



# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

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

### **Mass Intentions** **Week of October 27**

Mon Oct 28	Marilyn Lawlor + Michael Fewer + Special Intention (B&A)
Tues Oct 29	Special Intention (Y&J Mary & Edward Rodgers + Special Intention (NM)
Wed Oct 30	Special Intention (RA) Bob Healey + Special Intention (LW)
Thurs Oct 31	Helen Ryan + Special Intention (AD) Deceased Members of Burke & Lawlor Families +
Fri Nov 1	Kevin Whelan & Deceased Family + Souls in Purgatory Madeline & Raymond Coady & Deceased Family

***Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:***

### **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.

#### **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

This past week I attended a Jesuit meeting in Ontario. The gathering consisted of Jesuit Superiors and those, both Jesuit and laity, who are charged with directing the different Jesuit works or institutions throughout Canada. At this time of Jesuit life in Canada, there was much talk of some things closing, the challenge of fostering Jesuit vocations and financial difficulties. One may assume I left the meeting with a heavy heart, desolate, considering our diminished strength. In truth, however, I feel consoled because this is also a time in which I can grow with my trust in him. On the second day, we heard a talk from a theologian from Boston College on what Saint Ignatius of Loyola meant by AMDG, "For the Greater Glory of God." I always understood God's glory in terms of externals. The bigger the church, the greater the glory; the higher the prestige of the school, the greater the glory; or, the more Jesuits, the greater the glory. "Glory" for Ignatius was not, however, related to externals. Rather, borrowing from the Early Church, Saint Ignatius understood "glory" in terms of drawing attention to God. This means when we pray and try to focus our minds and heart on God, we are giving him glory. When we love, forgive and serve within our families or friendships in a way that reveals the mercy, love and care of God, we are giving him glory. And when we put one foot in front of the other, living our life in faith, trusting in him, we are giving him glory.

## 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

The Prophet Jeremiah is writing to the people of Israel who are in exile in Babylon. One could imagine how easy it would be to despair. One could reason that God has abandoned us forever. We are captives in a foreign land. We have lost everything. Things are bad and will never get better. There is no hope, no point of putting one foot in front of the other in trying to follow and serve God. Confronted with this reality, what does the Lord speak through Jeremiah? God tells Israel to "sing aloud with gladness," to "proclaim, give praise, for "With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel." This promise God made to Israel, is likewise given to us in Jesus Christ. The Passion and Resurrection of Christ is our constant hope. Despair or hopelessness is a delusion for the Christian. If the tomb is empty, then our hearts are made full. We trust in him. In Christ, God has become our Father. When we put one foot in front of the other in living our life through faith, we do so trusting in him. And when we trust in him, within ourselves and exposed to the eyes of others, we give God attention. That is, we give God glory. AMDG.

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>

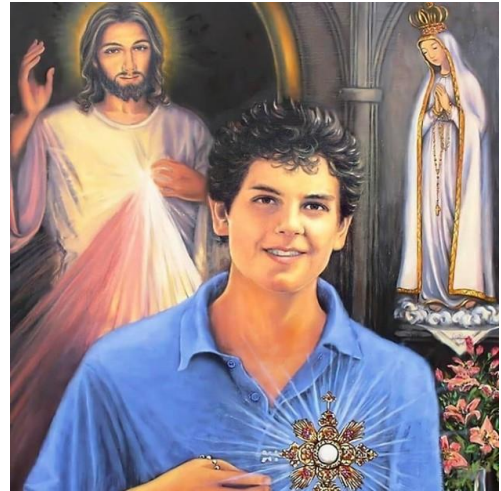
## The CHOSEN

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:

## 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

## Blessed Carlo Acutis Relic

The First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis – the “first millennial saint” will be in St. John’s until October 30. For the full schedule of events while the relic is in St. John’s visit the Archdiocesan webpage, [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org).

We hope you will be with us on October 30 as the relic comes to Divine Mercy Parish (at our St. Paul’s site). See the page 3 of this week’s bulletin of the list of activities on that day. Pick up a Blessed Carlo prayer card as you leave church today. And for families, we have special Blessed Carlo Coloring pages for children. A great way to learn about the first millennial saint and how to build the habits of a saint.

## Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) Presentation

Andre Regnier, Founder of CCO will be in St. John’s next month. You are invited to join students and supporters of CCO here at Divine Mercy Parish (at our St. Paul’s site) on Saturday, November 9 at 10 am for a talk on **Post Modernism and the Christocentric Life**. All are welcome!

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Change of Schedule

Please note that for the time being, the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which normally takes place on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at our St. Francis of Assisi site in Outer Cove is cancelled. Exposition continues to take Place at our St. Paul’s site on Newfoundland Drive on Tuesdays 2pm to 3:30pm.

**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 guest speaker Fr. Ray Earle, which all are invited to attend. Business meeting for members of the Knights only follows.

## Divine Mercy Parish Memorial Mass

Join us for our Annual **Memorial Mass on Wednesday, November 13 at 7pm** (Newfoundland Drive site). Each year, in the month of November, we hold this Mass to celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have died during the past year. We hope you will join us for this beautiful celebration.

## URGENT APPEAL FOR SUPPORT IN LEBANON

With the support of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, three Canadian Catholic Aid organizations are launching an appeal for prayers and generosity to support the most urgent needs of people in Lebanon following the bombardments that have already claimed hundreds of innocent lives. The appeal press release can be accessed via the Archdiocesan website [www.rcsj.org](http://www.rcsj.org).

## Free Choral Concert: October 27 at the Basilica

Lady Cove Women’s Choir proudly presents "Heart’s Delight: A Celebration of Treble Voices in Newfoundland and Labrador," a free concert on October 27, 2024, at 4:00 PM at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. This concert marks the culmination of a three-day festival uniting six treble choirs. Admission is Free!

**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).

Visit our website: [www.divinemeracynl.com/](http://www.divinemeracynl.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.

## Offertory Collection Week of October 20

Offertory	\$ 6,419.25
Dues	\$ 210.00
Food Bank	\$ 1,120.00
Students to Priesthood	\$ 25.00
World Missions	\$ 947.00

*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!*

## 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.

**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)