



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass Intention Week of January 12

Monday, January 13

9:30am Betty Neary +
Colleen & Arthur George +
Daniel & Viledo Fitzpatrick +
7pm Special Intention (MM)
Kebedam Habtemariam +
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 14

9:30am Catherine & Michael Christopher +
Mary & William White +
Mary & Denis Daley +

Wednesday, January 15

9:30am David Mercer +
Joe & Mark Fitzpatrick +
Special Intention (MM)
7pm Gary Bradshaw +
Catherine O'Neill +
Mary Dunphy +

Thursday, January 16

9:30am Melina & Gerald Doyle +
Robert, Elizabeth & Clara Jarvis +
Charles & Carmelita Edwards +

Friday, January 17

9:30am Martina Know +
Mark Mackey +
Edna & John Dridge +
7pm Loretta Mackey +
David Kirkland +
Bernard Farewell +

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 (Mondays & Fridays at St. Paul's site, Wednesdays at St. Francis site)

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.

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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Sacrament of the Sick & Home Visits: Know someone in hospital or who is homebound? Arrange a visit: call 709-726-9924

Pastor's Note

When you're new and unfamiliar with how to do something, one most often becomes glued to the instructions or script. Wanting to make sure everything was done and said correctly. I remember as a new priest, I was often distracted from experiencing the beauty of a particular Sacrament by trying to navigate the sometimes surprising complexity of the different gestures and words proscribed in their celebration. This week in the Church, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. In the Sacrament of Holy Baptism a child receives contains a greeting for the one to be baptized, and a couple of questions for the parents and godparents. There is a Gospel reading followed by a brief homily, and then some General Intercessions. The candidate for baptism receives two anointings or blessing from two different holy oils. The water is then blessed and we renounce sin and profess our faith together. After baptism the family is given a baptismal candle and white garment. Lastly, the child's ears and mouth are blessed that he/she may come to hear and proclaim God's word. As you can see, there are many moving parts that constitute one's receiving baptism. Consequently, if you are at all like me, one can forget the beauty of the gift God gives by focussing on what I have to do and say.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, the Church teaches that we receive the gift of the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, and thereby, become the children of God. The Divine Life now lives

within us. It seems hard to understand why the Father would send the Holy Spirit through the Son to dwell within our hearts? While there are theological explanations offered by truly great minds, over the years, I have come to see it in a personal and simple way.

The Father looks upon us. We may see the child as the child of certain parents from a certain family with certain friends. Ideally, the child has become the most loved and most important person in the lives of his/her parents. But so too, is the child the apple of the Father's eye. So much so, that the Father refuses that there be any separation between him and his beloved daughter/son. Therefore, in God's perfect wisdom, the Father sends the Holy Spirit through the Son to dwell, to live within our hearts. The Infinite and Eternal God is now within each of us. Why would God do something so amazing, so beautiful, so loving? The same God of whom the psalmist writes, "The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the Lord, over mighty waters," dwells and lives within you. He refuses for you to be separated from him, to go your own way. Because you are "the apple of his eye," you are his beloved child.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Welcome Fr. Brook Stacey, S.J.

We are happy to welcome Fr. Brook Stacey, S.J. Fr. Brook has recently been assigned to the Jesuit Community here in St. John's. His main apostolic work while here will be at St. Bonaventure College. He will also, on occasion, help out in Divine Mercy Parish. Be sure to introduce yourself to Fr. Brook when you see him and keep him and his work at St. Bon's in your prayers.

Saints Speak:

"See, Fire and Spirit in the womb that bore you! See, Fire and Spirit in the river where you were baptized! Fire and Spirit in our Baptism; in the Bread and the Cup, Fire and Holy Spirit!" Christ, the Light of the World, dwelt first in the womb of the Virgin—who was thus "baptized" by her Son—and then in the womb of the Jordan; he emerged from both as the Incarnate Word, the Savior of mankind. Those who are baptized thus become the children of Mary and partakers of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of her Son." ~ St. Ephrem (d.373)

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>

The CHOSEN Season 2 (In our To See category)

The Chosen is a engaging and thought provoking series that allows us an opportunity to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. Join us for **Season 2** playing on Thursdays over 8 weeks. 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

To Serve: Ministries In Need

Through Baptism we share in one fundamental vocation — a call to holiness. We are all called to be holy—to know, love, and serve God with our entire being. This happens in our families, in our work, in our communities and in our parish. Divine Mercy Parish offers a number of ministries in service to God’s People. Some of those ministries are in need of helping hands and we welcome everyone with a desire to serve Christ. In particular you might consider becoming an Usher at one of our Masses or joining our Sunday Hospitality team or Children’s Liturgy of the Word. **For Full Descriptions and Easy Sign-up go to the “To See, To Love, To Serve” page on our website www.divinemercurynl.com/ or use this QR code**



Sacrament Preparation for Children Age 7 +



“See what the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.”
1 John 3:1

Confirmation
Beginning January 2025

Holy Eucharist
Beginning March 2025

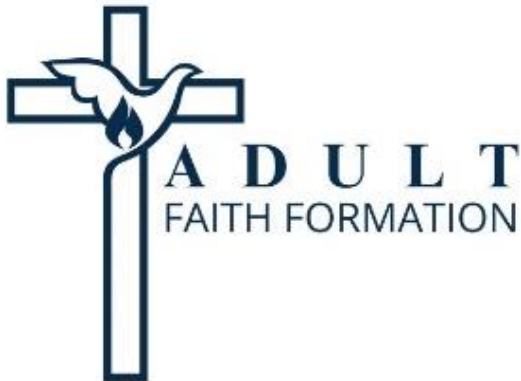
For more info
or to register:
www.divinemercurynl.com



Sacrament of Confirmation for Children:

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. Preparation for Confirmation begins Saturday, January 18. Register online by going to our website at www.divinemercurynl.com/ or linking to the QR code above. You can also call the Parish Office at 709-726 9924 or email us at faith.divinemercurynl@gmail.com

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events



Have you missed one of the sacraments?

Are you or anyone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home?

Have you been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what you have to do to become Catholic?

Statistics show that most people respond to a personal invitation. So let this be that personal invitation. And to all of you who might know someone who fits the categories above, let this be a little nudge to invite that person to join us at Divine Mercy Parish.

The parish looks to meet people where they are in their faith and provide all that is necessary. For some, that may be a little refresher on how to go to confession. For others it may be preparation for Confirmation. And for others, still, it may mean looking to become Catholic. The **Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults** or RCIA is 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 fatih.divinemercynl@gmail.com

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

On the night before his death Christ Jesus prayer that the whole world come to believe that he was sent by God for the salvation of all. St John's and Area Council of Churches invite you to the annual Prayer Service for Christian Unity. The service will start at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, 21 January 2025 at St. Teresa's Church, Mundy Pond Rd, St John's. The guest speaker is Very Rev Dr Marion Parody. All are welcome.

Centre For Life

Seniors' technology support will be commencing on Friday January 17 from 12 pm - 1 pm. If you have a phone, laptop, iPad or tablet and would like to register please call Centre for Life at 709-579-1500.

Offertory Collection

Week of December 29

Offertory	\$ 8,858.85
Christmas Offering	\$ 15,222.00
Dues	\$ 520.00

Week of January 5

Offertory	\$ 6,295.00
New Year's	\$ 2,505.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 205.00
Dues	\$ 300.00
Initial Offering	\$ 1,017.00

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(Please include your full name and a message indicating what the E-transfer is for)

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!