



# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Mass Intentions** **Week of October 20**

Mon Oct 21	John, Ann, John (Jr) Kenny + Special Intention (DC) Leonard & Mary Madden +
Tues Oct 22	Selwyn Manning + Br. Jim McSheffrey + Mercedes Aquilina +
Wed Oct 23	Wayne & Greg Morris + Special Intention (B&A) Special Intention (Y&J)
Thurs Oct 24	Clarence & Ann Woodford + Eileen & David Donaldson + Rob Ruben +
Fri Oct 25	Brendan Kennedy + Cheryl, Peter & Mary Furlong + Holy Souls in Purgatory

***Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:***  
***Fr. Francis Slattery***

### **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](mailto: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

There's a part of the Mass that is stunning in its boldness and beautiful in its faith. We rarely hear it, however, because it is one of several options of different "Prefaces" that are available prior to the Eucharistic Prayer, that is, the prayer of consecration. In addition, it can only be used at the Daily Mass in which there is no Feast or Memorial. In other words, this bold and beautiful part of our Mass may only be heard on a regular weekday. The second paragraph of "Common Preface V" contains the following: "His Death we celebrate in love, his Resurrection we confess with living faith, and his Coming in glory we await with unwavering hope." Incredible! Imagine yourself before Jesus Christ dead on the Cross. Looking at him lifeless and understanding the what and the why of his offering, it seems improper to "celebrate." But this is precisely what we do, "we celebrate in love" his gift of love. Imagine yourself standing before the empty tomb outside Jerusalem. Instead of thinking some grave robber has been up to no good, one confidently proclaims "He is Risen from the dead." This isn't blind faith but the result of faith and a reflection that life and love is still always given to our hearts. Therefore, there must be someone who is perfectly faithful and still gives. That "someone" is the Risen Lord. Imagine yourself amidst the chaos, fright and suffering of life in the

## 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

world. Within this tumult, one lives through a hope formed by faith – he died on the Cross out of love, he was raised from the dead because his love is eternal, and so we will never be cast aside or forgotten. We will be gathered together by Christ and given to the Father as the Son's gift because we are the Father's daughters and sons. He will come again in glory to give everlasting life.

Our bold and beautiful faith is prophesied by the Prophet Isaiah in this week's first reading. He prophesies that there will be a "Suffering Servant." This Servant of God will be crushed with pain. He will make his life an offering for our sinfulness, he will carry our iniquities. He will make many righteous and holy. Many will see, hear and understand "the what and the why." They will see and hear the tender and all-powerful love of God. They will let themselves be given over to his life and to be overwhelmed by his love. To be given over and to be overwhelmed in a way in which they are not lost or discarded, but rather, are found. We are found by him, found through him, found with him and found in him. With a heart on fire, we declare to ourselves, the Church and the world, "His Death we celebrate in love, his Resurrection we confess with living faith, and his Coming in glory we await with unwavering hope."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

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 something 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.

***See the next page of our bulletin for options from our To See Category. A brochure with the full details of offerings and opportunities in the parish will be available next weekend.***

# Faith Formation Corner

Choose one from our [To See Offerings](#)

## Word on Fire: CATHOLICISM

Discover, or rediscover, the beauty, goodness and truth of the Christian Faith in this landmark series. Journey deep into the Faith with Bishop Robert Barron as you watch and reflect on each episode. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda... from the glorious shrines of Italy, France and Spain to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed. 20 sessions, available through Flocknote Wednesdays beginning in November. Sign up by going to our Flocknote at: <https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183438>

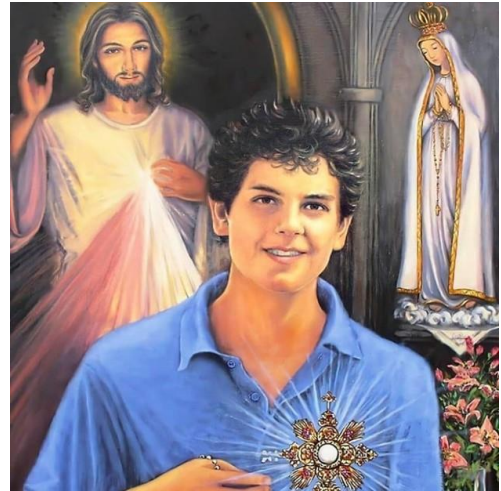
## The CHOSEN

Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of the people who walked the earth with him — his disciples, Mary, his mother, those he healed. **The Chosen** allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew him. Join us for Season 1 playing on Thursdays over 8 weeks beginning October 31. We are offering this both in person and through Flocknote. In person, with an opportunity to share your thoughts and reflections – Thursdays following the 9:30am Mass. If you would like to watch the series through Flocknote, with accompanying reflection materials go to <https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183443>

## “A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life”

As part of the Year of Prayer in anticipation for the Jubilee in 2025, the Canadian Bishops hosted a webinar series titled, “A Great Symphony of Prayer”. The sessions on the Our Father were led by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, of St. Augustine’s Seminary in Toronto, author of the book “On Earth as it is in Heaven” Discover the richness of the prayer that Christ taught his own disciples. Offered over 4 weeks in November on our Flocknote. Sign up through our Flocknote: <https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183595>

## 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

The Relic of Blessed Carlo will arrive at Divine Mercy Parish early in the afternoon. Veneration of the relic will be available throughout the day along with the following program of events:

**Recitation of the Rosary: 1:30pm**  
**Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3pm**  
**Viewing of the Documentary**  
**“Carlo Acutis: Web Missionary”: 4:30pm**

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

**Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006)**, a Catholic Italian teenager who died in 2006, was beatified on October 10, 2021 in Assisi. Acutis, a gamer and computer programmer who loved soccer and the Eucharist, has been the subject of interest around the world. Pope Francis referred to Carlo as a model of holiness in a digital age. Carlo’s life should teach today’s young people how to properly use and enjoy technology, including the internet and social media. His motto was “To always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan.” On July 1, 2024, Pope Francis approved plans for the canonization of Blessed Carlo, the first “millennial” saint.

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## 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 October 13

Offertory	\$ 5,385.05
Dues	\$ 380.00
Food Bank	\$ 270.00
Students to Priesthood	\$ 305.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 15.00
World Missions	\$ 30.00

*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!*

## 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.

## Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League

Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 20 2 pm, at the parish church Newfoundland Drive. A Social will follow the meeting.

## Knights of Columbus Meeting:

The EP Roches assembly will hold it's monthly meeting in the foyer or our St. Paul's stie on Monday, October 28 at 7pm. The evening begins with rosary, followed by a guest speaker, which all are invited to attend. Business meeting for members of the Knights only follows.

Be sure to visit our website: [www.divinemercynl.com/](http://www.divinemercynl.com/) for more details and information on the many offerings and happenings in our parish and throughout the Church in the city and in the world.

## Sacrament Preparation for Children Age 7 +



"See what the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are."  
1 John 3:1

### Reconciliation

Beginning October 2024

### Confirmation

Beginning January 2025

### Holy Eucharist

Beginning March 2025

For more info  
or to register:

[www.divinemercynl.com](http://www.divinemercynl.com)



## Knights of Columbus Scholarships:

Available to all students who graduated Grade 12 with Honours in June 2024 and are attending a Post-Secondary institution in September. Application deadline: October 31, 2024. Information and applications under scholarships on the State Council website at [www.kofcni.org](http://www.kofcni.org).

**Laudate Deum** - A short 20-minute film is based on Pope Francis' 2023 document "**Laudate Deum**" An Apostolic Exhortation to All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis" can be viewed on the Archdiocesan webpage: [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org)