



# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intention Week of January 19

#### Monday, January 20

9:30am Christopher Whalen +  
Rita O'Brien +  
Cecilia Hannon +  
7pm Anne Noseworthy +  
Gertrude Paiva +  
Special Intention (TD)

#### Tuesday, January 21

9:30am William & Olivia Lambe +  
Michael Doyle +  
Anne Lambe +

#### Wednesday, January 22

9:30am Keith Sullivan +  
Deceased Members of Bromley Family +  
Michael & Elizabeth McCrowe +  
7pm Special Intention (AB)  
Gerard Fitzpatrick +  
Sid Morris +

#### Thursday, January 23

9:30am Anthony Spurvey +  
Special Intention (H & E)  
Deceased Members of the Forbes Family +

#### Friday, January 24

9:30am Frank & Constance Costigan +  
Deceased Members of the Mackey Family +  
Deceased Members of the Barron Family +  
7pm Thomas Stone +  
Francis Kennedy +  
Walter Vere-Holloway +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**  
**James Cole & John Roche**

### 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@divinmercynl.com](mailto:info@divinmercynl.com)

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

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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

Toward the end of my first year in the Jesuits, I came to, what I thought at the time, a “profound” understanding of my role as a follower of Jesus Christ – I would be his disciple without concern of receiving anything from him. No consolation needed (or expected). Just do my job as his follower. I thought I had reached an impressive level of discipleship. I would follow, I would serve, I would give without asking or expecting anything from him. I had reached the pinnacle of selflessness. When I explained my new found “profundity” to my summer retreat director, Fr. Monty simply said, “That’s stupid. [I was] taking the Father’s job from him.” It was also a way of denying myself so as to avoid being disappointed by God. Kind of like, “I won’t ask or expect anything because I probably won’t get anything.” It was as if I was trying to “beat God to the punch.” One can’t be left empty-handed if one does not extend one’s hands in supplication. One can’t be disappointed if one expects nothing. Our hearts are tender, fragile things. So fragile they’ve been bruised and broken many times. And so, we unconsciously protect them from being again disappointed. My “big spiritual insight” was that in expecting nothing from God, I would never again be disappointed by God. As is often the case, I was completely wrong. In taking the “Father’s job” from him, I was not allowing him to love, to care for and to lavish his grace upon the apple of his eye. I thought it better to

expect nothing to avoid being confused and disappointed. I think now, however, we should ask and expect everything, even God himself. This isn’t expressive of extreme selfishness, rather, I don’t want to deprive the Father of being the Father, of lavishly loving his child.

In our First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah tells Israel (and us) to expect everything. Isaiah writes, “You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of God.” Sometimes we may think of ourselves as being just a big disappointment to God, that the things I want to do I don’t do, and the things I don’t want to do, I do. But incredibly, this is not the case – to God, we “shall be called My Delight.” Sometimes I think God must look at me and think he should do a “Mulligan,” a do-over.” I could not be more wrong, for “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.” I thought I had reached the pinnacle of spiritual wisdom – I wouldn’t ask God for anything, though not from selflessness, but rather to avoid disappointment and confusion. Don’t be wrong like me. Be bold, be confident. Ask God for everything because God, incredibly, desires to give himself to you.

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John

## Townhall Meeting Regarding Divine Mercy Parish Two Sites

Since it’s beginning as a Parish, almost two years ago, Divine Mercy has operated two sites: St. Paul’s Church on Newfoundland Dr and St. Francis of Assisi Church in Outer Cove. There will be a Town Hall meeting regarding the experience of having two sites and considerations for the future of the parish. The town hall will take place on Tuesday, January 21 at St. Francis of Assisi at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

## Saints Speak:

*“Recognize in this bread what hung on the cross, and in this chalice what flowed from His side.*

*He who is all-knowing knew of nothing more that he could give than the Eucharist.*

*He who is all-powerful could not do any more than he does in the sacrament*

*and he who is all loving had nothing more that He could give. The Eucharist is a Divine storehouse filled with every virtue.”*

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

## The CHOSEN Season 2 (In our To See category)

**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. 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](mailto: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/](http://www.divinemercurynl.com/) or use this QR code**



## World Day of the Sick:

*Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*

~ James 5:14-15

From the earliest times in life of the Church, outreach to those suffering from illness was understood as an important element of Christian community. The Sacrament of the Sick is how God gives us spiritual strength to persevere through the challenges of severe illness or impending death. The Anointing of the Sick is a healing sacrament which unites our physical suffering with the pain and suffering experienced by Jesus during his earthly life. The graces of this sacrament bring peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that come our way. St. Pope John Paul II designated February 11 (The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) as the World Day of the Sick, as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illness. Significant to healing is the support and prayers of the faith community as well as the reintegration of the sick person into the fullness of community. In both the Sacrament of the Sick and in the corporal act of mercy to visit the sick, we experience the intertwining of our human experience with the saving love of God.

In the Sacrament, there is a laying on of hand – an ancient gesture which symbolizes and confers the giving of the special grace of the Holy Spirit. In the sacrament, the anointing with the Oil of the Infirm marks the individual out for the Holy Spirit’s special care. The elderly, the gravely ill and those facing surgery or other serious or chronic health challenges are encouraged to receive the sacrament.

## Healing Mass with the Anointing of the Sick Saturday, February 8, 11am

As we anticipate the World Day of the Sick, Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul’s site) will gather for a **Mass of Healing with the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday, February 8 at 11am.** A reception will follow. Everyone is most welcome.

If you know someone who is in need of the Sacrament of the Sick, please share this invitation with them. Also, if you know someone who is homebound or in hospital who would like to receive the sacrament, please be in contact with the parish by calling 709-726-9924 or email us at [info@divinemercurynl.com](mailto:info@divinemercurynl.com)

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

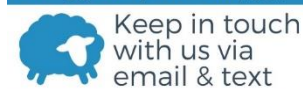
## January 18 – 25, 2025: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a well-established global ecumenical observance which is the northern hemisphere is held annually from January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. During this period Christians of all denominations and ecclesial communities are invited to pray for the unity of all the baptized; to meditate together on Sacred Scripture; to participate in jointly organized worship services; and to undertake together acts of charity and fellowship. This year the St. John's and Area Council of Churches invites you to the that annual Prayer Service for Christian Unity which will be hosted at St. Teresa's Church, 120 Mundy Pond Road in St. John's at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>. All are welcome.

**\*\* Attention \*\* Would the parishioner using box #220 of Church envelopes please contact the parish office? We need to update your contact information. Thank You.**

## 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.



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## Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League Membership 2025-26

Why Become a CWL Member? Do you want to grow your faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues, have your voice heard by government, and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces the core values of Faith, Service, and Social Justice? Welcome to the Catholic Women's League! You belong with us. New Member Application forms available in the church foyer.

The 2025-26 CWL Membership fee (\$30.00) for new and renewing members can be placed in an envelope, clearly labelled CWL Membership fee, and deposited in the Weekend Collection.

## Divine Mercy Catholic Women's League Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Catholic Women's League is scheduled for Sunday January 26, 2pm in the Church Foyer at Divine Mercy Parish (St. Paul's site). All CWL members, prospective members and all women of the Divine Mercy Parish are invited to attend. A Social will follow the meeting.

Visit our website: [www.divinemercurnl.com/](http://www.divinemercurnl.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 January 12

Offertory	\$ 6,102.00
New Year's	\$ 220.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 20.00
Dues	\$ 100.00
Initial Offering	\$ 455.00
Food Bank	\$ 300.00

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