



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Week of November 17

Mon Nov 18	Special Intention (BA) Tom Cooper & Deceased Family + Tom & Mary Lawlor +
Tues Nov 19	John Roche + Special Intention for Ann O'Neil Rowena White +
Wed Nov 20	Special Intention (Y & J) Cathy & Gerry Feehan + Peter & Mary Kennedy & Deceased Family +
Thurs Nov 21	Special Intention (BK) Margaret & William Feehan & Deceased Family + Holy Souls
Fri Nov 22	Gerald Winston Stone & Deceased Family + Special Intention (HH) Special Intention (MM)

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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@divinemerlynl.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

The Passion and Resurrection show us in the most powerful way an absolute truth – we each are the beloved child of God. This absolute truth cannot reasonably be doubted or denied. Jesus Christ, the Incarnate God, allowed himself to be crucified out of love and rose from the dead to offer God's love forever. I remember speaking with a nun years ago and she said that through her Lenten plan of penances, she hoped to make herself better, that is, better for God. While I understood the good desires of her words, those same words show how we sometimes, or often times, "miss the boat" regarding God's revelation in Christ. We can think that if we just do this or that better, more faithfully, then all will be well between us and God. The tragedy of these thoughts is that we never judge ourselves to have been faithful or good enough for God. And so, we keep trying and keep failing. In truth, we can never make ourselves worthy of God, rather it is something he freely gives us. Christ shows us that our reconciliation with the Father is something God has done and accomplished by us.

In our second reading from the *Letter to the Hebrews*, the author makes clear that our reconciliation with God

has been done by God and done once and for all. On the one hand, the author writes about the futility of our attempts – "Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins." On the other hand, it is Christ who has "offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins." The will of the Father was for the Son, Jesus Christ, to offer himself as the "Lamb of God," as the "single sacrifice." His sacrifice reveals the extraordinary love of God, the width and depth of his love in Christ. While we should always try and follow and serve the Lord more faithfully, it is equally important to realize that our following is ideally from gratitude to him and love for him. It isn't our achieving forgiveness but of receiving it and accepting the most basic and beautiful gift from God in Jesus Christ. We each are the apple of the Father's eye. We each are his beloved child. We each are loved by a love that never ends. "Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

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.

- Divine Mercy Tea Room
 - Craft Sale
 - Kid's Korner
 - Bake Sale
- Silent Auction
- Cash Wheel
- 50/50 Draw
- Door Prizes

Just some of the things to look forward to!

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

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.divinemerlynl.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://divinemerccyparish12.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://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183787>

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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://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183438>

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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://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183443>

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“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://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183595>

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Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Help Make our Christmas Bazaar a Great Success!

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://divinemercurparish12.flocknote.com/signup/187499>

For Donations:

<https://divinemercurparish12.flocknote.com/signup/188055>

Or call us at 709-726-9924

Offertory Collection Week of November 10

Offertory	\$ 6,061.70
Food Bank	\$ 280.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 2,190.00
Students to Priesthood	\$ 40.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 20.00

*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!

Divine Mercy Giving Tree

Divine Mercy Food Bank has placed our giving tree in the foyer (Newfoundland Drive site) again this year. We have placed tags for gift cards for children. Please drop all gift cards in the collection plate or return to the parish office by December 1st. Thank you for your generosity.

Music Ministry

We would like to encourage parishioners to consider joining one of the church choirs: Saturday 4:00 (3:20 pm practice) or Sun 11:00am (10:25am practice). The congregational singing at Divine Mercy is truly remarkable and we thank you for your participation. However, we would like to expand our music ministry and build on what we have. If you like to sing, or play an instrument, we would love your company! Please talk to Mary Brennan or Susan Quinn after Mass and introduce yourself.

Visit our website: www.divinemercurparish12.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.

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@divinemercurparish12.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.

Cursillo Movement:

The R.C. Cursillo Movement will be having a Mass for Deceased Members and their families at St. Teresa's Church (Mundy Pond Rd) on Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 pm. All are welcome.

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/>

"SING WE NOEL"

Featuring: Bella Nova Choir-Elizabeth Brennan, director
Featured soloist Darrin Martin, Jubilate Male Chorus and Brass Ensemble-Citadel: Sat. Nov. 23, 2024
St. John's Citadel 25 Adams Ave. \$20 cash at the door