



# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Mass Intentions** **Week of September 1**

Mon Sep 2:	Patsy Quigley & Deceased Family + Peter & Elizabeth Rodgers & Deceased Family + Clotilda & Richard White +
Tues Sep 3:	Kevin Walsh & Deceased Family + Richard Barnes + Special Intention (HB)
Wed Sep 4	Rita O'Brien + Cecilia Hannon + Clara Marie Jarvis +
Thurs Sep 5:	David Mercer + Frank & Constance Costigan + Denis Hickey +
Fri Sept 6:	Leo & Elizabeth White + Michael Anton & Victoria Valencic + Catherine & Michael Christopher +

***Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:***  
***Rita Power, William "Chad" Pearce, Walter Carroll***  
***and Anne Marie Moakler***

### **Parish Schedule:**

#### **Sunday Mass:**

#### **Saturday**

**4:00pm (Newfoundland Drive Site)**

#### **Sunday**

**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@divinemercynl.com](mailto:info@divinemercynl.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

In my years working at Camp Ekon, the Jesuit summer camp in Ontario, there was something I felt powerless to change. That “something” was an appreciation by the counsellors of the service they themselves gave to children and each other. They worked sixteen-hour days; ate their meals while supervising the campers; taught three instructions of some outdoor sport; and, dressed-up in costume to animate afternoon and evening programs. Their daily routine makes me exhausted, just thinking about it. I did not, however, get the sense that they appreciated or understood the true value of their labour. To me, it wasn't just two months of extreme generosity on their part, but rather, they were the heart and hands of God serving others. Love of God necessarily expresses itself in service of others.

In the 1970s, Father General Pedro Arrupe, SJ, gave direction to Jesuit schools – they were to form “men and women for others.” Saint James writes in this week's Second Reading, “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” and “be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.”

When I was growing up and into my first years in the Jesuits, I was not the most generous person. The service I did do at that time was mainly because I had to, it was required by the Jesuits. Perhaps some of us are like how I was – room for growth in one's generosity and service. But maybe most of us (if not all), are more like the counsellors at Camp Ekon, we do good things, we serve others in their needs, yet we do not appreciate the value and dignity of what we do. Saint Teresa of Avila once wrote, the Risen Lord has no arms and hands with which to embrace except the ones we have. And so, when we are within our families, among our friends, encountering a homeless person, chatting in the grocery store line, alone in our home praying for the needs of the Church, or any human activity, we are to live as a Christian, as the hands of the Lord. One does not need to be a Christian or Catholic to be generous in service, but we understand and experience it differently. It not merely a good thing, it is now a holy, sacred and beautiful thing. It is ultimately loving the one who has loved us first.

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John



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with us via  
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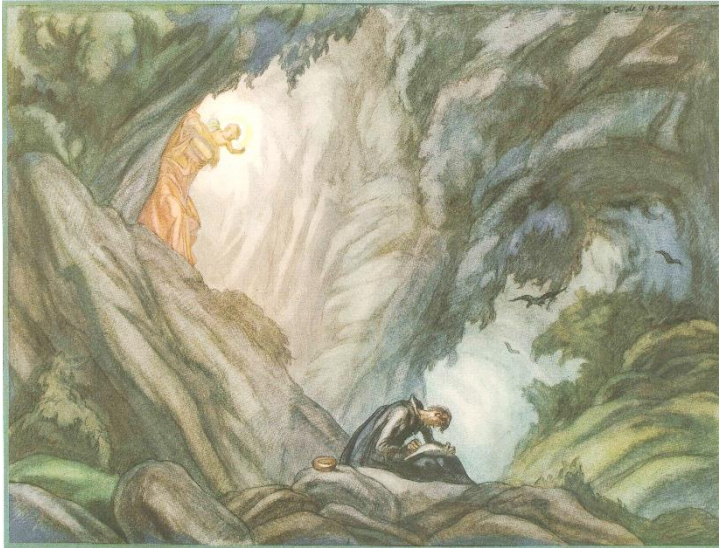
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# Faith Formation Corner



## Manresa A Retreat in Everyday Life

This Fall Divine Mercy Parish is offering some beautiful and engaging programming designed to draw us into a deeper relationship with the Lord. One of the most exciting elements that we will be offering is the **Manresa Retreat in Everyday Life**.

The Manresa Retreat is a 12-week retreat based on the spirituality/prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It is for the busy person, the young person still in school, someone in full-time work, and the retired person whose schedule is full of activities. It is designed to be flexible to the needs of your own life, and whether you have a deep knowledge of St. Ignatius or if this is something new this retreat could be for you.

What the retreat consists of:

- private daily prayer
- material on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius
- weekly small group sharing with other retreatants

The retreat will run in the parish from **September 22 to December 14** and will cost \$20 for materials. Registration for the retreat will end on September 18. For more information, pick up a brochure on the retreat found at our welcome kiosk (St. Paul's site) or at the back of the church (St. Francis site). If you wish to register on-line, please visit our website: [https://www.divinemergynl.com/?page\\_id=231](https://www.divinemergynl.com/?page_id=231)

*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.divinemergynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com)

### Calling Parents of Children of Sacramental Age!

If you have a child or children 7 years of age or more, you are invited to register them for our sacramental preparation programs for Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Our program for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin in October, after Thanksgiving. Our Confirmation Program will begin in mid-January and our First Holy Communion Program will begin in March 2025. You can get registration form by calling the parish office or emailing the Parish Faith Formation Office at [faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com) or by picking one up from the Welcome Kiosk today. If you have any questions about the requirements or specifics of what is involved in the preparation for the sacraments, please do not hesitate to be in contact with us.

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## 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. Donations of cookies or sweets are greatly appreciated. These can be dropped off at St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday morning, September 21st. Hope you can attend.

## Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League

Important **CWL** Events in September ( Newfoundland Drive Site):  
**September 16, 6:30pm:** Parish Church - General Meeting and Reception of New Members  
**September 28-29:** Bake and Craft Sale before and after all Masses in the Church Lobby  
**September 1 - October 4:** Season of Creation

## Offertory Collection Week of August 25

Offertory	\$	4,719.00
Initial Offering	\$	20.00
Food Bank	\$	1,514.00
Cemetery Collection	\$	615.00

*E-transfers can be made through [dmparishnl@outlook.com](mailto:dmparishnl@outlook.com)  
 (Please include your full name and a message indicating what the E-transfer is for)  
 Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!*

## Parish Notes:

In our parish this week, we are celebrating the sacrament of Baptism with three of our families. Misha Astudillo, Charlotte Villariza, Jason Dzathor and Kathy Dzathor will all be 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.

### Keys Turned into the Parish Office

We recently had a set of keys turned into the Office which included car keys for a Mitsubishi vehicle, keys for another vehicle, a set of house keys and a mailbox key. If these belong to you, please contact the Parish Office.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 2 for the Labour Day Statutory holiday. We wish everyone a safe and fun holiday.

And for all those who are returning to school next week, we pray that that the year will be blessed and engaging.

### Season of Creation:

Celebrated from September 1 to October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi), the Season of Creation is a time when Christians throughout the world unite in prayer and action for the good stewardship of our common home. Pope Francis named September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for Creation. The theme this year is to Hope and Act with Creation. For more information about the Season of Creation and activities to celebrate go to <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

### A Prayer for Our Earth (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out on us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

### CENTRE FOR LIFE SAVE THE DATES: Saturday September 7th

**Walk for Life /Family Fun Day, 9am - 2pm** Divine Mercy Parish 340 Newfoundland Drive. Sponsor sheets available by contacting the office: 709-579-1500, by email [centreforlife@centreforlife.ca](mailto:centreforlife@centreforlife.ca) and on our website <https://www.centreforlife.ca>. Games, face painting, live music and a BBQ. Come and enjoy family time together! . If postponed due to inclement weather the event will be held on Saturday September 14th. Your support for this fundraiser will be greatly appreciated !!