



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions **Week of September 8**

Mon Sep 9	James & Marjorie Eastman + William, Olivia & Anne Lambe + Mike Doyle +
Tues Sep 10	Philomena, Gerald & Ed Nolan + Ann & Raymond Walsh + Mary & William O'Rielly +
Wed Sep 11	Clarence & Ann Woodford + Patrick Walsh + Marie Walsh +
Thurs Sep 12	Colleen & Arthur George + Grace Clarke + Special Intention (TD)
Fri Sept 6:	Deceased Members of the Humphrey Family + Deceased Members of the Hanlon Family + Tessa Crosbie +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Michael Bullard

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday

4:00pm (Newfoundland Drive Site)

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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@divinmercynl.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

Contact Information:

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Pastor's Note

Before I entered the Jesuits, I remember a moment of revelation. It was the summer, and I had graduated from school and was staying with my mother in Ottawa. One day I went to Mass at St. Patrick's church. Sitting in the pews was a man I recognized. He lived on the streets, was known to shout and swear for no obvious reason and had clearly not washed for a long time. Because of his behaviour, most people, including me, were intimidated by him. We kept our distance. In the church, it was the same thing – no one sat near him, and no one ever went to exchange the sign of peace with him. That day I wondered what would God's response be if he and I both came before God at the same time? I realized that this man, someone I pretended not to see or take notice of, would be embraced by the Father as his son. He would be loved in the same way I hoped to be loved. Our human value and dignity are given to us by God rather than derived from the criteria of the world.

Saint James begins his passage this week with a question: "My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ." This is certainly an aggressively direct question. Why the connection between showing favouritism and belief in Christ? To show favour is to act from a belief system which informs a person who is of greater value when compared to another. This judgment may be according to wealth, one's appearance, intellect, athleticism, success and the list goes on. For a Christian, belief in the Lord requires an acceptance and integration of what God has revealed as most important or most valuable. And with Christ on the Cross, God's proclamation is clear – it is the human person because the Risen Lord has made us children of the Father. In being God's son or daughter, our value is given to us by God and, therefore, is irrevocable. As St. James writes, "Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom?" He has indeed! We are eternally loved, no matter what.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

We  love
having you as part of our *flock*



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with us via
email & text

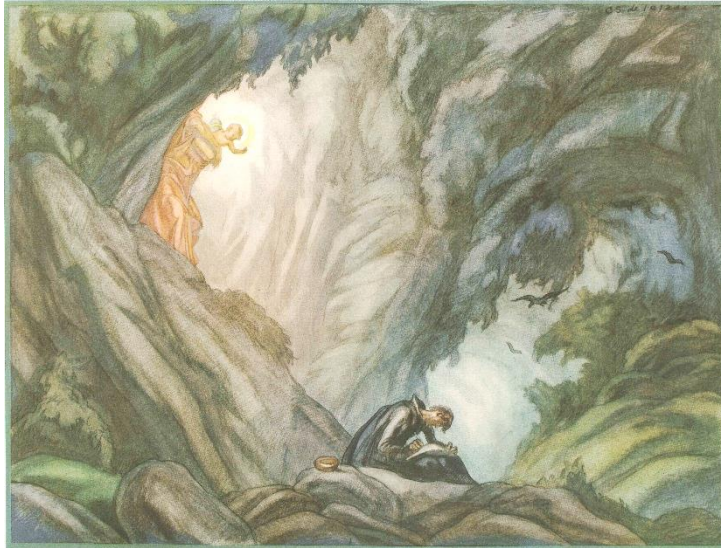
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Faith Formation Corner



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.divinmercynl.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.divinmercynl@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.divinmercynl@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
Saturday, September 21
12pm to 3pm
On the Grounds of St. Francis of Assisi
49 Outer Cove Rd.

Everyone is invited to attend, and we would love for you to join us for our Parish BBQ. There are lots of fun and games planned. A perfect time to see old friends and make new ones.

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

Hope to see you there!

Offertory Collection

Week of September 1

Offertory	\$ 5,410.00
Dues	\$ 590.00
Food Bank	\$ 870.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 50.00

E-transfers can be made through
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!

Celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion:

This week we joyfully celebrate with three of the families in our parish as four children celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. We pray that they may continue to grow in faith and feel the fullness of God's Grace.

Adjustment to our Adoration Schedule:

Our regular Adoration schedule at our St. Francis site will be briefly interrupted in October. Adoration has been cancelled for October 9, 10 16 & 17. It will resume the following Wednesday, October 23rd. The Schedule at our St. Paul's will remain in place on Tuesdays at 2pm.

Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League

Important **CWL** Events in September (at our 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. Your support will be very much appreciated.

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.

Saints Speak

Any tempest which assails us and which we did not bring on ourselves through any fault of ours, foretells a consolation soon to follow it.

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola