



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

6th Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

Week of May 5 to 11

Monday May 6

*Souls in Purgatory; Special Intention (Margaret);
James Doran & Deceased Members of Doran Family*

Tuesday May 7

Tomasz Misztal; Catherine & Raymond Walsh; Fredrick & Celine Tellis

Wednesday May 8

*Bob & Colin Smart; Deceased Members of Neary Family;
Christine Lasrado*

Thursday May 9

*Deceased Members of Furlong Family; Souls in Purgatory;
Ron & Frances Byrne & Deceased Members of Byrne Family*

Friday May 10

*Clarence & Ann Woodford; Edna Harris;
Mercedes & Jerry Maker*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Joan Kirkland, Elizabeth Tracey and Lloyd Kelly

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm (Newfoundland Drive Site)

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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

Contact Information: Divine Mercy Parish, 340A Newfoundland Drive, St. John's, NL A1A 3R9 tel. 709-726-9924 www.divinemergynl.com/ email: info@divinemergynl.com Facebook.com/divinemergyparishnl 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

I think we most often get the Christian faith and life wrong. We have usually been taught it and so understand it in terms of the lowest common denominator - Christianity is a religion of the "nice." We are to be peaceful because we are told to turn the other cheek. We are to be polite and considerate because we are told to be humble. We are to be caring because we are told to love our neighbour. While I, of course, agree with these, they do not emerge from a philosophy of niceness, rather they manifest from someone's life, that is, the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christian faith and life are not merely a compilation of moral behaviours, our life and faith are a participation with the Divine.

Saint John the Evangelist writes in this week's Second Reading, "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." Notice that we are instructed to love not because Christ has presented merely a perfect model or example, but through the act of loving, a person is given

access to, participates in God's life – "everyone who loves is born of God." I have been thinking about one of our parishioners who recently died. During the almost two years I have known the person, I realized that I wanted to be around them. I wanted to tease them about their favourite team, the Leafs; to see them walk to the Altar, despite their bad knees, to help with Communion at Daily Mass; and, to have them ask for prayers for their family. Why did I want to be around this person? They have a generous, magnanimous heart, they are humble and so worked with God in building on his grace, and they had a holy dependence and trust in him. In short, they lived their faith. They lived their life in and through his life. Foundationally, we are not commanded to perform, we are gently invited to receive, to receive life and life in abundance. To live in and through him, to live as him. "I do not call you servants any longer . . . but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Mary in the Month of May: Planting a Mary Garden

During the Middle Ages, people saw reminders of Mary, the Mother of God, in the flowers and herbs growing around them. Violets were symbols of her humility, lilies her purity and roses her glory. They called her the "Flower of Flowers," and named plants after her. Many flowers and herbs are symbolically associated with Mary's life and some people create Mary gardens. A Mary Garden is small garden enclosing a statue or shrine of the Virgin Mary.



Thinking about creating your own Mary Garden? Here are a few plants to symbolize Mary that you might consider planting:

The Daisy symbolizes "Mary's Flower of God" (Jesus)

The Periwinkle represents the "Virgin Flower" and the blue color recalls her fullness of grace.

The Columbine represents the dove of the Holy Spirit, Mary's overshadowing, indwelling, divine Spouse.

The Pansy symbolizes the Trinity (first revealed to Mary) and is also called the "Trinity Flower."

The Thistle-Down is also a Visitation symbol due to its graceful movement in the air.

The Rose symbolizes the Blessed Virgin of prophecy, "the Rose wherein the Divine Word was made incarnate.

Faith Formation Corner



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)

Catechesis for Families and Parishes

Christian hope in families and communities

Christian hope takes root within a community of people.

“One does not learn to hope alone. No one learns to hope alone. It is impossible. Hope, to be nourished, necessarily needs a ‘body’, in which the various members support and revive each other. This means, then, that if we hope, it is because many of our brothers and sisters have taught us to hope and have kept our hope alive.” (Pope Francis on Christian Hope, May 31, 2017)

What a beautiful reality it is that, united to Christ, we can help nourish hope in others.

Families are an essential community where hope is lived. By the example of parents and grandparents children learn what it means to hope. Family members, living in hope, nourish and support one another and, in turn, nourish and support hope in our world. One of the poverties of our time is the poverty of love. Many people within our communities experience an increased level of isolation and loneliness. Within our families we are called to reach out to individual members whose hope may be waning as they live through the challenges of life. As people of hope each family is summoned to reach out to others within their communities as a way of encouraging Christian hope.

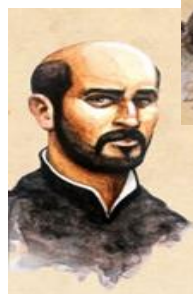
Faith Formation Series on the Saints:



St. Augustine of Hippo: May 29

St. Catherine of Siena: June 5

St. Ignatius of Loyola: June 12



The Series, from Word on Fire’s **Pivotal Players** will be made available through our Flocknote on Wednesdays beginning May 29.

As part of this series, we will also have a gathering at our Newfoundland Drive site, on **Wednesday, June 19 at 7pm** featuring Fr. John reflecting on the Prayers of the St. Ignatius and the early Jesuits.

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 Family News:

Throughout this week. in our community, we have two families celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism: Emma Marie Doyle and Kayn Charles Austin Ennis will be baptized this weekend. With all of their families, we rejoice in the gift of faith and pray that they and their families might all grow in the light of God’s grace.

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

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 today, 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

The Catholic Women’s League (CWL) at Divine Mercy Parish (formerly St. Pius X CWL) will celebrate its 50th Anniversary on Saturday, June 8th. Mass will be at 4 p.m., followed by a Reception and Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

We extend our warmest invitation to all CWL members and their relatives, past and present, all parishioners at Divine Mercy Parish, and friends and relatives of past parishioners of St. Pius X. Your presence would make this special occasion even more memorable. Father Wayne Bolton S.J. will celebrate the Mass and be our guest speaker at the dinner. For further information or to purchase tickets, please feel free to contact Mabel Ryan, 709 753 5921 or e-mail: mdryan52@gmail.com

Let us come together in joyous celebration and gratitude as we commemorate 50 years of faith, friendship, and service within our beloved community. We look forward to celebrating with 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.

Change in Schedule this week:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament that normally take place on Thursdays at our Outer Cove Site is cancelled this week. It will return to the schedule next week. Exposition takes place this week at our Newfoundland Drive site on Tuesday from 2 to 3:30 pm and at our Out Cove site on Wednesday, 11 am to noon.

Offertory Collection

Week of April 28

Offertory	\$	4,865.25
Initial Offering	\$	5.00
Holy Thursday	\$	10.00
Good Friday	\$	10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	20.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	10.00
Food Bank	\$	1,557.75
Papal Charities	\$	20.00

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Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!