

# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### **Mass Intentions Week of June 2**

Monday, June 3:	Elizabeth & Sebastian Walsh & Deceased Family Members + Special Intention (PS) Special Intention (PS)
Tuesday, June 4:	Clarence & Ann Woodford + Bill Collins + Laura & Henry Fitzpatrick +
Wednesday, June 5:	Greg Morris + Souls in Purgatory Robert Young +
Thursday, June 6:	Philomena, Gerald & Ed Nolan + Special Intention (BK) Thomas Sutton +
Friday June 7:	Souls in Purgatory Antonio Carvalhal + Special Intention (FRM)

***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)**

**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@divinemeracynl.com](mailto:info@divinemeracynl.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:**

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# Pastor's Note

I went through a little “vocation crisis” during my third year in the Jesuits. I was studying at Creighton University in Nebraska and began to struggle with whether or not life in the Jesuits was enough for me. The vows that I had just recently professed did not seem to facilitate a larger experience of life. I realized that I lacked the strength of body and spirit to live poverty, chastity and obedience. I couldn't simply “grit my teeth” and will my way through life. I needed something, I needed grace. This “crisis” continued for a number of months. It got so bad that I even began to lose my appetite! I remember when this desolation, uncertainty and heaviness left me – it was when I received the Eucharist at a Sunday evening Mass on campus.

The Communion line progressed slowly. This allowed me to think of the difficulties I was experiencing. How can I follow the Lord if it means that “he must increase and I must decrease”? I'm not that selfless or generous, I thought to myself. My life in the Jesuits and Christian life in general seemed impossible. When I reached the front, a Eucharistic Minister said, “The Body of Christ.” I replied with the usual, “Amen.”

Making my way back to my seat and sitting quietly, I began to feel giddy, trying to restrain a joyful laughter. I thought of the good and beautiful things the world offers and, yet, I was choosing what the world would describe as nothing more than a bland, thin and small piece of bread. It seemed ridiculous but indeed it was both what I wanted (and continue to want) and needed (and continue to need). The giddiness, joy and clarity of mind and heart were not due to a bland, thin and small piece of bread, rather, it was him. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the Lord, is not merely a communal meal, it is not a simple partaking in a symbol. It is being given, receiving and accepting the very love of God in the person of the Risen Lord. We know it isn't easy to follow Christ, to “pick up your cross and follow me.” Without doubt, we lack the strength and the necessary willpower. But he is that which we want and need. He is the face of the Father. He is the self-giving love of the Trinity. He is our brother and Lord. He is what we choose. And to him we proclaim, “Amen.”

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.

### Prayer to End the School Year:

*As we enter the month of June, we are reminded that many students and teachers are preparing for a well-deserved break. We offer this as a blessing and prayer. May the summer bring much fun and refreshment.*

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of our schools.

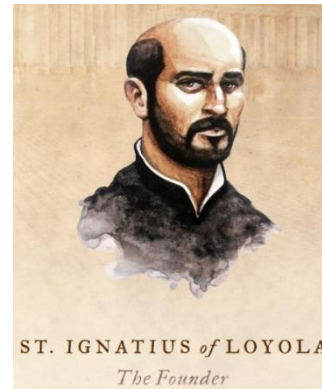
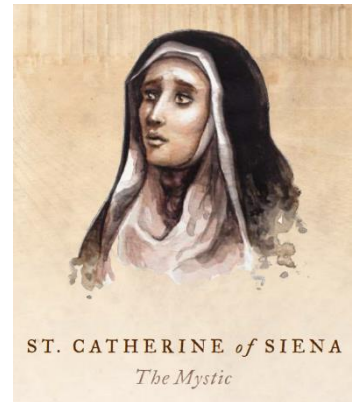
We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*(This Prayer to End the School Year appears in Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers: A Companion to The Catechism of the Catholic Church.)*

## Faith Formation Series on the Saints:

The Series, from Word on Fire's *Pivotal Players* continues this Wednesday, June 5 and is available through our Flocknote.

*This Week:*  
**St. Catherine of Siena:**  
*June 5*



*Next Week:*  
**St. Ignatius of Loyola:**  
*June 12*

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

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](mailto:info@divinemeracynl.com)



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## Offertory Collection Week of May 26

Offertory	\$	5,081.75
Parish Maintenance	\$	85.00
Food Bank	\$	1,470.25
Papal Charities	\$	50.00
Cemetery Collection	\$	20.00
Development & Peace	\$	30.00

*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!*

## Knights of Columbus Grand in Your Hand Raffle is Back!

The Knights of Columbus of Divine Mercy Parish are starting up their *Grand in Your Hand* fundraiser commencing June 1, 2024. Tickets are on sale before the weekend Masses in the foyer. The winner will receive \$1,000. Only 200 tickets to be sold. The Draw date is June 29, 2024. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care

On May 23 the Canadian Bishops issued a press release regarding the recent International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care. The symposium titled "Towards a Narrative of Hope" was held in Toronto from May 21 to 23. You will find the Press release at <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/international-interfaith-symposium-on-palliative-care>

## Meeting regarding St. Patrick's Church, St. John's

Members of the St. Patrick's Parish in St. John's are invited to a meeting in The Knights of Columbus Hall, 49 St. Clare Ave. St. John's at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday June 12, 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the future of St. Patrick's Parish.

## How To Have A Personal Prayer Time

Has anyone ever really shown you how to pray? Do you struggle to pray daily? Would you just like to improve your prayer? You are invited to St Kevin's Church on Monday evenings June 10, 17 and 24 at 6:45 - 8 pm for the program HOW TO HAVE A PERSONAL PRAYER TIME. Bring a pen and notebook, and a bible if you own one. Advance registration not required. For further information contact Margie Stead at [mmstead49@outlook.com](mailto:mmstead49@outlook.com) or (709-746-6492)