



# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

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### **Mass Intentions**

*Week of May 12 to 18*

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#### **Monday May 13**

*Edward & Josephine Butler; Ellen Pittman; Jason Collins*

#### **Tuesday May 14**

*Agnes & Edward Byrne; Martina & Arthur Rice; Robert Kelly*

#### **Wednesday May 15**

*Marilyn Lawlor & Deceased Family Members; Souls in Purgatory;  
Peter Ryan and Deceased Members of Ryan & Boulos Families*

#### **Thursday May 16**

*Special Intention (Penney Simms);  
Deceased Members of the Burke and Neary Families; Lloyd Kelly*

#### **Friday May 17**

*Souls in Purgatory; Elizabeth Anne Tracey; Special Intention (CA)*

***Please Pray for the Recently Deceased***

***Barbara Barbour***

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### **Parish Schedule:**

#### **Sunday Mass:**

**Saturday**

**4:00pm (Newfoundland Drive Site)**

**Sunday**

**9:00am (Newfoundland Drive Site)**

**11:00am (Newfoundland Drive Site)**

**4:00pm (Outer Cove Site)**

#### **Daily Mass:**

**Monday to Friday 9:30am**

Daily Mass takes place at our  
Newfoundland Drive site

#### **Modified Parish Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00am -12:00pm

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### **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@divinemicrcynl.com](mailto:info@divinemicrcynl.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.divinemicrcynl.com/](http://www.divinemicrcynl.com/) email: [info@divinemicrcynl.com](mailto:info@divinemicrcynl.com) Facebook.com/divinemicrcynlparishnl 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

We often thank God for what he has done and is doing for us. It seems that God does everything for us. The Lord descends to be born incarnate of the Virgin Mary. He does not grasp for his divinity but is poor and humble, being raised by Mary and Joseph. From them, God learns to pray, to worship in the synagogue, learns to speak and walk, and learns a trade. At age thirty he leaves his home, walks throughout Galilee, Samaria and Judea proclaiming the Kingdom of God. He says, that “the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” His fidelity to us never wavers – he allows himself to be arrested, crucified and to die on the cross. On the third day he is raised from the dead so that we may have eternal life. God does everything for us. The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, however, is a little different. In a most beautiful way, God does something nice for himself.

Pope Benedict taught that the Ascension of the Lord means that within the Holy Trinity there now beats a human heart. The Risen Lord ascended to the Father with his resurrected, glorified body. Christ did not leave his glorified humanity behind when he ascended. Therefore, the resurrected flesh

that appeared in the Upper Room to breathe the Holy Spirit on the disciples, or that which knelt by a little fire preparing fish for Peter and the others, is now within God's very life. Since there is no necessity with God, that is, God is all-perfect, I can only understand the Ascension as something God wants or desires. God desires you and me to such an extent that he has made us a part of his life. Not merely are we present as a concern, a worshipper giving him praise and thanks forever. We are now present to God as literally part of his life. He wants us so close to him that he, the all-perfect God lacking nothing, has taken our flesh, our heart and made it his own. Who must we be for him? I often say that we are everything for God. But with the Ascension, it appears that “everything” does not do justice to God's love. To God, you are even more than “everything.”

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.  
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John



# Faith Formation Corner



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 Cor 13:7)

## Catechesis for Families and Parishes

### Restore and renew the theological virtue of hope.

*“You are fathers, mothers and children, grandparents, uncles and aunts. You are adults and children, young and old. Each of you brings a different experience of family, but all of you have one hope and prayer: that God will bless and keep your families and all the families of the world.”*

Within our families both the young and the old play a part in restoring and renewing the virtue of hope for one another, and together a family becomes a beacon of hope for the wider community.

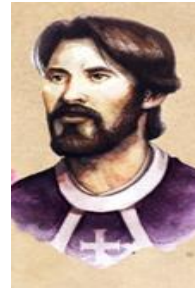
A **child** is God’s sign of hope. Each child, born or unborn, can spark a sense of hope for the future of our families and our Church. ‘As long as there is life, there is hope’; and the opposite is also true: as long as there is hope, there is life.”

Pope Francis encourages **youth** to grow in their faith, to “see things in the light of hope,” and to share their spark of hope with others, especially their friends who are experiencing a time of darkness.

**Adults** witness to the virtue of hope as they place their day-to-day joys and sorrows in the greater context of God’s divine will.

And the **elderly**, in sharing their lived experiences and stories, foster hope in the hearts of the younger generation and encourage them to place all their trust in the Lord. The stories of hope shared by the elderly allow others to see that if we allow Christ to journey with us, in hope, we will find peace, joy and love in our old age, and be ready for the Kingdom of Heaven. **Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord.**

## 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.*

## Canadian Bishop’s: Pastoral Letter to Young People – Users Guide

In October 2022, the Canadian Bishops published a Pastoral Letter to Young People which invites young people to live their faith in an extraordinary way, encouraging them to strive towards holiness, and assuring them of the steadfast support and accompaniment of their Bishops. A new user’s guide has recently been published to facilitate reflection on the Pastoral Letter. Both PDF files are available from the CCCB website.

### Pastoral Letter:

[www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/documents-activities-proposed-ccb/pastoral-letter-to-young-people/](http://www.cccb.ca/faith-moral-issues/family-and-life/documents-activities-proposed-ccb/pastoral-letter-to-young-people/)

### User’s Guide:

[www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/User-Guide-CCCB-Pastoral-Letter-to-Young-People.pdf](http://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/User-Guide-CCCB-Pastoral-Letter-to-Young-People.pdf)



# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## Happy Mother's Day!

To all our moms, to all those women who nurture and care for us, Happy Mother's Day! With Fr. John, the Parish staff, Jesuit community, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus and all our Parish ministries and groups, we pray that the Lord may continue to bless you and the work of your hands and hearts.

*Be sure to pick up a Mother's Day Prayer card from one of Ushers before you leave the church today.*

## Praying the Rosary in the Month of May

The Catholic Women's League and members of our parish will gather in the church (Newfoundland Drive 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.

## Offertory Collection Week of May 5

Offertory	\$	5,734.00
Easter Offering	\$	30.00
Holy Thursday	\$	25.00
Good Friday	\$	20.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	90.00
Food Bank	\$	330.75
Papal Charities	\$	608.00

*E-transfers can be made through  
[dmparishnl@outlook.com](mailto: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!*

## Adjustment to our New Mass Schedule:

Beginning next Sunday, May 19 the afternoon Mass at Outer Cove will begin at 4pm.

## 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](mailto: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!

## Catholic Women's League at Divine Mercy

You are invited to a General Meeting of the Catholic Women's League on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30pm in the church (Newfoundland Dr. site). A social will follow.

*"The Loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God  
is the heart of a mother."  
~ St. Therese of Lisieux*