



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of October 6

Mon Oct 7	Special Intention (NM) John & Catherine Wade & Deceased Family + Mike Davis & Deceased Family +
Tues Oct 8	Julia McCormick + Theresa, Michael Sr. & Don Roche + Special Intention (SNC)
Wed Oct 9	David & Helen Roche + Special Intention (Y & J) J. Craig Power +
Thurs Oct 10	Marie Walsh + Anne Noseworthy + Thomas & Mary Fennessey +
Fri Oct 11	Special Intention (MC) Theresa & Basil Merner & Deceased Family + William & Margaret Wade & Deceased Family +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Joan Bragg, Anne Noseworthy, Mike Smart

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

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Pastor's Note

Sometimes a thing can so catch our eye that we see the tree but miss the forest. Such is often the case with this week's Gospel. In our time, divorce is more common than it used to be. This, however, does not mean it is less painful for people and families enduring the process and its results. The passage from the Gospel of St. Mark has a particular subject from which the Lord points to a more foundational subject. The particular subject deals with divorce while the foundational one seeks to illuminate the nature of the human person, what characterizes us according to our creation.

When Jesus answers the question of the Pharisees, he includes the words, "from the beginning of creation." In 2024, we may pass over these words quickly, but 2,000 years ago, those hearing the Lord would have immediately understood his reference. "The beginning" points to the Book of Genesis and the story of creation. In the first reading, we hear how God brought to Adam all the creatures of the Garden of Eden and, understanding the animals, Adam was able

to give them a name – "The man gave names to all cattle, and to birds of the air, and to every animal of the field." It's very subtle in the text, but there was one animal to which Adam could not give a name because he was, at that point, unable to understand the creature. The creature was Adam himself, "but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner." It was only with the creation of Eve that Adam could understand who he was – "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." And so, what does all this mean? It means that since God is our Creator we share similarities with our Maker. Just as we resemble our parents in different ways, so too to we resemble God. As God is love, we, therefore, are made by love and for love. We are made to love and be loved. As Christ taught in another passage, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn. 13:34-35).

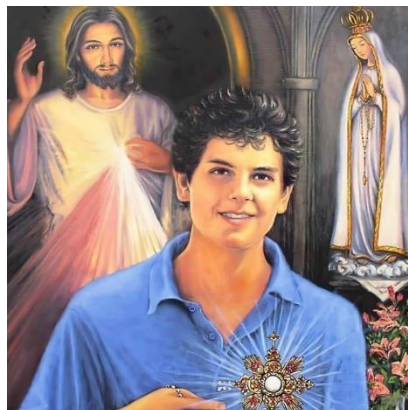
God bless and take care,

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.

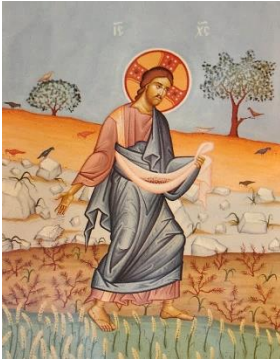
Wednesday, October 30
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm
Celebration of the Mass
7pm
Reception to follow.



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



What helps to keep Christ as the center of our lives? 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 give one's whole self – the mind, the heart, and the 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 Christ. This is a vision of the Christian life that helps us become a disciple of Christ or to deepen one's existing discipleship.

The Parish is excited to 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 person and as a parish community.

Take a look at some of Divine **Mercy's To See, To Love, To Serve** Fall Offerings that you will be able to choose from, listed below. Watch for more details on each of these in the coming weeks.

To See:

Word on Fire's Catholicism series

The Chosen, Season 1

Great Symphony of Prayer:

The Our Father as a Programme for Life

To Love

Rosary before Weekday Masses

The Rosary with Bishop Barron

Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic

Novena of the Immaculate Conception

Christmas Novena/Simbang Gabi

To Serve

Gospel of Work

Vocation of the Family: Meet the Bulmans

Signing up to serve in a Parish Ministry in Need

Some of these will be offered online through our Flocknote and others will take place in person. If you haven't signed up for Flocknote yet, now is a great time to do so.



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Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Lector Gathering – Revised Date

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 26th from 10am to 12pm** 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 29

Offertory	\$ 4,494.00
Dues	\$ 670.00
Food Bank	\$ 1,060.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 637.00
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!*

Parish Family News:

This week, in our community, we celebrate Sacrament of Baptism with one of our families: Ivy Anne Irene Barton will be baptized at the 11 am Mass this Sunday.

This past weekend, we also celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony. Analisa Almosa and Byron Power were married in the Church this past weekend.

With all of their families, we rejoice in the gift of faith and pray that they and their families might all grow in the light of God's grace.

September's Grand in Your Hand Winner:

Paul Noftall is the winner of August's Knight's of Columbus 'Grand in Your Hand' Raffle. Ticket No. 00125 Congratulations!

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.

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone who is thinking of becoming Roman Catholic

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

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7

Join in the Annual Knights of Columbus Rosary and Light Procession at the Basilica on October 7. The service begins at 7pm. The service will be livestreamed. A beautiful way to pray and celebrate this Feast. All are Welcome.

SYNOD WATCH PARTY

As part of the Synod, people are being invited to take part in online Theological-Pastoral Forums, offered in real time. Wednesday, October 9 & 16, 1:30-3:15 pm at St. Teresa's Parish Church to participate in our SYNOD WATCH PARTY!