



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Sunday Bulletin – Summer Edition

August 25th: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions Week of August 25th

Monday, August 26th

K A Varkey
Special Intention
Theresa, Michael & Michael (Jr) Roche

Tuesday, August 27th

John, Katie & George Pugh
Robert & Elizabeth Jarvis
Charles & Carmelita Edwards

Wednesday, August 28th

John O'Reilly
Maureen Doyle
Lily Tupper

Thursday, August 29th

Special Intention (AD)
Deceased members of the Burke & Lawlor
Families
Special Intention (S&M)

Friday, August 30th

Souls in Purgatory
Special Intention (CA)
Victor Wheeler

Offertory Collection Week of August 18

Offertory	\$ 5056.15
Dues	\$ 70.00
Food Bank	\$ 796.00

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the E-transfer is for)*

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

PASTOR'S NOTE:

It isn't uncommon when hearing a child's Confession for them to confess that they disobeyed their parents. We often understand obedience through the lens of power. A child is to obey their parents because the parent has authority over them. The parent is "the Boss" - they are older and bigger, have more experience and are responsible for the child. They have all the power. And religiously speaking, the parent is owed respect and honour according to the Ten Commandments. Each of these is true to varying degrees but I often encourage the child to look at obedience through a different lens, a different motivation. I tell them that while they can certainly voice their disagreement with their parent, for no parent is perfect, I also say that when one obeys can one obey not because someone is simply more powerful but because one's obedience can be an expression of love? I clean my room, do my homework or treat my sister better because I love those who have given me life and continue to foster that gift of life everyday through the love they give me. This same lens of love is helpful in understanding this week's passage from St. Paul's *Letter to the Ephesians*.

We hear Paul describing the relationship between husbands and wives. Wives are to "be subject to your husbands . . . in everything." If some people dismiss Catholic Christianity because its teachings appear "out-of-date," these words by Paul definitely seem to lend credence to such an opinion. Our lens, however, is love and not power. Out of love there is a voluntary subordination, a placing under, of one's own wants and needs while elevating the wants and needs of another. This is not just for the wife but is for both spouses. Explaining this passage, Pope St. John Paul II wrote in Theology of the Body,

When [Paul] expresses himself this way, the author does not intend to say that the husband is the "master" of the wife and that the interpersonal covenant proper to marriage is a contract of domination by the husband over the wife. . . . This relationship is nevertheless not one-sided submission. . . . Husband and wife are, in fact, "subject to one another," mutually subordinated to one another.

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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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 to 9:15am and Saturday 3-3:45pm, Newfoundland Dr.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm

Divine Mercy Parish Site Locations:

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

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This lens of love that St. Paul uses when presenting the relationship between spouses is not only for marriage. It is for every part of our lives, married or not. Our motivation as a Christian is always evangelical, it is always to proclaim the Gospel. As such, we are to speak, act and live through love. We are to try and help the other person to realize more that they are loveable and loved by us and ultimately, by God. Within our families, we are to love; among our friends, we are to love; encountering the stranger, we are to love; amidst the office or classroom, we are to love; and, waiting in the grocery store line, we are to love. Being a Christian isn't a part-time job – it is fulltime. As a follower of Jesus Christ, we are to love "in everything."

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Parish Notes:

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.divinemeracynl@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.

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive: Next weekend, August 31 and Sept 1 the Knights of Columbus will have a membership drive for at all Masses. Please take a moment to talk to a Knight about Membership before or after Mass. We are a family organization and all are invited to discuss family benefits of Membership. Please give us a few moments of your time.

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.