



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention Week of January 26

Monday, January 27

9:30am Richard Barnes +
Special Intention (J&K)
Dennis Hickey +

7pm Donald Jones +
Special Intention (CB)
Special Intention (TD)

Tuesday, January 28

9:30am Special Intention (SA)
Daniel & Evelyn Doran & Deceased Family +
Gerald, Philomena & Ed Nolan +

Wednesday, January 29

9:30am Conrad Short +
Fr. Edward Bromley +
Debbie Ryan +

7pm Everest Barnes +
Mary Ezekiel +
Bernadette Hoadley +

Thursday, January 30

9:30am Eileen M. McDonald +
Special Intention (SR)
James, Margaret, Jim Jr. Butler +

Friday, January 24

9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +
Special Intention (BF)
Fernanda Montes +

7pm Jeanette Nagle +
Mary Dunphy +
Fr. John Megettigan +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Marie Dymond, Loretta Hickey

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

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

An Important Parish Notice

Dear Parishioners,

It is with heavy hearts that we share an important and deeply difficult decision regarding St. Francis Church in Outer Cove. As you know, since the creation of Divine Mercy Parish we have run two sites for the parish. However, after much reflection, consultation, and prayer, we have come to the realization that this is no longer feasible and Divine Mercy Parish has made the decision not to renew the lease for St. Francis Church. As a result, our lease of St. Francis church will expire at the end of February.

This decision was not made lightly. St. Francis Church holds profound historical and spiritual significance to our parishioners at Divine Mercy and the broader community. It has stood as a place of worship, comfort, and celebration for generations. The memories of baptisms, weddings, funerals, and countless masses held within its walls are woven into the fabric of our faith community.

However, the financial realities facing St. Francis Church have necessitated this outcome. The church and the parish have been operating at a significant deficit, of close to \$3,000 per month for St. Francis and, as a parish, we are forecasting a deficit of around \$40,000 for the year. The ongoing maintenance and operational costs for St. Francis, both now and in the future, have proven unsustainable for the parish. This situation required us to take a hard look at how we can best allocate our resources to serve the mission of the Church and the broader needs of Divine Mercy Parish.

Looking ahead, we remain hopeful for the future of this sacred space. We hope that it will serve the Christian faith as it has served ours and our families for over 100 years. Should the new leaseholder be a religious organization, perhaps, in consultation with the Archdiocese, there may be an opportunity for us to celebrate various Masses and other

events. While this will ultimately depend on the decisions of the new leaseholders and the Archdiocese, our hope is that this beautiful church can continue to serve as a place of faith and celebration.

Divine Mercy Parish, in its brief history, has aimed to be a cornerstone for the region, uniting us in our shared commitment to faith, service, and community. The closure of St. Francis Church is a painful but necessary step to ensure the long-term vitality and sustainability of our parish mission.

We will have a "Mass of Loving Gratitude" for the gift of St. Francis of Assisi Church on February 23. Watch the bulletin for more details.

We thank each of you for your understanding, your prayers, and your unwavering faith during this time of transition. As we move forward, let us continue to honor the legacy of St. Francis Church in our hearts and in our actions, knowing that the spirit of our community extends far beyond the walls of any single building. If it is not the walls, then it's the spirit. Jesus Christ once spoke to St. Francis of Assisi. He told Francis to "rebuild my Church." Initially, St. Francis thought the Lord was speaking about just one particular church. But he wasn't. He was speaking of the whole Church. Likewise, we pray that we will use the gifts that this space has generously provided, that we will act from the faith formed at this church. With the goodness of St. Francis, we will assist in the rebuilding of our Church here and now.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Fr. John Sullivan, SJ
with Divine Mercy Parish Council
and Finance Council.

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)

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://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**



World Day of the Sick: Jesus, the Physician

According to the Catechism salvation and healing are connected through the sacraments, which are actions of Christ that apply the fruits of salvation to all generations. Referring to Jesus as the Physician, the Church teaches: “Christ's compassion toward the sick and his many healings of every kind of infirmity are a resplendent sign that "God has visited his people" and that the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; he has come to heal the whole [person], soul and body; he is the physician the sick have need of. His preferential love for the sick has not ceased through the centuries to draw the very special attention of Christians toward all those who suffer in body and soul.” The sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church. It is especially intended to strengthen those who are being tried by illness.

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

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

We chose to have the Mass with the Anointing of the Sick on Saturday morning to make it possible for working people to participate. If you have a family member or friends in need of the sacrament, we hope you will be able to join us for the Mass. Everyone is most welcome.

Who can receive the Sacrament of the Sick?

The Sacrament of the Sick is for anyone in need of strengthening in body and spirit due to infirmity. These include, but are not limited to:

- The elderly,
- Anyone with a serious ailment
- Those with chronic conditions
- Anyone preparing for surgery,
- Those experiencing mental distress of any kind

In the Lord’s mercy, we are invited to healing and wholeness. Do not miss the opportunity to receive this beautiful sacrament.

“I am the Lord who heals you.” Exodus 15:26

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Fr. John Away this Week:

Fr. John is away this week at two Jesuit meetings. He will be back in the parish on Friday, January 31st. He assures us of his prayers for us and asks us to keep him in our prayers.



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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.

Ocean Ranger Memorial Prayer Service

Gonzaga High School will be holding its annual Ocean Ranger Memorial Prayer Service to remember those who lost their lives in the tragedy 43 years ago. The service will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 1:00 pm at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The service will be livestreamed and the link will be posted to the church's website:

<https://www.thebasilica.net/live/>

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

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/ 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 19

Offertory	\$ 5,670.55
New Year's	\$ 120.00
Initial Offering	\$ 85.00
Food Bank	\$ 60.00

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