



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church
A Jesuit Parish in St. John's
The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intention Week of January 5

Mon Jan 6	9:30am	Katie Pugh + Special Intention (RA) Jeanette Nagle +
	7pm	Special Intention (MM) Patrick Walsh & Family + Bruce French +
Tue Jan 7	9:30am	Special Intention (AT) Rita Power + Special Intention
Wed Jan 8	9:30am	Ron Kieley + Mary Sullivan + Special Intention (MM)
	7pm	Elizabeth McCrowe+ J. Craig Power + John & Isabelle Dunne +
Thurs Jan 9	9:30am	Special Intention (DG) Jason Hogan + Special Intention (MM)
Fri Jan 10	9:30am	Clotilda & Richard White + Leo & Elizabeth White + Michael, Victoria & Anton Valecic +
	7pm	Leo Horlick + Bernard Kent Special Intention (MM)

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

We can sometimes “put the cart before the horse.” We reach for the goal without considering the way, that is, forgetting what comes before. This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The visit of the three Magi from the East to Bethlehem to pay homage to the infant Jesus is a manifestation of the will of God – Jesus Christ is Lord of all, he is the Lord of all peoples. Having gained this understanding through supernatural assistance, the Magi kneel and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The response of the Magi is perfect religious behaviour. They show proper adoration in their kneeling and offering the Divine precious gifts. We witness their religious actions and see similarities with our own practices. When passing before the tabernacle which holds the Blessed Sacrament, or moving into our seat, we bow or genuflect. In reflecting on our faith, we think of things we can offer God as personal gifts to him. Maybe we decide to give more time to prayer or target a behaviour we want to change. Maybe we want to increase our knowledge of the Christian faith, or even offer each day to him expressing our desire to serve. Such gifts accord with our Christian vocation – they are proper and beautiful. At the same time, however, we can forget

what has come before, and what has come before is the reason we seek to make an offering in the first place, to give back to the One who already given to us.

In the *Prayer over the Offerings*, the Church prays, “Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered not now gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ.” The prayer focusses on God’s offering. God in Jesus Christ is sacrificed with the hope that he will be received by us. To receive the Lord is to receive him in totality. The hope that we receive his words and actions, that we receive his Paschal Mystery (his life, death and Resurrection), that we receive his relationship with the Father, that we receive him completely. To receive him to any degree will mean to receive the Father’s love. We live lives seeking love. We are made for love. On the Solemnity of the Epiphany, the star has stopped. It illuminates the goal for which we have been searching. Lying in the manger is The Gift. The Gift of the Father for you. And our task now is tough but simple – receive him.

God bless and take care, Fr. John



Saints Speak:

*Truth, by which the world is held together,
has sprung from the earth,
in order to be carried
in a woman's arms.
— St Augustine*

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://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183788>

The CHOSEN Season 2 (In our To See category)

Back by popular demand! *The Chosen* is an 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 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://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/193613> or email us at faith.divinemerccynl@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.divinemerccynl.com/ or use this QR code**



Month of January Devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus in the Church. The name ‘Jesus’ means ‘God Saves’. It is the name that the angel instructed St. Joseph to name the holy child when he told him to not be afraid and to take Mary as his wife (Matthew 1:21). The Gospel provides for us the beginnings of the Christology of the name of Jesus; affirming Jesus as saviour and emphasizing that the choice of the name was based on a heavenly command.

From the earliest times, Christians have invoked the Holy name of Jesus and have believed in the saving power in the name of Jesus. In the letters of St. Paul, reverence for the name of Jesus is emphasized: “That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth.” (Philippians 2:10) And in the Letter to the Romans, Paul writes of the salvific nature of the Holy name by stating that those who “call on the name of the Lord” will be saved.

The power of the name of Jesus is also mentioned in the Gospels and is stressed in the Gospel of John when Jesus states: “If you ask the Father anything in my name he will give it to you.” So powerful is this understanding and reverence of name of Jesus, that even today, many of our prayers will conclude with the words: “Through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Devotion to and veneration of the IHS monogram, derived from the first three letters in the Greek word for Jesus, ΙΗΣΟΥΣ also dates back to the early days of Christianity. Official recognition of the Holy Name was made at the Council of Lyons in 1274 and popular devotions developed and increased through the Middle Ages.

In the 16th century, the Jesuits made the IHS monogram the emblem of their society, by adding a cross over the H and by showing three nails underneath it. Constructed in Rome in 1568 the Church of the Gesù, formally called *Chiesa del Santissimo Nome de Gesù* (the Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus) is the Mother Church of the order.

We honour the Name of Jesus, because the Name of Jesus reminds us of all the blessings and graces we receive through our Redeemer and Lord. When we call on the name of Jesus, we are brought into His presence – into proximity with the mercy and power of His saving love.

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 faith.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.

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.divinemercynl.com



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.divinemercynl.com/ or linking to the QR code above. You can also call the Parish Office at 709-726 9924 or email us at faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com