ticket was drawn and the winner, Dorothy Kinsella, was announced at last Sunday’s 11am Mass.

Copies of the new Ushers Schedule are available at the Welcome Desk in the foyer. Ushers are asked to pick up a copy this weekend. Thank you.

Meeting in Holy Rosary Church, Portugal Cove

Members of the Catholic Community of Portugal Cove–St. Philips are invited to a meeting in Holy Rosary Church in Portugal Cove at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 7, 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the future of Holy Rosary Church and Parish.

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.

Multi-Faith Symposium - Saturday, May 11, 2024

The symposium brings speakers from different faiths together on a topic on Spirituality from the perspective of their respective faiths. The topic for this year is ‘*Role of Austerity towards One’s Spiritual Progress.*’ Start Time for Registration: 7:45 a.m. Event starts at 8:20 a.m. Venue: Hindu Temple, 26 Penny Lane, St. John’s, NL. Breakfast and lunch provided. Registration fee of \$15 which can be paid at the door or by e-transfer to hindutemplesj@gmail.com (add "Multi Faith Symposium Registration" in the message.)

Offertory Collection Week of April 14

Offertory	\$	5,664.80
Initial Offering	\$	70.00
Easter Offering	\$	360.00
Holy Thursday	\$	20.00
Good Friday	\$	115.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	30.00
Food Bank	\$	135.00

*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!

Saints Speak

'Be faithful to correspond with the wonderful graces which you have received from Our Lord; they are a preparation for greater graces and more sublime lights, which will cause you to love God more, to acquire more solid virtue, and to practise it in a more heroic degree.'

St. Paul of the Cross