



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

Mass Intentions Week of May 26

Monday, May 27:	Francis Neary + Souls in Purgatory Intention of Thanksgiving
Tuesday, May 28:	Souls in Purgatory Catherine Conrod & Deceased Family Members + Jonathan Murphy +
Wednesday, May 29:	Robert Greely + Walter Pottle + Patrick & Annie McCarthy +
Thursday, May 30:	John, Ann & John (Jr) Kenny + Deceased Members of the Boland Family + Deceased Members of the Nugent Family +
Friday May 31:	Howard Hillier + Souls in Purgatory Lloyd Kelly +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Jim Murray +

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

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am to 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](https://www.facebook.com/divinemergyparishnl) 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

Some people criticize Catholic Christianity as being boring, as being “out of touch” with contemporary life. When such a person hears snapshots of Catholic teaching or experiences the Mass, they may see them as too old fashion in their words, symbols and gestures. They may think we need something louder, faster or shorter, and preferably with flashing lights. Listen to how St. Justin Martyr describes the Mass in the year 155:

Having ended the prayers, we salute one another with a kiss. There is then brought to the president of the brethren bread and a cup of wine mixed with water; and he taking them, gives praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and offers thanks at considerable length for our being counted worthy to receive these things at His hands.

And when he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all the people present express their assent by saying Amen.

And when the president has given thanks, and all the people have expressed their assent, those who are called by us deacons give to each of those present to partake of the bread and wine mixed with water over which the thanksgiving was pronounced, and to those who are absent they carry away a portion.

Sounds pretty similar to how we celebrate every week. Our faith, however, is not stale in need of updating. It is as beautiful, moving and salvific as it was in 155. While things may change around us, the human heart, our needs and desires, remain the same.

In the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes an absolutely incredible sentence. He says, “When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.” To be an heir is to have been specifically chosen to receive all that one has. The Father has chosen each of you to be joint heirs with Christ. We with the Son to receive the outpouring of the Father. We with the Son to share in the dynamic of mutual loving with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To live, now and in the life to come, in the Trinitarian communion of love. Our faith is not “outdated,” it isn’t “out of touch.” Rather, it is what every human heart longs and searches for. It is the most perfect and exquisite expression of absolute love. The Triune God has given us everything.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John



Faith Formation Corner

Celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Our Parish will be celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on **Saturday, June 8 at 1pm**. You are warmly invited to join with the family and friends of the young people celebrating these beautiful sacraments. Archbishop Hundt will celebrate the Mass. All are welcome. Please keep all of these families in your prayers as they enter the final time of preparation.

A reminder for families preparing for the celebration of the Sacraments: there will be a rehearsal for the celebration of Confirmation and Holy Communion in the church on Saturday, June 1 at 10am.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus:

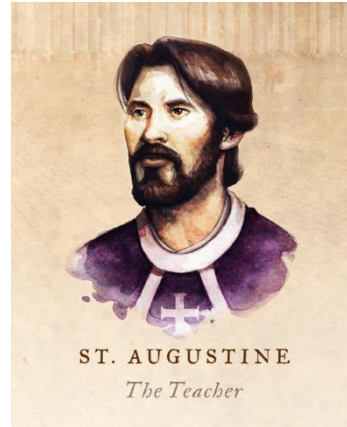
The Feast of the Sacred Heart takes place on Friday, June 7. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a beautiful opportunity for our hearts to be touched by the Heart of Christ. It could be said that all of life's difficulties, whether it be our own troubles or the global strife we see around us could be solved if we only knew how much we were truly loved by God. That love covers all manner of sin. Knowing God's love convinces us that we are enough, that we do not need to compete with others, because God's love holds us all.

In the devotion to the Sacred Heart there is a beautiful balance between an awareness of our sins and the humility to accept them. Through prayer, we experience the closeness with God and the true love of his heart. This love lifts us when we fall, it conquers our fears and completes us. And, as we come to know the greatness of this love, we are moved to share it with a world deep in need for it. Attached to this week's bulletin is a novena to the Sacred Heart. In preparation for the Feast, we encourage you to take some time from June 7 to 15 to pray the novena and reflect on the love being poured into each human heart.

Parish Family News:

This week in our community, we have a family celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism: John Gregory Hynes will be baptized this weekend. With his family, we rejoice in the gift of faith and pray that they might all grow in the light of God's grace.

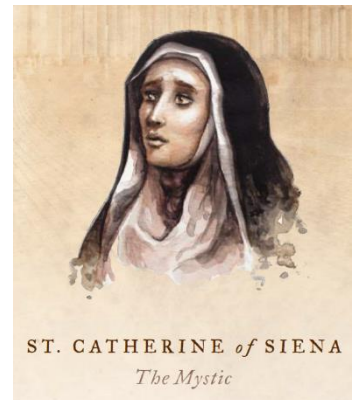
Faith Formation Series on the Saints:



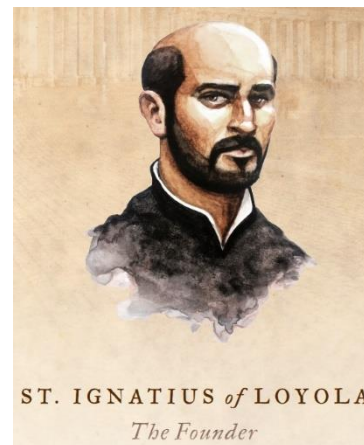
*St. Augustine of Hippo:
May 29*

*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

Summer Job Posting:

Divine Mercy Parish has two summer job postings ideal for students, one of which is a Canadian Summer Job Placement. Both positions are for Assistance in Maintenance. You will find the postings on our website. Go to https://www.divinemercynl.com/?page_id=22Su47 Deadline for resumé submission for both positions is Wednesday, May 29.

Offertory Collection Week of May 19

Offertory	\$	6,623.80
Parish Maintenance	\$	214.00
Food Bank	\$	550.00
Papal Charities	\$	195.00
Good Friday	\$	5.00

*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!*

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.

Official Notification of the Amalgamation of Holy Rosary Parish, Portugal Cove with Holy Trinity Parish, Torbay

On May 7, 2024, Archbishop Hundt met with members of the Catholic Community of Portugal Cove to discuss the future of Holy Rosary Parish and its possible amalgamation with Holy Trinity Parish in Torbay. At meetings of the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council (i.e. Council of Priests) on March 13, 2024 and May 16, 2024, the Archbishop also consulted the Council on this matter.

At these meetings, the following reasons for such an amalgamation were presented:

- the number of actively practicing parishioners in Holy Rosary Parish has decreased in recent years to the point where there is only one Sunday Mass and the regular attendance at that Mass has been 80 people or less;
- for many years Holy Rosary Parish has struggled financially, from 2012 to 2019 having operating deficits in seven out of eight years and, at the time of the financial restructuring of the Archdiocese in December 2021, owing the Archdiocese over thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00);
- the declining number of practicing parishioners, the declining financial support and the rising parish administrative and building maintenance costs makes it increasingly difficult for Holy Rosary Parish to operate as an independent, stand-alone Catholic community,

Having consulted the Presbyteral Council and the Members of the Faithful of Holy Rosary Parish, the Archbishop issued a decree amalgamating Holy Rosary Parish in Portugal Cove with Holy Trinity Parish in Torbay on May 24, 2024. A copy of the decree is available on request via post at 200 Military Road, St. John's A1C 2E8 and via email at: archdiocese@rcsj.org

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!

Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course:

The next Marriage Preparation course is scheduled for October 19, 2024. To register, go to: <https://rcsj.org/chancery/marriage-preparation/register> Couples will receive further information upon submission of registration.

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



For each day of the Novena:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Gospel reading – see particular day
3. “For Reflection” – see particular day
4. Daily Invocation:
Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you.
5. Silent reflection
6. Novena Prayer:

Lord Jesus, the needs of your people open your heart in love for each of us. You care for us when we are lost, sympathize with us in loneliness, and comfort us in mourning; you are closest to us when we are weakest. You love us most when we are least; you forgive us most when we forgive ourselves least; and you call us to spread your love in whatever way we can. Lord Jesus, your heart is moved with compassion when we are suffering, when we need your help, and when we pray for each other. I ask you to listen to my prayer during this Novena, and grant what I ask (mention your intention silently here). If what I ask is not for my own good and the good of others, grant me what is best, that I may build up your kingdom of love in our world. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

7. Close with the sign of the Cross



Day One – What Do You Desire?

Gospel: The next day, John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. (John 1.35-37)

For Reflection: Jesus addresses the same question to all of us at the beginning of this novena: “What do you want?” St. Augustine said that all our desires are really a longing for God in disguise; where there is real desire there is prayer. So be at peace in your desire, you are already praying.



Day Two – What Does God Desire?

Gospel: ‘So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.’ (Luke 11.9-10)

For Reflection: St. Augustine said, ‘For yourself you have made us, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.’ A writer changed this sentence to the following: “God’s heart is restless until we rest in Him.” Our God is vulnerable to our free response. We long to be present with Him and, most importantly, He longs to be with each of us.



Day Three – When I Find Prayer Difficult

Scripture: Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness: for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is in the mind of the Spirit. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8.26-28)

For Reflection: St. Thérèse of Lisieux once said that love was her vocation in life. Never was this vocation tested more than in the last nine months of her life as she lay dying with tuberculosis. She wrote a note to her sister Céline –‘Here is great love, to love Jesus without feeling the sweetness of his love –that is love pushed to the point of heroism.’



Day Four – How Do We Look At Each Other?

Gospel: Jesus looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing: go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. (Mark 10.21-22)

For Reflection: ‘A person is enlightened not when they get an idea but when someone looks at them.’ How we look at another has tremendous consequences for self-esteem. The Sacred Heart looks at each of us with deep love, understanding and compassion. We are called to look at ourselves and others in the same way.



Day Five – Has No One Condemned You?

Gospel: Jesus straightened up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She said ‘no one, sir.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.’ (John 1.35-37)

For Reflection: You do not have to be good before God will love you; you do not have to repent before you will be absolved by God. It is all the other way around. If you are good, it is because God’s love has already made you so; if you want to be forgiven, that is because God is forgiving you.



Day Six – Honesty In Prayer

Gospel: Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again. Martha said to him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ (John 11.17-24)

For Reflection: St. Ignatius Loyola said that we should always speak to Jesus in prayer just as one close friend would speak to another. Don’t be afraid to express your real feelings to Jesus –anger, hurt, joy, sorrow, etc. When you’ve made your complaint or expressed your joy, don’t forget one thing: listen for God’s response! It may come in surprising ways.



Day Seven – What Strange Friends You Have Lord!

Gospel: ‘But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.’ (Luke 6.27-28)

For Reflection: You know the old saying, ‘Show me your friends and I’ll tell you who you are’? Well, Jesus had the strangest set of friends: a hated tax collector; Simon the Zealot—a revolutionary; women in prostitution and ‘public sinners’. Maybe we are not such bad company for Jesus after all!



Day Eight – Peace be with you.

Gospel: While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ (Luke 24.36-39)

For Reflection: Peace; Look; Listen; Go. Jesus greets the apostles with that soothing word, ‘Shalom’ (peace)—it means I wish you the fullness of well-being of mind and body and soul. He then invites them to look at his hands and sides. He encourages them to listen to what the scriptures say about him and then to go and preach the Good News that he is Risen.



Day Nine – Thank You Lord Jesus!

Gospel: Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ (Luke 17.17-18)

For Reflection: In the Old Testament the word ‘praise’ has only one object – God! In the Psalms, to praise is to live; not praising is the same as not living, not living the life which is God’s gift, to be returned in praise. A Jewish rabbi has written, ‘It is difficult to feel depressed when you remember fairly constantly that life is a gift. Faith teaches us to make a blessing over life. Making a blessing over life is the best way of turning life into a blessing!’

