



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Solemnity of Pentecost

Mass Intentions

Week of May 19 to 25

Monday May 20

Mary McCormick; Souls in Purgatory; Robert Greely

Tuesday May 21

*Dorothy Thomas; Deceased Members of the Humphrey Family;
Deceased Members of the Hanlon Family*

Wednesday May 22

Special Intention (AD); Souls in Purgatory; Patrick Walsh

Thursday May 23

Albert Walsh; William & Mary Hearn; Special Intention (CA)

Friday May 24

Souls in Purgatory; Jack Walkley; Christine Hynes

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Elery Hudson; Vincent Carre

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

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@divinmercynl.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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Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. Pastor Email: john@ekon.ca Telephone 416-417-1513

Pastor's Note

Just before pouring the waters of baptism upon a child, I usually ask one of the Godparents what should be a simple question: "When was (the name of the child) born?" I always look to the Godfather first. Often his eyes get bigger with both surprise and panic, and regularly offers the insightful answer of, "Ahhhh." After a brief moment with a little chuckle, the Godmother or one of the parents ends his agony and gives the date. I then say, "This his his/her birthday, when Mom gave birth. Now we are celebrating another birthday. This child will be born from on high, he/she will be born again. Even though your child will look and sound the same, your child will be different. Your child will now have two persons within the one life – Your child and God the Holy Spirit." What does the indwelling of the Holy Spirit mean? What is God saying?

Though each Person of the Holy Trinity is equally active in our salvation, is equally present in our lives, it is the Holy Spirit the Father sends through the Son to dwell within us. Sometimes when we think of the sending and presence of the Holy Spirit, we think only in terms of utility or functionalism. Perhaps we think of the gift of speaking in tongues, as we hear in the First Reading – "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own language?"

Or, we may think of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord) which help to sustain the Christian in the moral life. The Catechism teaches, "These are permanent dispositions which makes one docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit." While such considerations are, of course, perfectly true, as they are revealed in Scripture or taught in the Tradition of the Church, God's gift of himself in the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit is not merely to be received as an aid or help, it is not just a question of better function or utility.

First and foremost, the sending of the Holy Spirit centres on being born from on high, to be born again. When the Holy Spirit is sent, it reflects the intensity and passion of the Father's love. He doesn't just give us the "skills," he gives us himself. In giving himself, he places our normal, hum-drum lives, into the dynamics of the Trinity. We become participants and sharers in the Divine Life. It really should be with absolute amazement and surpassing gratitude to realize and confess that not only does God guide oneself, but through his intense and passionate love, he dwells, lives within us. He dwells, lives within you.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John



Faith Formation Corner

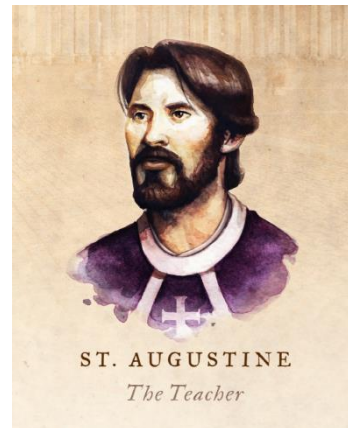


National Family and Life Week concludes today, May 19. The theme chosen for this year, “Love hopes all things” is inspired by the words of St. Paul, the apostle: “[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things” (1 Cor 13:7)

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Church celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the birth of the Church. Families are foundational to the Church’s mission as they nurture and teach children about the faith, hope and the love of God. Families are called to live together in the way Christ taught us to live, by caring for each other, living fully the Gospel message with each family member and within our world. Since the Spirit of God is with us, our actions in the world, including those within our families, are meant to be noticeably different and distinct. We are called to live in a more Christ-like way by treating others with care, compassion, forgiveness, and love. Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is with us to help guide and strengthen us in times of challenge. We are not alone: when we draw on the Holy Spirit, we will know the truth of how we are called to be family in our world today.

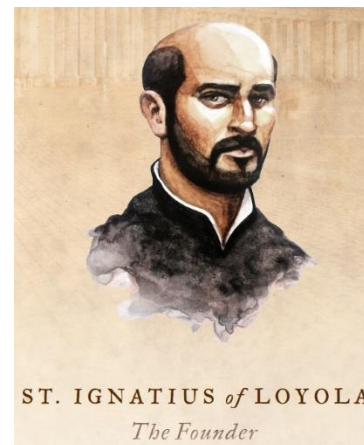
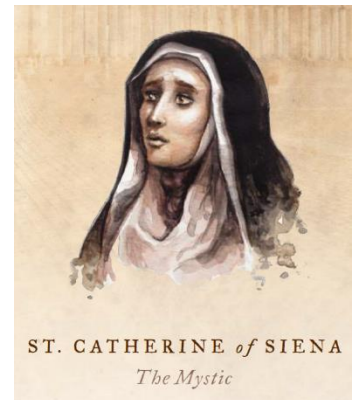
Just as the Holy Spirit breathed new life and hope into the Apostles on the day of Pentecost, that same Spirit continues to breath new life and hope within our families. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle the fire of His love within each family member, that they may lean on the love of God and the graces received in the Sacraments. May they experience the strength needed to be witnesses of their faith. With these supports, families can more readily live fully their vocation as a domestic church.

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 Notes & Upcoming Events

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 12

Offertory	\$	5,153.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	1,220.00
Food Bank	\$	495.05
Papal Charities	\$	50.00

*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!*

Adjustment to our New Mass Schedule:

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

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 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting: Monday 27 May 2024, 7pm

The meeting will take place in the foyer at our Newfoundland Dr. site and begins at 7 pm with the Rosary. Guest speaker, Archbishop Hundt will discuss the current status of the Diocese. All are welcome to attend. K of C Business meeting will follow for members only at 8:15pm.

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, call 709 753 5921 or e-mail: mdryan52@gmail.com; 709 722 3860 or email: ritacjanes@gmail.com. Cost of tickets to the Reception and Dinner is \$50.00.

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!

Centre for Life invites you to visit their website to listen to a recent interview with Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Alex is very knowledgeable on euthanasia (MAID) and its impact on our vulnerable population. If you would like to learn more about euthanasia please visit our home page at <https://www.centreforlife.ca> to access the interview.

Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the St. John's and Area Council of Churches takes place Friday May 31 at St. Andrews (The Kirk) at 6pm. Invited Speaker is Dr. Anne Walsh, Redemptorist Lay Missionary. Tickets for AGM and Turkey Dinner are \$20, available from Dr. Michael Collins: 709-726-7236. All are welcome.

Knights of Columbus State Lottery Winner

Winner: Bobbi Jo Pickett
Winning Ticket #: 8316
Prize Amount: \$63,350.00
Community: Wabush