



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church
A Jesuit Parish in St. John's
The Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intention Week of December 15

- Mon Dec 16 9:30am John, Ann, John, Jr. Kenny +
Special Intention [GA]
Earl & Bridget Hickey +
- 7pm Thomas & Mary Fennessey +
Dave & Helen Roche +
Mary Dunphy +
- Tue Dec 17 9:30am Ruby Sharpe +
Elizabeth & James Byrne +
Vincent Howard +
- Wed Dec 11 9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +
Ron & Francis Byrne +
Daniel & Evelyn Doran +
- 7pm Cathy & Gerry Feehan +
Peter & Mary Kennedy +
Margaret & William Feehan +
- Thurs Dec 12 9:30am Special Intention (AD)
Deceased Burke & Lawlor Family +
James Doran +
- Fri Dec 13 9:30am Deceased Parrell Family +
Roche Lambe +
Philip Flynn +
- 7pm Kathleen Manning +
Special Intention [MH]
Walter Vere-Holloway +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Mary McCloy

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday
4:00pm (St. Paul's Site)

Sunday
9:00am (St. Paul's Site)
11:00am St. Paul's Site)
4:00pm (St. Francis Site)

Daily Mass:

Monday to Friday 9:30am
(St. Paul Site)

Monday, Wednesday &
Friday 7pm (see inside
Bulletin for locations)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays, Wednesdays,
Fridays: 8:30 to 9:15 am;
Saturdays 3-3:45pm
By appointment:
Call 709-726-9924 or email
info@divinemercynl.com

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration and Benediction
every Tuesday, 2:00 in the
church at our St. Paul's
site.

Sacrament of the Sick & Home Visits:

Know
someone in hospital or
who is homebound?
Arrange a visit: call 709-
726-9924

Contact Information:

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon to Thurs: 8:30am -4:00pm and
Fri 8:30 am-12pm

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Pastor's Note

I remember one Baptism at an Easter Vigil many years ago. The person had been a refugee to Canada due to religious persecution. Her home country did not permit conversion to Christianity. Therefore, her growing interest and attraction to the Christian faith had become extremely dangerous. After several years, she was able to make their way to Canada and was granted refugee status. She was brought to the Jesuit parish and prepared through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.). She was Baptized, Confirmed and received her First Communion. When the blessed water was poured on her head, I can still hear the soft sound of her gentle giggle. There could be something we hear or see that seems to transcend the natural world, and shows or touches the beauty of God. Her little giggle was and remains exactly that for me. It sounded as child-like delight and joy. Receiving God the Holy Spirit in one's soul and the life of the Lord Jesus as one's life, and to be made the Child of the Father is pure joy and delight. A soft sounding gentle giggle seems the perfect response. Yet, even more beautiful is to consider God's response.

This week's first reading is from the Prophet Zephaniah. In the passage, Zephaniah prophesizes that God will be in the midst of Israel. God will remove the judgements he has against them and will defeat Israel's enemies. Consequently, Zephaniah tells Israel to rejoice, sing and shout with "all your heart." Towards the end of the passage, however, the prophet begins to describe the movements within God's heart at his being among his people. God "will rejoice over you with gladness," Zephaniah says, and God "will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival." When I imagine myself focussing more on God or living my faith with more intentionality, I expect God's response to be an exasperated and tired "Finally!" What incredible knowledge it is to read Zephaniah's words. It isn't with a tired exasperation, or a cynical frustration. Rather, God rejoices and exults over you. His joy overflows, and so God actually sings! It's incredible, it's amazing, but most of all, it's beautiful. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Divine Mercy Parish Christmas Schedule



Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24
5pm, 7pm & 9pm
(St. Paul's site)
11pm
(St. Francis site)

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25
11am (St. Paul's site)

??Which Mass should I attend this Christmas??

We are expecting a large crowd at our 5pm Mass on Christmas Eve, with many visitors and families with young children. (We have the gym reserved with livestream for the overflow). Come early if you want a seat in the church.

The 7pm, 9pm 11pm can all expect good turnouts, but a little lighter in attendance as the night progresses. If you are looking for a less crowded, more peaceful Mass, one of these may be a good choice.

There is only one Mass scheduled for Christmas Day. This should be well attended, but a little less crowded and more relaxed.

Choose the Mass that is best for you.

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 28
4pm (St. Paul's site)

Sunday, December 29
9am & 11am (St. Paul's site)
4pm (St. Francis site)

Feast of Mary,
Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31
5pm (St. Paul's site)

Wednesday, January 1
10am (St. Francis site)



Faith Formation Corner

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

*Looking at the **To Serve** category of discipleship:* We are all, by virtue of our baptism, called to holiness and serving God in our own way. God fills us with grace, talent and passion so that we may better accomplish His purposes in the world. The greatest example of this comes from the life of Jesus, who was the manifestation of God’s saving love in the world. Jesus spent his life in service to others. So great was Jesus’ love for all of us — for we are all children of God — that he willingly gave his own life. To serve God, then, is to follow the example of Jesus’ life and earthly ministry to serve others. It is through service that we can truly express our love for God, for His creation and for one another. In our "To Serve" listings you will find opportunities to serve in our parish and neighborhood, as well as programs to reflect on the graces, talents and passion that lead us to live as followers of Christ in our families our communities and our parish. In the new year, we have two programs available on Flocknote that will look at the vocations of work and family. We also will have some new and exciting opportunities to serve.

Gospel of Work

What is the Purpose of Work? Why do so many of us struggle to find meaning in our jobs or careers? The Gospel of Work wrestles with the significance of work, and how to find purpose in our work, no matter the field in which we labour. 8 sessions: available through Flocknote - beginning February . <https://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183788>

New Ministry Join our Livestream Team

Divine Mercy Parish livestreams the Sunday 11am Mass as well as other special events taking place in the church. This ministry, allows us to reach out to members of the community who are unable to be with us in the person for the Mass or special parish events.

Members of Team Livestream run the streaming equipment in the church and ensure the upload to our Youtube channel. All skill levels are welcome. Not a techie? No worries, the Parish will provide you with all the needed information and training. Involvement in this ministry will require about one and half hours a week. For More information, or If you are interested in joining this team, please contact us at faith.divinemerccynl@gmail.com

My Gift For Jesus

Children are encouraged to pick up a “My gift for Jesus” page, located on the Children’s Liturgy table outside of the sacristy. The object is to colour in a heart for each good deed that is done this Advent. Decorate the gift box and return the page on December 24th during any of the Christmas Eve Masses.

Closing Down our Parish App

We will be cancelling our subscription to the Parish App at the end of December. If you currently use the Parish App for updates and messages, we will happily subscribe you to our Parish Flocknote.

Flocknote is a communication platform that allows us to send a wide variety of notes and materials to people in the parish who have subscribed to it. Flocknote allows us to quickly and easily send:

- Notices and updates regarding weather closures
- Bulletins, schedules and notices of parish events
- Faith formation and sacrament preparation materials

To sign up for our Flocknote, just text 01556 to 514-900-0130 or let us do it for you – speak with Anna or contact Marion in the Parish Office.



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Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

3 New Mass Added to our Daily Mass Schedule

In addition to our 9:30am Daily Mass – Monday through Friday, we now have Masses at 7pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The new schedule offers those unable to attend the morning Masses due to work and other commitments, an opportunity to attend daily Mass.

Now, due to the many Advent and Parish activities during the month of December, the scheduled locations for the new Masses will be a little lopsided. See below for the locations. In January, the schedule between the two sites of the parish will become stable.

- Monday, December 16 – St. Francis of Assisi site
- Wednesday, December 18 – St. Francis of Assisi site
- Friday, December 20 – St. Francis of Assisi site
- Monday, December 23 – St. Francis of Assisi site
- Friday, December 27- St. Paul’s site
- Monday, December 30 – St. Paul’s site

Simbang Gabi-Christmas Novena

December 15 to December 23 (St. Paul’s Stie)

Mass begins each evening at 6:30 pm. Reception to follow. ‘Simbang Gabi’ is Filipino for ‘Night Mass’ a devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas.

Schedule Change during the Holidays:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled for Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31. Our Regular schedule will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Sunday Hospitality

Join us for tasty treats and good conversation and fellowship after the 11am Sunday Mass on December 15 and December 29th. Catch up with old friends and make some new ones. All are welcome!

Visit our website: 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.

CELEBRATION OF THE OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR – SUNDAY DECEMBER 29, 2024

The Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of St. John’s on the afternoon of **Sunday December 29, 2024**.

- **Introductory Rite:** 1:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on St. Clare Ave.
- **Pilgrimage Walk:** 1:15 p.m. to the Basilica
- **Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family:** 2:00 p.m.

All are invited to any or all parts of this Jubilee celebration. The Jubilee Year motto is *Pilgrims of Hope*. All are invited to join in this joyful and hope-filled opening celebration of the Jubilee Year.

Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course: The next course is scheduled for **May 3, 2025**, at the Basilica, 200 Military Rd, St. John’s. Couples can register using the following link: <https://rcsj.org/chancery/marriage-preparation/register> Once registered, couples will receive additional information outlining the session and schedule.

Saints Speak

"Holiness is a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident - in the most audacious way -in His Fatherly goodness."

~St. Therese of the Infant Jesus

Offertory Collection Week of December 8

Offertory	\$ 5,248.00
Dues	\$ 500.00
Food Bank	\$ 1,843.00
Christmas Hampers	\$ 95.00
Flowers	\$ 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!