



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention Week of February 9

Monday, February 10

- 9:30am Special Intention (MM)
Marilyn Lawlor +
Theresa, Michael & Michael Jr. Roche +
- 7pm Special Intention (Y & J)
Frederick Power +
Brendan O'Brien +

Tuesday, February 11

- 9:30am Special Intention (YM)
Deceased Gaultois & MacDonald Families +
Thomas Stone +

Wednesday, February 12

- 9:30am Kebedom Habtemariam +
Thanksgiving
Ron McCarthy +
- 7pm Meahan MacDonald +
Denis Languille +
Madonna Ryall +

Thursday, February 13

- 9:30am Arthur J. George +
Michael & Mary Gatherall +
Special Intention (AM)

Friday, February 14

- 9:30am Jack Jones +
Annie & Pat McCarthy +
Corey Sampson +
- 7pm Larry Daley +
Earle Tubrett +
Peggy Walsh +

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@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

Pastor's Note

Two weeks ago, I had to attend a meeting in New Orleans about Jesuit formation or training. Our days were full. No chance for sight-seeing. We did, however, have the opportunity to go to the French Quarter for supper. New Orleans is famous for oysters and so when the server came to our table all but two of us ordered this subspecies of clams. One Jesuit who declined them is allergic to shellfish. The other “hold-out” was me. While I clearly eat a lot, I think I’ve accepted that I’m a picky eater. Usually, when a new food is presented to me, I think to myself, “I only eat what I’ve always eaten.” I know, I’m pretty boring and unadventurous. I was thinking about my lack of bravery when it comes to food and how sometimes, in our lives of faith or spiritual lives, we can act in a similar way. We like what we’ve known. We prefer what we’ve had. But this week, the Lord Jesus Christ asks us to “put out into the deep water.”

When the Lord asks the disciples (and us) to “put out into the deep water,” he is asking us to do a sometimes frightening and demanding thing. He is asking us to live beyond what is known and preferred, to go to what is unknown, to what is even, initially, averse to us. There are innumerable new things we could try and do in our faith.

World Day of the Sick: February 11 The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

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.

Maybe one volunteers despite one’s preference to be at the back of the crowd. Maybe one attends a retreat with a Catholic form of prayer one has never tried before. Maybe at work or in the classroom, one befriends a person who seems to be alone in spite of one’s natural shyness. But all these different ideas have the same foundation, that is, trust in God. When Christ told the disciples to “put out into the deep water,” he must have seen the hesitation and reluctance on their faces. Because he then says, “Be not afraid.” Our growing trust in God is nurtured through one’s experiential realization of the presence, action and fidelity of God within each life. I firmly believe that God will never abandon any of us. Things may not be what we expected, hoped or prayed for. But he will always give to us. In fact, he has already given himself. And so, “I give thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the Angels I sing your praises; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.”

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

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. If you or someone you know would like to receive the sacrament please contact the Parish Office.

Faith Formation Corner

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

World Marriage Sunday Sunday, February 9

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.

Informed by the teachings of the Catholic Church and inspired by Pope St. John Paul the Great, The Gospel of Work takes a close look at what scripture and tradition have to say about the vocation and meaning of work and the important role it plays in our human flourishing. Throughout the series we will view and discuss work under the lens of our sanctification—as an occasion for us to build virtue and live out the Gospel.

8 sessions: available through Flocknote - beginning February 18.

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

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.divinemercury.nl.com/ or use this QR code.



On Marriage Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony, celebrate the vocation of marriage and to recognize the vital role it plays in building strong families and vibrant parish communities. As Church, we are called to support couples at every stage of their journey - newlyweds embarking on life together, those celebrating decades of commitment and individuals navigating the pain of a broken relationship or loss of a beloved spouse. Pope Francis reminds us, “Marriage is a precious sign, for “when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, ‘mirrored’ in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of His love.” (*Amoris Laetitia*,121).

In marriage, husband and wife are called to become stewards of one another and any children that God has given to them. Together, they form the *domestic church*, described in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as “a community of faith, hope, and charity” (2204) that serves as the foundational cell of the local church. The vocation to married life is deeply rooted in self-giving love and often involves carrying the cross, as husband and wife prioritize the needs of their family over their own.

Through mutual self-sacrifice, spouses participate in the sanctification of one another and the world around them. Striving together toward holiness they witness to the faithful and merciful love of God. In real and concrete terms, their marriage can radiate a fruitfulness of charity, of hospitality, and of sacrifice.” (CCC 1654) These couples can offer even greater service to their work, local community and parish, becoming a blessing to all, as they dedicate their time, talent, and charisms to the Lord in profoundly deep and meaningful ways.

Marriage, for those called to the vocation (or for those currently discerning or preparing for it), is a powerful means by which God helps husband and wife to grow in the light of his grace, deepen in holiness, and prepare for eternal life. For those called to this vocation, marriage truly serves as one of the Lord’s pathways to Heaven.

Let us keep all married couples in our prayers. May they continue to know God’s blessings and grace.

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Chalice Child Sponsorship:

Chalice is coming to Divine Mercy Parish! At our February 15-16 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.

2024 Tax Receipts are available for Pick-Up

Tax receipts for donations made to the Parish in 2024 are available for pick up. You will find them in alphabetical order in the foyer of our St. Paul's site. If you cannot locate yours or would like it mailed to you, please contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Women's League:

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is many things to many people. Whether it's faith, service, social justice or sisterhood, thousands of women across Canada have found fulfillment by becoming members. Interested in joining?? All members and women of the parish are welcome to join us for our next General Meeting of the Divine Mercy Council of the Catholic Women's League which is scheduled for Sunday, February 16th at 2:00 p.m. in the Church foyer. A social will follow the meeting.

The 2025-26 CWL Membership fee of \$30.00 for new and returning members is now due. It can be placed in an envelope and clearly marked "CWL Membership Fee" along with your contact information and deposited in the Weekend Collection.

Visit our website: www.divinemerlynl.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.

Youth Retreat at Our Lady, Queen of Families Parish The retreat begins at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 15 and ends at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 16. Join us as we give 24 hours to the Lord during Valentine's Day weekend! Lots of fun! Lots of food! Most importantly, we will also take time to encounter Jesus in personal prayer, at Mass, and in other planned activities! This retreat is FREE to attend! To register to attend, call or text Heather Gushue at 709-699-5701, or go to www.queenoffamilies.com to complete the online registration form.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Medical Assistance in Dying: What's A Catholic To Do?

On Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM, at St. Teresa's Church, 120 Mundy Pond Rd. St. John's, there will be a public presentation entitled, "Medical Assistance in Dying: What's A Catholic to Do?" The presenters will be Dr. Moira McQueen, and Fr. Joseph De Viveiros, CR,

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/>

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St Paul's Council #11776 Information contact:
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Offertory Collection Week of February 2

Offertory	\$ 6,708.00
Initial Offering	\$ 30.00
Food Bank	\$ 1,280.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 140.00
New Year's Offering	\$ 55.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 10.00
Easter Offering	\$ 25.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 25.00

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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!*