



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions Week of June 30

Monday, July 1:	Special Intention (BA) Mike Davis & Family + John & Catherine Wade & Deceased Family +
Tuesday, July 2:	Special Intention (AA) Mary Hearn & Deceased Family Members + Theresa Merner & Deceased Family Members +
Wednesday, July 3:	Uriel & Larry Fagan + Elizabeth & James Byrne + Special Intention (GN)
Thursday, July 4:	Edward & Alice Quinn + Robert & Colin Smart + Leslie Jeanne Mann +
Friday July 5:	Special Intention (CC) Michael & Agnes Nash & Deceased Family + John Grant +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Deborah Boland, Bertha Rose

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@divinemerlynl.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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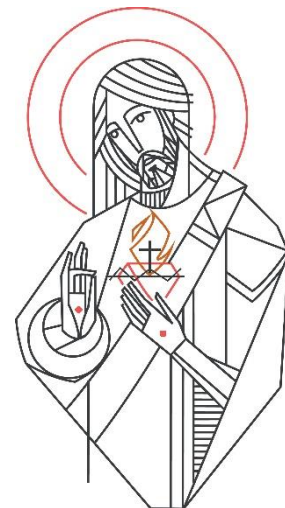
Pastor's Note

I've been watching Season Four of *The Chosen*. The Chosen tells the story of the Gospel with special attention given to the call of Jesus's disciples and Apostles. Not to give away any spoilers but the season seems to focus on the growing opposition to Jesus, and confusion and heart-ache for some of his followers centred on the problem of suffering. In the different episodes, we witness Christ healing the sick, revealing his authority over nature and even resuscitating Lazarus. At the same time, a couple of the Apostles endure real difficulties and suffering. One has a physical disability which causes him much pain. Another has lost a person that they love and suffers immense grief. They and the others witness Jesus's power, yet he seems content to let two of his closest followers and friends remain in their suffering. At one point, one of them even says, it's "sick" that he doesn't do anything. This week, our Gospel presents two healings. Perhaps the healings, while certainly good and miraculous, may also be a source of confusion, disappointment or anger for us. For example, we may wonder why has God seemingly shown mercy to some but not all, and more powerfully, to oneself or loved ones?

The Lord is approached by Jairus, a leader at a synagogue. Jairus falls at Christ's feet and asks him to heal his daughter, "Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." While walking to the house of Jairus, from within a large crowd, a woman suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years touches a small piece of the Lord's clothing and is instantly made well – "she felt in her body that she had been healed of her disease." In the large crowd that followed him, surely many had sufferings in their lives. Why were these two chosen to be healed while others were not?

To fully know the mind of God and his will is definitely beyond human ability. God is infinite and we are finite. Nevertheless, some sort of understanding is necessary if our faith is to be present and potent within every aspect of one's life, both the good and the difficult. Saint Augustine reasoned that God permits suffering because "God is omnipotent and good. He is always able to bring a greater good out of suffering." This is true. I know, however, that while my faith is stronger and I'm more compassionate because of my experience surrounding my father's death and the grief it caused, I would still give anything to play catch with him today. Augustine's teaching, while helpful in the long-term, isn't so helpful in the immediate experience. I absolutely do not know the answer to "why." Still, the more I get to know the Lord the more I am able to trust him and freely place as much of my life (and the lives of others) in his hands. He gives me life in abundance, mercy and love, and gives me himself. This tells my heart and mind that I will never be lost, destroyed or forgotten. Goodness and life will always come because he is here and he is who he is.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John



Faith Formation Corner

Saint of the Week: St. Maria Goretti Feast Day: July 6

One of the largest crowds ever to gather for the canonization of a saint – 250,000 – showed how the simple story of Maria Goretti touched millions of people. Born on October 16, 1890, the daughter of poor tenant farmers, Maria did not have the chance to go to school and never learned to read and write. Like St. Bernadette before her when Maria was preparing for her First Communion, she struggled in her catechism and was older than most of the other children when she made her First Communion not long before her death.

On a hot afternoon in July, when she was not quite 12 years old, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. “No, God does not wish it,” she cried out. “It is a sin. You would go to hell for it.” Alessandro stabbed the young girl multiple times with a long dagger.

Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by compassion for others—in particular for forgiveness of her murderer. Maria’s concern through all of this was not with her own salvation, but for the salvation of her attacker. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Alessandro would be sentenced to 30 years in prison. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria’s mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. In 1950, at Maria’s canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.



Saints Speak

He loves, He hopes, He waits.
Our Lord prefers to wait Himself
for the sinner for years rather
than keep us waiting an instant.

~ St. Maria Goretti

PRAYER FOR SUMMERTIME

Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.

Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gift. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation.

AMEN

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Afternoon Tea and Treats

Come join us to celebrate Canada Day, **July 1st 3-4:30pm at the St. Francis Annex** for an Afternoon Tea. Meet old friends and new and enjoy some delicious goodies! All are Welcome!

Save the Date:

Parish BBQ – Saturday, September 21 12noon to 3pm. Watch for upcoming bulletins for more information.

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=fLVApIcCsU

Don't forget to like and subscribe!

Offertory Collection Week of June 16

Offertory	\$	5,664.95
Initial Offering	\$	5.00
Easter Offering	\$	5.00
Parish Maintenance	\$	10.00
Food Bank	\$	625.00
Cemetery Collection	\$	615.00

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(Please include your full name and a message indicating what the E-transfer is for)
Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!*

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Regional Assembly, September 13 – 15, 2024– Registration is now open!

Taking place at The Lantern, Barnes Rd, join members and those interested in learning more about the work carried out by the International Development Organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Registration is \$20 and includes refreshment breaks, lunch, and dinner on Saturday. For information and to register please contact Patricia Walsh Warren - pwalsh@devp.org.

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:

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

Happy Canada Day!

July 1 Schedule: Daily Mass will take place, as usual at 9:30am at our Newfoundland Drive site. The Parish Office will be closed.

We wish you and those you love a safe and happy Canada Day. Enjoy the summer.