



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Sunday Bulletin – Summer Edition

July 28th: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions Week of July 28th

Monday, July 29th

Michael & Marilyn Hickey & Deceased Family +
Special Intention
Thanksgiving (Fisherman)

Tuesday, July 30th

Uriel Fagan +
Deceased Members of Street Family +
Deceased Members of McGrath Family +

Wednesday, July 31st

Clarence & Ann Woodford +
Esther Liat +
Tom & Mary Lawlor +

Thursday, August 1

Cynthia Hannifan +
Special Intention
Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 2nd

Ron Kieley & Deceased Family +
Denis & Matilda Dobbin +
Thomas & Elizabeth Lawlor +

Offertory Collection Week of July 21

Offertory	\$ 5,594.00
Cemetery	\$ 100.00
Food Bank	\$ 591.00

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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!

PASTOR'S NOTE:

This weekend I'm at the summer camp for the last Mass. The Jesuits decided in January to permanently close the camp after fifty years of operation. From its humble origins, the camp flourished with hosting over 600 children every summer. With Covid and the presence of other cultural factors, the camp has slipped from its mission of training young people in servant leadership from within a faith perspective. Many people are deeply saddened by its closing, disappointed, confused and angry. And yet with this Sunday's Gospel, we are presented with an undeniable action, and thus, promise, by God - God always offers more life, "life and life in abundance."

Camp Ekon has used a beautiful property owned by the Jesuits in Muskoka, about three hours north of Toronto. It sits on pristine Lake Joseph covered by trees, interrupted by some clearings for camp activities and eight buildings to house the staff and campers. Ekon came into being in 1971. The Jesuits had used the property since 1937 as a "Villa," that is, a place for Jesuit holidays. By the late 1960s, it became clear that the property was not being used as much as it had been. There were fewer young Jesuits and many preferred to stay in the city. In a sense, the "Villa" was dying from lack of use. Instead of selling it, a Jesuit teacher from one of our high schools proposed the idea of turning it into a summer camp to form young people in servant leadership. He received permission and since then, around 30,000 young people and children, including many from St. John's, have worked at or attended the camp. It became a source of great fun, impressive personal growth and a means of offering "life and life in abundance." The old Jesuit "Villa" ended but new life was offered and received with the founding of Ekon. God always offers more life.

In St. John's and at Divine Mercy parish, I think we know a thing or two about important and loved things closing. But we are Christians and so we see and understand the world in a different way. We see and understand it not merely as a place in which human beings operate but also a place where God is present and at work offering new life.

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When the Lord fed the 5,000, there was much that remained leftover, despite having only of few fish and a couple loaves of bread. What God offers to give is not just a bit, rather, it is plentiful. He begins with offering and waits for our response before giving. We are offered and given not just bread but a superabundant bread. And not just a superabundant bread but the Lord himself in the Eucharist. He offers and gives superabundant life. I'm not sure what the future of the property on Lake Joseph will be but I have some certainty. This is not the end of the road. Abundant life is being offered. We pray to be free to see it and trusting enough to accept it. I believe new abundant life will come. Young people will continue to be served and accompanied. I believe they will receive even more life. Because this is what God always does - "You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm Newfoundland Dr

Sunday 9:00am Newfoundland Dr

Sunday 11:00am Newfoundland Dr

Sunday 4:00pm Outer Cove

Daily Mass: Monday to Friday 9:30am

Daily Masses take place at our Newfoundland Dr. site

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.

Parish Office Summer Hours: July 29 to August 9

Tuesday to Friday: 9am – 11am

Divine Mercy Parish Site Locations:

340A Newfoundland Dr. (St. Paul's)

49 Outer Cove Rd. (St. Francis of Assisi)

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

Today, Sunday, July 28 is the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. This year's theme is "*Do not cast me off in my old age*" from Psalm 71:9. In his message to commemorate this day of prayer, Pope Francis writes about the loneliness and abandonment that the elderly can feel in today's world and points to the Lord's faithful love for all his children, regardless of age and place in life. On this Fourth World Day devoted to the elderly and grandparents, the Pope encourages the faithful: "let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. ... Let us show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path."

Please pray for our Archdiocesan Seminarians

As of September 2024, the Archdiocese will have three men studying for the priesthood at St. Augustine's Seminary in Scarborough. Chris Quigley will be returning for his third year of studies at St. Augustine's Seminary. Joining him there for their first year of studies will be Shane Tucker of Conception Bay South and Evan Chafe of St. John's. Please pray for our seminarians and for all the young Catholics of our Archdiocese that they may be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance in discerning their vocation.

For information regarding vocation discernment, contact Fr. James Fleming at: vocations@rcsj.org. Donations towards the education and formation costs of our seminarians can be made by clicking on the "Donate" heading of our Archdiocesan website: www.rcsj.org and directing your donation to "Seminarian Studies".

Parish Notes:

- On **September 14th** weather permitting, with September 21st as a backup day, Divine Mercy Parish will be hosting a **Parish Barbecue**. The BBQ will take place on the grounds of our St. Francis of Assisi site in Outer Cove. Everyone is invited to attend, and we would love for you to join us from 12:00 – 3:00pm. Stay tuned for more details throughout the summer.
- Tickets for the Knights of Columbus **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.