



# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Solemnity of Christ the King

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Week of November 24**

Mon Nov 25	Larry Fagan + Theresa, Michael & Michael Jr. Roche + Special Intention (MM)
Tues Nov 26	Special Intention (SL) Special Intention (MM) John & Mary Kenny +
Wed Nov 27	Special Intention (MM) Ignatia, Lewis & Philomena Madden + Maureen & John Doyle +
Thurs Nov 28	Special Intention (BA) Bill Fitzpatrick & Deceased Family + Special Intention (MM)
Fri Nov 29	Albert Walsh + Deceased Members of the Hearn Family + Special Intention (MM)

***Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:  
Dennis Langille & Mary Bourgeois***

### **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](mailto: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

St. John Paul II described Jesus Christ as revealing the face of the Father to us and revealing humanity to itself. If we wonder who the Father is, we need only look and listen to the Son. And if we wonder what it means to be human, again we need only to look and listen to Christ. This is what it means to say that “Jesus Christ is everything,” to say that he is the “Alpha and Omega.” In the Book of Revelation, Christ uses the title of “Alpha and Omega” to describe himself. He is, by his own words, the beginning and the end. I didn’t grow up referring to or thinking of Jesus as the Alpha and Omega. But more recently, this title has become more central in my relationship with the Lord. Increasingly, though not yet fully, it is he who defines who I am, and clarifies where (or to whom) I desire to go. I want his life to encompass my whole being and existence. He is the beginning and the end.

I used to think of the faith more or less in terms of behaviours. Do the right things and avoid the wrong. While this is true, our faith is also more than this. Love is not a characteristic, rather it is a person. God is love. Our faith, then is centred

more on a person than it is on behaviours. On Saturday morning, we had at our parish the celebration of numerous First Confessions by some of our youngest parishioners. We tried to convey to them that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not principally about our sinfulness. Since it is a Sacrament, it must be a celebration. But clearly, we don’t celebrate our sinfulness. So, what is it we celebrate? We celebrate the Father and his eternally faithful love and mercy. We can experience this amazing truth – no matter what one has thought, said or done we cannot be removed from the Father’s love. Because he won’t permit it! Jesus Christ reveals to us the face of the Father. It is the face of love for you. So too, does he reveal humanity to itself. He reveals that we are the apple of the Father’s eye. The Lord is King, he is the Alpha and the Omega. As the beginning and the end, we may live a life encompassed by him which means we are encompassed by love.

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John

## *Preparing for a New Liturgical Year*

For Catholics, the liturgical calendar marks the Church year, a sequence of seasons and feasts celebrated in the liturgy during a year’s time. The liturgical calendar uses terms and measurements similar to a typical calendar. However, the liturgical calendar’s purpose is to celebrate and understand the mystery of Jesus Christ and the expectation of his return in glory.

In each liturgical year, we celebrate the entire life and paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. Liturgies celebrated during different seasons have distinctive music and specific readings, prayers, rituals, and colors.

The liturgical year of the Roman Catholic church is often referred to as the Year of Grace, meaning that people should celebrate their unbounded love of God at all times in all places.

With the new liturgical year, a new set of readings are heard at our Sunday Mass. After Vatican II, the lectionary was divided into three years (A, B and C) so that Catholics might hear as much of the Gospels as possible. This year, we are entering Year C, which focuses on the Gospel of Luke.

The new liturgical year begins December 1, with the First Sunday of Advent —are you ready?

# Faith Formation Corner

To See ✕ To Love ✕ To Serve

## ***Novena of the Immaculate Conception:***

**November 29 to December 7**

***(In our To Love category)***

The Immaculate Conception Novena begins on Saturday, November 29 (nine days before the feast of the Immaculate Conception). The novena and Feast of the Immaculate Conception is a beautiful opportunity to reflect on Mary's life and the great and profound mystery of God's Grace at work through the Son. It is important for us to strive to imitate Mary as an ideal example of the Christian life lived for God. The novena offers an opportunity to ask Mary to give you the grace to imitate her profound response to the love God poured into her heart. Below you will find the prayer for Day 1 of the Novena. You might also choose to have the novena sent to you daily through our Flocknote (beginning on November 29). The Flocknote platform also allows us to send both audio and visual material to aid in praying the Novena that our printed bulletin does not. You can sign up for the Novena on Flocknote by contacting us at [faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com), calling the office, or go to: <https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183787>

### **Novena of the Immaculate Conception: Day 1**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O most pure Virgin Mary conceived without sin, from the very first instant, you were entirely immaculate. O glorious Mary full of grace, you are the mother of my God – the Queen of Angels and of men. I humbly venerate you as the chosen mother of my Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords chose you for the singular grace and honor of being His beloved mother. By the power of His Cross, He preserved you from all sin. Therefore, by His power and love, I have hope and bold confidence in your prayers for my holiness and salvation.

I pray that your prayers will bring me to imitate your holiness and submission to Jesus and the Divine Will. Queen of Heaven, I beg you to beg my Savior to grant me these requests... (*Mention your intentions*)

My holy Mother, I know that you were obedient to the will of God. In making this petition, I know that God's will is more perfect than mine. So, grant that I may receive God's grace with humility as you did.

As my final request, I ask that you pray for me to increase in faith in our risen Lord; I ask that you pray for me to increase in hope in our risen Lord; I ask that you pray for me to increase in love for the risen Jesus!

Pray the Hail Mary.

## **Coming Soon:**

### ***Lectio Divina Through Advent***

***(In our To Love category)***

*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://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183786>

*(To Love)*

### ***It's Not too Late, Signup:***

The following offerings in our *To See, To Love, To Serve* categories have begun, but with Flocknote, it's never too late. Just sign-up through the Flocknote link provided or let us by emailing us at [faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemergynl@gmail.com) or call the Office at 709-726-9924 and we'll get you all set to go.

**Word on Fire: CATHOLICISM Series *(In our To See category)***

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183438>

**The Chosen Series: Season 1 *(In our To See category)***

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183443>

**"A Great Symphony of Prayer: The Our Father as a Programme of Life" *(In our To See category)***

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183595>

*(To See)*

### **Preparing for the Sacraments:**

**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 Confirmation and First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Register online by going to our website at [www.divinemergynl.com/](http://www.divinemergynl.com/) or calling the Parish Office at 709-726 9924 or email us at [info@divinemergynl.com](mailto:info@divinemergynl.com)

Perhaps you, or someone you know is considering becoming a Roman Catholic. The **Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults** or RCIA is for you. The RCIA offers a communal program of preparation for those considering the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & the Eucharist) and Reception into the Roman Catholic Community. Adults normally receive the sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. If you would like to know more, please email us at [info@divinemergynl.com](mailto:info@divinemergynl.com)

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events



**Sunday, December 1, 2024  
10am to 2pm**

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

- 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!  
Help us make the Bazaar a great success – see the other side for ways to get involved.

Consider volunteering or donating.

***Sign-up to Volunteer  
in one or more of the following areas:***

- Help with set up
- Help with clean up
- Volunteer at our Team Room
- Volunteer in the Kid's Korner
- Volunteer at our Bake Sale
- Volunteer at the Arts and Craft Sale Table
- Volunteer At our Silent Auction

***Donations of all kinds gratefully accepted:***

- Baked Goods to serve at our Tea Room
- Crafts for our Arts & Craft Table
- Baked Goods for our Bake Sale
- Items for our White Elephant Table
- Donations of Children's Christmas story books

**Food donations may be dropped off on Saturday,  
November 30 or early on December 1  
Other donations may be dropped off any time from  
November 24 to 30 at the Parish Office**

Call us at the parish office 709-726-9924  
or email [info@divinemeracynl.com](mailto:info@divinemeracynl.com)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## Here we go a-Caroling!

Join us in the sounds of the season with our Carol sing-along this weekend, Saturday, December 14 from 1pm to 3pm at our Outer Cove site in the annex. Refreshments will be served. Do come and bring a friend for some festive singing.

**CWL Nominations Forms** - Due to the ongoing Canada Post work stoppage, completed nominations forms can be returned to the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee at the contact information given in the previously sent letter dated October 26, 2024; or they can be dropped off to the Divine Mercy Parish Office marked "CWL Nomination Form" on the outside of the envelope.

## Offertory Collection Week of November 17

Offertory	\$ 6,541.00
Dues	\$ 200.00
Food Bank	\$ 608.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 695.00
Students to Priesthood	\$ 105.00
World Missions	\$ 100.00
Cemetery	\$ 20.00

*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!*