



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions Week of June 16

Monday, June 17:	Edward & Josephine Butler + Souls in Purgatory Special Intention (CA)
Tuesday, June 18:	Helen Ryan + Kevin Kearney + Special Intention (AH)
Wednesday, June 19:	William Connors + David & Jacqueline Park + Tom Cooper & Deceased Family Members +
Thursday, June 20:	Special Intention (AD) Souls in Purgatory Special Intention (CA)
Friday June 21:	Jackie Kent + Michael & Margaret Coady & Deceased Family + Leo & Fred Holden & Deceased Family +

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

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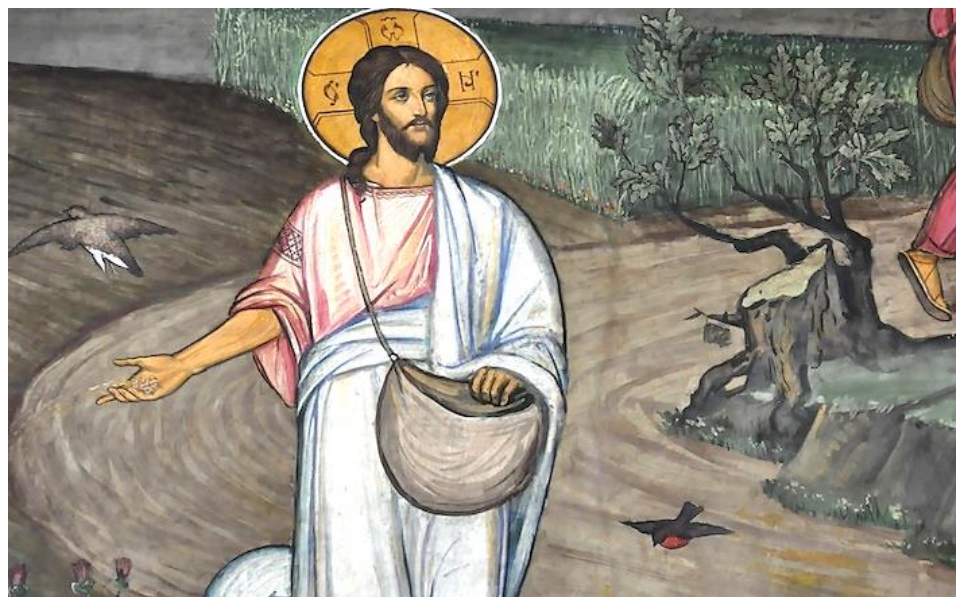
Pastor's Note

If one ever wants to get in physical shape, we generally have a good idea of what to do. While watching what one eats, one would also engage in some exercise. Maybe one starts out running for ten minutes, and gasping for breath, call it quits. But we know if one remains consistent, then maybe after a couple of weeks, one can now add five more minutes. And we can see the progress – our clothing is a little looser, we have more energy and just feel better. In the spiritual life, however, such a pattern seems to be more difficult. It isn't that one doesn't "make progress" but perhaps one's growth is sometimes obscured by one's focus on that which remains incomplete or still in great need of purification. It is important to remember that our redemption and salvation is principally God's work with our part being to cooperate and trust.

This week's Gospel sees Jesus speaking to a large crowd. He tells them a parable which compares the

spiritual life, the life of faith, as being like the growing of grain. The farmer plants "the seed and the seed would sprout and grow, without his knowing how." Sometimes I like to pray in a certain way in which I ask God to "remould my heart into his own heart." I don't know how he's doing it, I only trust that he is. Or, if we lose focus when praying or attending Mass, we could think it has all been a waste and that one is a terrible Catholic. Even though we may from time to time lose focus, God doesn't. God continues to mould, redeem and save. With God, as always the principle actor in our faith, we may wonder what is most important for us to do or contribute? Without a doubt, it is absolutely vital to "show up." To be present to him and to seek to be faithful to the Lord and one's relationship with him. Our faith in the end is not centred on right behaviours or beliefs. It is based on a person. It is centred on him because "he is my rock."

God bless and take care, Fr. John



Faith Formation Corner

**Saint of the Week:
St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Feast Day: June 21**

St. Aloysius was born in Castiglione Italy, the oldest of 7 children in a wealthy family. It has been said that the first words he spoke as a child were the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Destined by his father for the military, he began training at the age of 4. At the age of 8 he became ill and began to spend a lot of time in prayer and reading about the saints. It was in this time that he had a spiritual awakening. By the age of 11 he was teaching catechism to poor children and fasting three days a week. Receiving his First Holy Communion at the age of 12, he decided that he wanted to become a missionary and join a religious order.

In 1581 Aloysius moved to Spain with his family. While there, he had contact with the Jesuits. Rejecting a military career, Aloysius renounced his inheritance and joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) at the age of 17. His decision was met with resistance from his family, but his determination never wavered. As a Jesuit novice, Aloysius devoted himself to prayer, studying, and caring for the sick and impoverished.

During the plague outbreak in Rome in 1591, Aloysius tirelessly tended to the afflicted, contracting the disease himself. He died on June 21, 1591, at the age of 23, after receiving last rites from St. Robert Bellarmine. It is reported that the last words he spoke was the Holy Name of Jesus. Despite his short life, his legacy of compassion and selflessness left a profound impact on the Church and those who knew him.

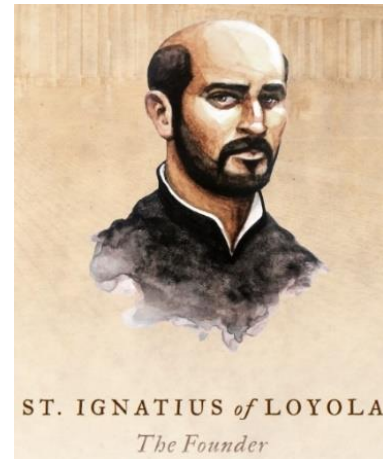
St. Aloysius was canonized on December 31, 1726. He is the Patron Saint of youth, students, Jesuit novices, and sufferers of pestilence.

Saints Speak

*“What is it to serve God and to go to Heaven?
Nothing else but to love”*

~ St. Aloysius Gonzaga
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Faith Formation Series The Saints:



Series Bonus:

*The Prayers of St. Ignatius of Loyola
and the Early Jesuits*

A Reflection by Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.

Wednesday, June 19 at 7pm

At our Newfoundland Drive site, in the Church
(Fr. John’s talk will be livestreamed
on our YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1XLOIsRtYw)

Looking for some Summertime Children’s Faith Resources? Here are few you might like to try:

Holy Heroes: Mass Prep for Kids

(Available through our Flocknote: Join by texting 01556 to 514-900-0130 and follow the prompts to enter your email address and preferences.)

Sunday Connection from Loyola Press:

https: www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/

Six Saints for Summer pdf

Summertime Family Activities pdf

Available through our Faith Formation Office
(email us at faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com)

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Happy Father's Day!

To all our dads, because of who you are and all you do, Happy Father'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 Father's Day Prayer card from one of Ushers before you leave the church today.*

Offertory Collection Week of June 9

Offertory	\$	5,157.00
Initial Offering	\$	5.00
Holy Thursday	\$	5.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	60.00
Food Bank	\$	405.00
Cemetery Collection	\$	655.00
Papal Charities	\$	20.00

*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/@divinemeracy15565 This Sunday's link: www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFh-860Omp8

Catholic Cemeteries Mass

The annual Cemetery Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery, Outer Cove will take place on **July 24 at 7pm**. If the weather is inclement, the Mass will take place in the church.

Other Cemetery Services in St. John include:

Gate of Heaven Cemetery – Tuesday, June 25th at 7pm
 Kilbride Cemetery – Tuesday, July 2nd at 7 pm
 Mt. Carmel Cemetery – Tuesday, July 9th at 7pm
 Belvedere Cemetery – Tuesday, July 16th at 7pm
 Holy Sepulchre Cemetery – Tuesday, July 23rd at 7pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting:

The 4th Degree of the K of C will hold its monthly meeting on Monday 24 June in the foyer of St. Paul's at 7 pm. The evening begins with the Rosary, followed by Guest Speaker, Gerald Butt, Master of the 4th Degree on his tenure as Master over the past 4 years. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. Business Meeting for members only to follow. Agenda to include Installation of Officers; activity plan for July 1st and State Remembrance of repatriated Unknown Soldier.

Knights of Columbus *Grand in Your Hand!*

Tickets for the KoC Grand in Your Hand raffle 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.

Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League

Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League is very grateful to members and parishioners who made the 50th Year Celebrations of our Council such a wonderful success. We were so blessed to have Fr Bolton S.J. with us to concelebrate the Mass and be our guest speaker at the Banquet.

June is Seniors Month in Canada

Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League acknowledges with respect and gratitude all the contributions older adults make to our Council, our parish, and our community.

Job Posting:

The Archdiocesan Business Office is hiring an **Internal Accountant** to help support the work of our Business Office, Chaplaincy Program, Cemetery Operations, and transactions between our Business Office and our Parishes. The position requires experience with Sage 50 and 3-5 years of experience working in an office environment where the candidate was responsible for accounts payable and/or accounts receivable, account reconciliations, and preparation of internal financial statements. A full description of the position, and how to apply, can be found on the Archdiocesan website at:

<https://rcsj.org/administration-services/employment-opportunities>

On Monday, June 24th, Fr. John Costello will celebrate 25 years of ordination as a priest of the Archdiocese of St. John's. A Mass of thanksgiving will be held at the Cathedral Basilica at 7:00 pm immediately followed by a reception at the Basilica. All are welcome to attend.