



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions Week of June 9

Monday, June 10:	Cheryl Furlong Fynes + David Conway + Special Intention (EM)
Tuesday, June 11:	Souls in Purgatory Special Intention Elizabeth & John Cummins & Deceased Family +
Wednesday, June 12:	John & Elizabeth Dunn & Deceased Family + Philip Philpose + Mary Philip +
Thursday, June 13:	Marilyn Lawlor & Deceased Family + Special Intention (GT) James & Helen Nolan +
Friday June 14:	Ann & Clarence Woodford + Souls in Purgatory Special Intention (JM)

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday

4:00pm (Newfoundland Drive Site)

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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? 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 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

When I first entered the Jesuits in 1995 and began to learn the style of prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola, I always seemed to put a distance between the Lord and me. In Ignatian contemplation, one imagines (through the Holy Spirit) a particular Gospel scene and places oneself in it as an observer or more active participant. During the first ten years or so of my Jesuit life, when I would imagine a scene, I would see the Lord speaking to a large crowd or sometimes with a smaller group of disciples. Be it large or small, I was, without fail, in the same spot. I was at the back, if not even some feet away from the others. It seems strange to admit that I while both desired to be close to God, I also kept God away from me. I wanted to be close to him but not too close. How come?

The First Reading from the Book of Genesis describes this situation perfectly. We see the immediate consequence of Adam and Eve having eaten from the forbidden tree. They hear God walking in the garden “at the time of the evening breeze.” Despite loving and desiring God, they “hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden” because they were afraid. God is all-knowing

He knew, therefore, what had happened but he still came to walk with our first parents in the “evening breeze.” If one imagines the most loving and merciful parent could there be anything much more painful than for the child of such a parent to fear them? Multiply love and mercy, and the pain by infinity and we begin to understand the situation from God’s perspective. To deny the Father a relationship of love with his child is to deny the foremost desire of God. God does not force himself upon us but waits patiently for each of us to allow him a place in our hearts. None of us are perfect. We all have our rough edges. It is a tragedy when we think and feel it necessary to first smooth things out before permitting God to draw close. It’s a tragedy because we will never think or feel that the rough edges are smooth enough. We sadden God and ourselves. So why not be “fools for Christ,” as St. Ignatius wrote? Be a “fool” and trust in love and mercy. Be a “fool” and trust in him. This is what we want and, more importantly, it is what he wants.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John



Faith Formation Corner

Celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

On Saturday, June 8, Archbishop Hundt was with us as 53 children of parish celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and received Holy Communion for the first time. It was a beautiful sign of the growing life of the Church and of the parish to see all of these families coming together as these young people were sealed with the Holy Spirit and then invited to share in the Body of Christ. We pray that they will continue to grow in the Holy Spirit and deepen in their love of God.

At this time, we want to thank everyone who was part of the preparation for the sacraments. These include parents and guardians who, with love and faith, guided these young people as primary catechists and attended our Family Catechetical sessions. Thank you to our Parish Catechetical Team, for their gift of faith, and their patience and flexibility as this new parish ministry developed over the past year. As well we thank everyone who helped make the celebration, both the Mass and the reception, a joyful and welcoming event. Finally, thank you to everyone in the parish who prayed for our candidates. Our gratitude is overflowing for the many blessings and graces that the Lord continues to pour into our community.

Saints Speak

“Do you want to have God
always in your mind?

Be just as he made you to be.

Do not go seeking another ‘you.’

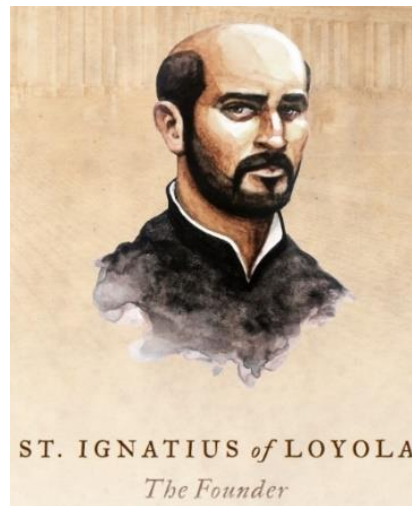
Do not make yourself otherwise than he made you.”

~ St. Anthony of Padua

Feast Day: June 13

Faith Formation Series The Saints:

The Series, from Word on Fire’s *Pivotal Players* continues this Wednesday, June 12 and is available through our Flocknote.



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

Series Bonus:

Join us, in person, for a “bonus episode.” Fr. John will reflect on the prayers of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the early Jesuits.

Wednesday, June 19 at 7pm

At our Newfoundland Drive site, in the Church
(Fr. John’s talk will be livestreamed
on our YouTube channel)

*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

Congratulations to our Catholic Women's League

Our prayers and best wishes are with the CWL at Divine Mercy Parish as they celebrate 50 years. Our CWL was started 50 years ago at St. Pius X parish and have faithfully served Christ through prayer, education, and action. Our deepest gratitude for all the women who have made the Catholic Women's League all that is and for 50 years of faith, friendship, and service. May the Lord continue to bless the Catholic Women's League.



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 - or connect with us online at divinemercury12.flocknote.com
- If at any time you need assistance, or would like a little more info, please contact Anna by email: faith.divinemercury@gmail.com

Offertory Collection Week of June 2

Offertory	\$	5,119.50
Parish Maintenance	\$	360.00
Food Bank	\$	350.00
Cemetery Collection	\$	1,636.00

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!

Divine Mercy Parish on YouTube

Our livestream has moved to YouTube! Every Sunday we livestream our 11 am Mass every week. This has become an important outreach to those who are unable to join us in person due to illness or being homebound. As we develop our channel, we hope to create and upload more inspiring and engaging content.

If you would like to visit our channel, go to: www.youtube.com/@divinemercury15565 The link for this Sunday's Mass is www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hVpiafV3oE

Knights of Columbus Grand in Your Hand!

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.

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 or (709-746-6492)