



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intention Week of December 22

Mon Dec 23 9:30am Dave Mercer +
Ron Kieley +
Tom, Mary & Marilyn Lawlor +

7pm Anne Noseworthy +
Deceased Members of Ryan &
Noseworthy Families +
Charles John +

Tue Dec 24 9:30am Simon & Elsie Corcoran +
Nora & Edwin Dalton +
Edna & John Corcoran +

Wed Dec 25 **Christmas Day**

Thurs Dec 26 9:30am Clarence & Ann Woodford +
Frank & Constance Costigan +
Dave Mercer +

Fri Dec 27 9:30am William & Eleanor Manning +
Ann & William Short +
Richard Barnes +

7pm Ann Kenny +
Ron McCarthy +
Sara Sexton +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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@divinemergynl.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

Join our Flocknote by texting
01556 to 514-900-0130 and
follow the prompts to enter your
email address and preferences.

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Pastor's Note

My favourite image of Christ is from the chapel of Xavier Castle in Spain. It is the Lord on the Cross but he is smiling. It is the same crucifix St. Francis Xavier would have looked at and prayed in front of. I once showed this image to a Jesuit and asked him why Christ was smiling at the moment of his greatest suffering? He thought Christ was smiling because he was experiencing perfect consolation in perfectly fulfilling the will of the Father - offering himself for the salvation of the world. Why bring up, however, in the Fourth Week of Advent, just days before Christmas, a painful image instead of one that is more delightful, pleasurable and joyful to accompany the birth of Jesus? Both his birth and death express the same thing - God's unrelenting love of humanity.

As we continue to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's Nativity in these waning days of Advent, we should be clear on what it is we are preparing to receive. We rejoice with the coming of our redemption and salvation. Our Second Reading expresses this, "And it is by God's will that we have been

sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." We rejoice in that God has taken on human flesh. He has assumed the deepest depths of human life, even death. Each of our lives have become his life. We rejoice that from his first moment of life, Christ has been giving himself for us. Mary and Joseph laid him in a manger, that is, a trough used to feed the animals. Jesus Christ feeds us every moment of every day. His Incarnation, his life is completely for us. Be him in the manger, learning his prayers from Mary and Joseph, going from one village to the next proclaiming God's Kingdom, or hanging upon the Cross. It's all one action of God. It is his unrelenting love for you. Christ smiles on the Cross because he is fulfilling the will of the Father. He is revealing the love of the Trinity for you. It is unrelenting, eternal and absolutely personal. "Stir up your might, and come to save us." Rejoice every single one of you – He has come! And this is what we are preparing to receive.

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

Gospel of Work (In our To Serve category)

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://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183788>

New Ministry Our Livestream Team Need You! (In our To Serve category)

Divine Mercy Parish livestreams the Sunday 11am Mass. 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 problem! We 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 to join the team, please contact us at faith.divinemercurynl@gmail.com

The CHOSEN Season 2 (In our To See category)

Back by popular demand! *The Chosen* is a wonderful and through provoking series that allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. Join us for **Season 2** playing on Thursdays over 8 weeks beginning January 9. 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/193613> or email us at faith.divinemercurynl@gmail.com

Archbishop's 2024 Christmas Message

Dear People of the Archdiocese of St. John's:

*Do not be afraid; for see –
I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people;
to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,
who is the Messiah, the Lord.*

(Luke 2: 10-11)

These are the words of the angel of the Lord to the shepherds in the Gospel reading of the “Mass during the Night” on Christmas Eve: “Do not be afraid ... I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people;” This is the good news that we celebrate at Christmas and that we are called, as Christians, to share daily with our world and with all whom we meet.

It is the good news that is proclaimed in the second reading of that Mass, that:

*The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,
training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions,
and in the present age
to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly...*

(Titus 2: 11-12)

It is the message of good news that should never grow old and that as “Pilgrims of Hope” Pope Francis wishes us to live and to share in this Year of Jubilee that he will inaugurate in Rome at the Basilica of St. Peter on Christmas Eve and the solemn opening of which will be celebrated in every Cathedral in the world on the Sunday December 29, 2024.

It is the Pope's wish that:

For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, (and that) ... the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth, where men and women dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

The first Christmas was for Mary and Joseph and the shepherds “a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus”. I pray that this Christmas may be such a moment for each of us, inspiring us, throughout the Jubilee Year and always, to be “Pilgrims of Hope”, and a “leaven of authentic hope” for our world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Peter Hundt,
Archbishop of St. John's

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

With Much Gratitude

This past week the Food Bank gave out 120 Christmas Hampers to families in need (which included 77 children). This could not have happened without your kindness and generosity and the wonderful donations of turkeys and other food, gift cards and monetary donations to the foodbank. Thank you to everyone who donated and to all of the hard-working volunteers who put the hampers together and distributed them. You have made this Christmas a brighter and comforting time for many. Thank You!

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.

See below for this week’s schedule of locations. In January, the schedule between the two sites of the parish will become stable.

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!

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.

K of C Mid Winter Warm Up Dinner & Dance

The Knights of Columbus (St. Paul’s Council 11776) is having a Mid Winter Warm Up Dinner & Dance on Saturday, February 8, 2025. For tickets contact Aneas Decker at 709-725-6341 or 709-727-5288 or Brian Kennedy at 709-727-5288.

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.

Offertory Collection Week of December 15

Offertory	\$ 7,650.00
Dues	\$ 1,650.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 970.00
Food Bank	\$ 460.00
Flowers	\$ 345.00
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 250.00
World Missions	\$ 40.00
Students to the Priesthood	\$ 40.00

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!