



# Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

## Sunday Bulletin – Summer Edition

August 18<sup>th</sup>: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions Week of August 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Olua Macguire +  
K A Varkey +  
Special Intentions (MC)

#### Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

John Grant +  
Hubert Furey +  
Sheila Devine +

#### Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Thomas, Ed & Mary Rodgers +  
Tony Nolan +  
Thomas & Mary Fennessey +

#### Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Joan Kirkland +  
Charles Daly +  
David & Helen Roche +

#### Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Special Intention (JC)  
Special Intention (KG)  
Maureen Shepherd +

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

*Victor Wheeler & Hubert Nofall*

### Offertory Collection Week of August 4<sup>th</sup>

Offertory	\$ 4,688.00
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Cemetery	\$ 90.00
Food Bank	\$ 130.00

*E-transfers can be made through  
[dmparishnl@outlook.com](mailto:dmparishnl@outlook.com)*

*Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!*

### PASTOR'S NOTE:

I remember growing up and it seemed as if everyone around me was a Catholic. In those rare instances when a neighbour belonged to a different Christian faith, my sister and I were reassured by our parents that they were still “good” people. My teammates from hockey, be it in Moncton, Halifax or Ottawa, again, mostly Catholic. Not that we talked about our faith or religion, but because I saw them at church on Sunday and at Catholic school Monday to Friday. In a lot of cases, including mine, years ago one could live one’s faith by seemingly being carried along by culture at large or family culture in particular. We have to admit that such a “Christian” culture no longer exists. We admit this not from a nostalgic longing for something that is gone but from a clear sightedness seeking to know and understand our reality. Knowing the way things truly are allows us to respond in the most helpful way. If Christian culture is gone, it means that one has to be intentional in living one’s faith, or as St. Paul writes, “So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

Sometimes we can think of the Christian life as being a big “No” to the world - fun is for others, not for a serious Christian. St. Paul sounds to echo this perspective. He instructs that Christians are to “not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but filled with the Spirit, as you sing Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making music to the Lord in your hearts.” Our lives are not primarily about saying “No” but actually are about a big “Yes.” When we refrain from some actions or behaviours, even those we once habitually did, a Christian does it for an intentional reason. The reason is love. Saint Ignatius of Loyola writes about this when he says, “we need to make ourselves indifferent to all created things, provided the matter is subject to our free choice and there is no prohibition.” Seeking to be indifferent is due to an overriding love. A love that is strong and still growing. A love that filters out what is unhelpful and deepens that which is helpful. Helpful in attaining our goal – union and communion with God. This intentional love guides, more and more, every choice, every word, every action, every book, every entertainment, every pleasure, every interest and every ambition. Our faith is not just a part of who we are but it is who we are. We are brothers and sisters of the Lord, and therefore, daughters and sons of the Father. And this is more wonderful, more pleasurable, more filling than anything else ever could be.

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:

**Tuesdays, 2:00 to 3:30 pm** (St. Paul's  
site)

**Wednesday and Thursday, 11am to  
noon** (St. Francis Site.)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays:  
8:30 to 9:15 am & Saturdays 3-  
3:45pm**

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am to 12:00pm

### Divine Mercy Parish Site Locations:

340A Newfoundland Dr. (St. Paul's)  
49 Outer Cove Rd. (St. Francis of Assisi)

### Divine Mercy Parish Contact Information:

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to enter your email address and  
preferences.

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## Parish Notes:

*The desire for God is written in the human heart  
because we have been created by God and for God.*

### Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone who...

- *Is seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ?*
- *Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic or knowing more about the Catholic Church?*
- *Was baptized as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion?*
- *Has been baptized in another faith and would like to inquire about the Catholic faith?*

Divine Mercy Parish is offering an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare adults to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. You are invited to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For more information, please contact us through the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 or email us at [faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com)

### Divine Mercy Parish BBQ

On **Saturday, September 21** 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.

### Parish Notes:

In our parish this week, we have celebrated the sacrament of Baptism with four of our families. Evelyn Waterman, Charlotte Harnum, Emilia Adams and Christa Aboagye were baptized. With all of their families, we rejoice in the gift of faith and pray that they and their families will grow in the light of God's grace.

### Leadership Program for Catholic Women

The Catholic Women's League Foundation is accepting applications for its 2025-2026 Leadership Program. The deadline for Applications is December 15, 2024. The Program provides an opportunity for Canadian Catholic women, from all walks of life who wish to make a difference in society, to develop their leadership skills. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.cwlfcanada.ca> or email Rita Janes: [ritacjanes@gmail.com](mailto:ritacjanes@gmail.com)

**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.) Pledge forms are available at our welcome kiosk in the foyer.