



# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Week of November 10**

Mon Nov 11	John, Ann & John, Jr + Kenny & Gordon Webber + Special Intention (BA)
Tues Nov 12	Special Intention (AF) Max Evans + Laura & Henry Fitzpatrick & Deceased Family +
Wed Nov 13	Special Intention (Y & J) Special Intention (TD) Special Intention (EB)
Thurs Nov 14	Larry Fagan + Philomena, Gerald & Ed Nolan + Gerry Carey +
Fri Nov 15	Marilyn Lawlor & Deceased Family + Deceased Members of Humphrey Family + Deceased Members of Hanlon Family +

***Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:***  
***Elizabeth Smith & Maureen Power +***

### **Parish Schedule:**

#### **Sunday Mass:**

##### **Saturday**

**4:00pm (Newfoundland Drive Site)**

##### **Sunday**

**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@divinmercynl.com](mailto: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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# Sunday Gospel Reflection

*While Fr. John is away, we hope you enjoy this reflection by*

*Fr. Thomas Hoisington from the Diocese of Wichita*

Tithing is a biblical tradition by which one can carry out the Precept to support the Church materially. Yet tithing demands more from some than others. To illustrate, say that the currency that the characters in today's Gospel passage put into the treasury was dollars. And let's say that one of those "rich people" earned \$100,000 a year, and that in today's Gospel passage, this rich person put \$10,000 into the treasury: in other words, 10% of his annual income. Certainly that's a large sum. So then imagine that the "poor widow" had an annual income of 20 small coins. The "two small coins" that she put into the treasury was ten percent of her annual income. But at the time of today's Gospel passage, those "two small coins" were all she had in her possession. She had no bank account, no mutual funds, no stocks, or bonds. She had no husband, no children or extended family, no Social Security or Lord's Diner. This widow, "from her poverty, ... contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." By contrast, the rich person who put ten thousand dollars into the treasury had more where that came from. As Jesus said, the rich person "contributed from [his] surplus wealth". So while the rich person and the poor widow both may have given equal percentages of their income, the rich person still gave from his surplus, while the poor widow gave "from her poverty".

Jesus points our attention towards—and wants us to imitate—this "poor widow" giving "from her poverty". That's easier said than done. But there are at least two ways to make this easier. The first is a virtue to be cultivated, and the second is a practice to be followed. First is the virtue of trust: specifically, putting one's trust in God. The virtue of putting trust in God first means acknowledging that God is your providential Father. God has made you for Himself, and you can only reach Him in Heaven by surrendering each day to the One who is your providential Father. What practice, then, might help us concretely to give like the "poor widow"? It's the practice of giving "first fruits". Giving God one's first fruits is rooted in Sacred Scripture. Of course, the examples in the Bible of giving from one's first fruits are literal, based on harvesting different grains grown by many of God's People.

Consider a farmer with 1000 acres. In ancient times, having only primitive tools meant that it would take him a long time to harvest 1000 acres. At any point during that stretch of harvest time, bad weather could destroy the remaining crops. So for a farmer to give the fruits of the first hundred of his acres to be harvested—not knowing how much of the remaining 90% would ever be harvested—was a concrete act of trust on the part of that farmer.

So how would a modern person relate such a biblical example to giving one's treasure to God? How could one today imitate the "poor widow" in giving one's "first fruits"? Maybe the simplest way would be—to use a modern expression—by giving to God off the top. If you haven't gone green when it comes to paying bills, and if you don't pay all your bills by means of automatic withdrawal, then each month you have a stack of paper bills to pay. Many Christians are tempted to give God from their "leftover treasure": if, that is, there is any treasure left over after the bills are paid. Instead, you can metaphorically offer God the first fruits of your monthly treasure by giving to God a sacrificial amount before even touching the first bill that needs to be paid. There are many other practical ways to include one's personal finances within the sphere of one's spiritual life, rather than falsely thinking that the two have nothing to do with each other. This inclusion—your finances within your spiritual life—demands the virtue of trust. The foundation of this trust is the wisdom that the "poor widow" demonstrated: knowing oneself to be nothing without God. Knowing oneself to be nothing without God is the foundation that allows us to give from our poverty, and allows God to bear abundant fruit through our lives.



On Remembrance Day we honour those who gave their lives to serve our country. At each of our Masses this weekend, we remember and give thanks for all those who have served and given their lives in defence of our country and in the pursuit of freedom and peace.

# Faith Formation Corner

*Day by Day, dear Lord,  
Of thee, three things I pray;  
To see thee more clearly  
To love thee more dearly,  
To Follow thee more nearly,  
Day by day.*

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

## 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://divinemercurparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183438> (To See)

## 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://divinemercurparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183443> (To See)

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. Throughout the year we will highlight upcoming opportunities in the three categories. **Choose one from each category.** Pick up a brochure or go to our parish website: [https://www.divinemercurnl.com/?page\\_id=2649](https://www.divinemercurnl.com/?page_id=2649) for a full description and more upcoming opportunities in the parish.

## Lectio Divina Through Advent

*Lectio divina* (“divine, or sacred reading”) is a method of attentively and prayerfully reading the Word of God. Enter into the beauty and depth God’s Word through prayer. Available for Advent through Flocknote: <https://divinemercurparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183786> (To Love)

## Novena of the Immaculate Conception:

**November 29 to December 7**

made available daily on Flocknote and the Parish Bulletin. <https://divinemercurparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183787> (To Love)

## “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://divinemercurparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183595> (To See)

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## Divine Mercy Parish Memorial Mass

Join us for our Annual Memorial Mass, this 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.

### Offertory Collection

#### Week of November 3

Offertory	\$ 6,051.00
Dues	\$ 500.00
Food Bank	\$ 830.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 2,795.00
Students to Priesthood	\$ 10.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 5.00

*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!*

## Divine Mercy Parish Christmas Bazaar



**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

**10am to 2pm**

(St. Paul's site on Newfoundland Dr.)

Our Parish Christmas Bazaar is just around the corner, and we have lots of great fun planned and super deals to be had by everyone.

If you would like to help out in preparation, on the day, or through donations, we would warmly welcome your presence and assistance.

Sign up to volunteer:

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/187499>

For Donations:

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/188055>

Or call us at 709-726-9924

## 2025 Church Envelopes

Boxes of church donation envelopes are available for pick up from the church foyer. Boxes are in alphabetical order. If you do not see your box or if you would like a box assigned to you, please speak to someone in the Parish Office or contact us at [info@divinemercurynl.com](mailto:info@divinemercurynl.com) Thank You!

## Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League

Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17, at 2 pm, at our Newfoundland Drive site. A Social will follow the meeting. All members and women parishioners are invited to attend.

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

## Red Wednesday- November 20, 2024

Red Wednesday, a day dedicated to raising the awareness of, and praying for, persecuted Christians throughout the world, takes place on Wednesday, November 20. Currently, throughout the world there are about 505 million Christians living in a country where persecution and discrimination against them are rampant to varying degrees. Although it is difficult to give an exact figure, it is estimated that 75% of religiously motivated violence is perpetrated against Christians. Let us pray for Christians throughout the world and stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. People are invited to wear something red – a colour associated with martyrdom in the Christian tradition-- on November 20 to raise awareness. We will include a prayer in our daily Mass and you might consider praying the rosary or another devotion for the intention of persecuted Christians throughout the world. For more information go to Aid To the Church in Need Canada at <https://acn-canada.org/rw/>

## Matthew 25 Outreach

Matthew 25 Outreach is requesting donations for Gideon's Orphanage and School in Kenya. Matthew 25 has been supporting them since 2009 with everyday needs, food, seeds, clothing, school and medical supplies and a special Christmas dinner. E-transfer donations may be sent to [donate@theharvest.ca](mailto:donate@theharvest.ca). Please put "Newton Atela" in the message box. You can request an income tax form if you wish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.