



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of September 29

Mon Sep 30	Deceased Members of Boland Family + Deceased Members of Nugent Family + Special Intention (AD)
Tues Oct 1	John Grant + Ray Lee + Special Intention (HC)
Wed Oct 2	Brendan & John Hunt + Special Intention (D & A) Mary Whyte +
Thurs Oct 3	John McGrath & Deceased Family Members + Denis King & Deceased Family Members + Rosemarie Devereaux +
Fri Oct 4:	Margaret & Francis Hamilton + James Doran + Thanksgiving

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Mercedes Aquilina

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@divinemergynl.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

To begin the *Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola gives the "Principle and Foundation." He writes, "The human person is created to praise, reverence and serve God our Lord, and by so doing save his or her soul; and it is for the human person that the other things on the face of the earth are created, as helps to the pursuit of this end." Ignatius provides the Christian with a clear end or goal – salvation and union with God. One's life can be evaluated as to whether one's decisions and actions assist or harm a person in attaining one's end or goal. Given this, what, then, is to be our proper relationship to the created world?

I remember speaking with an Irish priest just after I had decided to enter the Jesuits. He told me how he had studied at a very conservative Catholic university in Rome and had transferred to a different school in a different country to complete his degree in Canon Law. Nothing wrong with being more "conservative" in one's faith but its particular expression at this school led him to describe it as a "heresy against Christ's humanity." This echoes the ancient heresy of Gnosticism, that is, the things of the spirit are good and the things of the body or world are bad. In this week's reading from Saint James, one may initially think that this is what he is teaching – spirit good, created things bad.

After all, James does write, "Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire." James, however, does not mean the Christian cannot enjoy the beauty and pleasure of God's creation. Yes, we can take trips to Florida, have a comfortable home, have an efficient car, have a care for our appearance and so on. But what we cannot do is to make these things our end or goal. We cannot look to the needs and wants of ourselves and even our families without concern for the needs of others. We have a Christian duty to care for our neighbour, the stranger, the forgotten one. While the Christian should not have an antagonistic relationship towards the world which God has made, neither should he or she get lost in the things or matters of the world. Rather, the Christian is to be a person of focus – to know what one desires and take steps that help to attain or receive "the prize," union with God. As Pope Benedict once said, "Jesus Christ is everything to me."

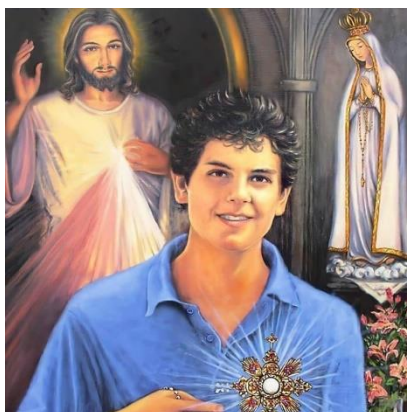
God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic Tour St. John's NL October 24-30

The first class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be in the Archdiocese from October 23-30. On October 30 the relic will visit Divine Mercy Parish (Newfoundland Dr. site). Join us as we welcome the relic of the first millennial to be beatified.

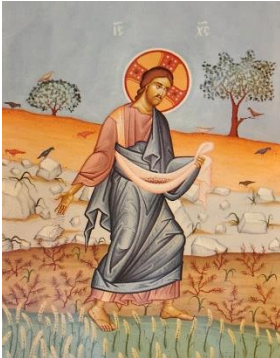
Wednesday, October 30
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm
Celebration of the Mass
7pm
Reception to follow.



Blessed Carlo Acutis, born in 1991 is the first millennial to be beatified. Carlo was born in London England but raised in Milan Italy. Although his parents were not especially devout, Carlo developed a love for the Rosary and the Mass from a young age. His witness of faith led to his mother's conversion. He is known for his great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He loved to play sports and video games. As a young computer programmer, he built a website promoting Eucharistic miracles. He is considered the first "cyber-apostle." He died on October 12, 2006 at the age of 15 of a galloping leukemia.

Faith Formation Corner

To See, To Love, To Serve



How do I make or keep Christ at the centre of my life? As Christians, our love for the Lord, and truly in response for all that he has done for us, we can find ourselves longing to know Christ more and striving to follow him. We want to be firmly rooted and living steadfast out of his love for us.

St. Ignatius of Loyola, in the *Spiritual Exercises* prayed for the grace “to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly.” With clear and precise insight, St. Ignatius understood that to grow in holiness and be a disciple of Christ, one had to devote the whole of the self – the mind heart and will. When we work to deepen our understanding of who Christ is, when we commit ourselves to prayer and when we give of ourselves through service to others, we are responding in love to the One who has loved us first.

We know that growth in holiness takes a lifetime. And, at Divine Mercy Parish we want to be intentional about these three elements of this Christian dynamic: coming to know Christ, coming to love Christ and coming to serve as Christ. This is a vision of the Christian life that helps us become a disciple of Christ or to grow in our discipleship of Christ.

In the coming weeks, the Parish will present different offerings and opportunities available this Fall under the three categories of **To See, To Love, To Serve**. You will be invited to choose from something from each category. These will include Faith Formation offerings (both in person and on Flocknote); Prayer opportunities (in the church and at home) and Service opportunities in church ministries and in our families, work and community.

We know that people are busy and that many of us are already committed to these three elements of the Christian dynamic. Our intention is not to add to the pile of “must do’s.” It is rather, to encourage and support everyone in their faith and to grow in our response to the Lord as a parish community.

Watch for more details in the coming weeks!

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

- *Is seeking a closer relationship with Jesus Christ?*
- *Is interested in becoming a Catholic*
- *Maybe baptised, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion?*
- *Maybe have been baptised in another faith and would like to inquire about the Catholic faith?*

Divine Mercy Parish is offering the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for those wanting to join the Church or learn more about the Catholic faith to come together in a small group to explore the gift of 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. Through the RCIA you journey through an engaging and enriching experience designed to help you come closer to God, and the Church. For more information, please contact us through the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 or email us at faith.divinemercynl@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. Register your child online by going to our website: www.divinemercynl.com/ or pick up a registration form available in the foyer. 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

Lector Gathering

We invite all current Lectors and those who would like to consider the ministry, to join us at Divine Mercy Parish - St. Paul's site, on **Saturday, October 5th from 1pm to 3pm** for a discussion on the ministry.

Praying the Rosary in the Month of October

The Catholic Women's League and members of our parish will gather in the church (St. Paul's site) before the 9:30 am weekday Mass to pray the Rosary throughout the month of October, dedicated to the devotion of the Rosary. All are welcome to join in this most beautiful devotion.

Offertory Collection Week of September 22

Offertory	\$ 4,845.00
Dues	\$ 1,895.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 95.00
Students for the Priesthood	\$ 5.00
World Missions	\$ 5.00

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!

What Are Parish Dues?

We recently had a question regarding what the Parish Dues collection is used for. Parish Dues are collected in the Fall of the year to help the parish with the increase of expenses in maintaining the church during the winter such as heating and snow clearing, etc. We are grateful for your continuing generosity to Divine Mercy Parish.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 30, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Collection for the Needs of the Church in

Canada: Supporting Bishops in Their Pastoral Mission Across the Country. The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place this weekend, 28-29 September 2024. We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued commitment.

Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League

Bake and Craft Sale This Weekend:

Your support for this weekend's Bake and Craft Sale in the Church Foyer before and after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday will be so much appreciated. Donations to the sale will be accepted beginning Saturday afternoon at 2 pm and on Sunday before the 9 and 11am Masses. Proceeds will be donated to local charities. Please bring your own bags for purchases and we can only accept cash or cheque.

Knights of Columbus

The E P Roche Assembly 4th Degree of the K of C will hold its monthly meeting Monday September 30 in the foyer of St. Paul's at 7 pm. The evening begins with the Rosary and our Guest Speaker, Ms. Linda Holden, the Director of the Center for Life. All Knights and parishioners are welcome to attend. Our Business Meeting follows for members only.

The Knights would like to thank everyone who responded to their recent membership drive. If you are still considering membership, you are most welcome to speak with one of the Knights after Masses on the weekend or at the meeting on September 30.

Development & Peace Fall Meeting

On October 26, 2024, 9:30 am – 12 noon, the St. John's Diocesan Council will be hosting its fall meeting and action campaign workshop. The meeting will take place at the Annex of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Outer Cove Road, Outer Cove. We invite all parishes to send a representative to learn more and bring the information back to their parish.

Employment Opportunity:

St. Teresa's Parish, 120 Mundy Pond Road, is seeking an individual for a Maintenance/Custodian position. This is a part time position of 25 hours per week – some flexibility in schedule required. Tasks include cleaning of buildings, general and semiskilled maintenance activities, maintaining inventory and purchasing of cleaning supplies, monitor contractor work as needed, etc. A full position description is available on the Archdiocesan website at www.rcsj.org. Resumes to be emailed to Theresa Whiffen, Human Resources, at twhiffen@rcsj.org or dropped at the parish office before midnight on October 14, 2024. Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.