



# Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

## **Sunday Bulletin – Summer Edition**

August 4<sup>th</sup>: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **PASTOR'S NOTE:**

#### **Mass Intentions Week of August 4<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

Thomas Baily +  
Adrian Battcock +  
Patricia Pittman +

##### **Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

Deceased Bolland Family +  
Deceased Nugent Family +  
Albert & Marie Button +

##### **Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Gerald Winston stone & Family +  
Deceased Humphries Family +  
Deceased Hanlon Family +

##### **Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

Philomena, Gerald & Ed Nolan +  
K A Varkey +  
Juanita Dinn

##### **Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

William Fitzpatrick & Louis Collins +  
Special Intention (FD)  
Special Intention (MA)

#### ***Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:***

Charles John and Annie Cole

The most important thing for a Christian is Jesus Christ. This may sound ridiculously obvious, but it is the most helpful advice I can give. I remember a person from the Jesuit parish in Toronto. She was most generous in trying to live her faith. As Lent approached one year, she came to me to get my opinion of her Lenten “program.” She outlined a typical day in Lent which involved more time for prayer, spiritual reading and multiple visits to churches during morning break, lunch and after work. Her proposed “program” was quite demanding. In its place, I suggested something more basic, that is, to simply read the Gospel. I recommended that she start with Matthew, then move on to Mark and Luke, and finish with John. And if days still remained in Lent, to start over. Sometimes we focus on many good things in life and faith, but in truth, we must focus on that which is most necessary – Jesus Christ. It is from our growing familiarity with the Lord and deepening relationship with Christ, that one’s “program,” one’s response to him emerges and expands. The Christian is to clothe oneself with the Lord, his life is to be one’s life.

A main group in opposition to Jesus was the Phairisees. Christ often criticized them, not because of their strictness in following the Mosaic Law but because their behaviour did not match their hearts. Therefore, to “clothe yourself” with the Lord is not primarily an external concern, rather it is focused on receiving and integrating the heart of Christ to be one’s own heart. I often make what sounds like a presumptuous prayer – I ask the Lord that his heart may be my heart; that his mind may be my mind; and, that I may speak and serve as him.” Despite how “uppity” this prayer may sound, it is really a prayer for all of us. Since the Second Vatican Council, the Church has taught that we each are called to holiness and are to be formed into disciples of him. We are not meant merely to hear of a proposed relationship with the Lord but are to experience and know it. As Pope Benedict once said in answer to the question, “Who is Jesus Christ for you?” He replied, “Jesus Christ is everything.” We have been given an incomparable gift – To know him, to love him and to serve him. To receive his life and for him to become our life. And so let us “clothe” ourselves with him.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

## Offertory Collection Week of July 28

Offertory	\$ 4,364.70
Cemetery	\$ 3,061.00
Food Bank	\$ 1,445.00
Donation	\$ 20.00

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## 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)

## Parish Notes:

### Divine Mercy Parish BBQ

On **Saturday, September 21** weather permitting, with September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Save the date and watch for more details throughout the summer.

The Grand in Your Hand Winner for the July Draw is Anne Bown (Ticket #00057). Congratulations! 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.

Children ages 4-6 and 7-9 are invited to register for a three-day summer VBS (Vacation Bible School) called "The Armour of God" at Our Lady, Queen of Families Parish, and it takes place from August 20-22. The cost is free!! Registration can be completed online by going to <https://www.queenoffamilies.com/armour-of-god-vacation-bible-school> For more information, contact Heather Gushue at Our Lady, Queen of Families Parish (709-364-8606).

### Celebration of Mass at Our Lady's Grotto in Renews: August 15 3pm

Celebrate the Feast of the Assumption at Our Lady's Grotto at Holy Apostles Church in Renews. People are welcome to bring picnic lunches and portable barbecues, along with blankets and lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather the Mass will be celebrated in the church.

**The Legion of Mary** will hold its annual outdoor Flatrock Grotto Rosary and Sermon on **Sunday, August 18 at 3pm**. All are welcome.

**Centre For Life Family Fun Day Walk For Life:** September 7, 2024 9am to 2pm. Registration begins at 9am behind Divine Mercy Parish (340 Newfoundland Dr.)

**Development and Peace – Caritas Canada Regional Assembly, September 13 – 15, 2024, Peace for all Creation. – 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](mailto:pwalsh@devp.org).

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