



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intention Week of February 16

Monday, February 17

9:30am Gerald & Lucy Stamp +
Linda Harding +
Eugene Coady & Deceased Family +
7pm Special Intention (Reynolds Family)
Bridget Kerrivan +
George Furey +

Tuesday, February 18

9:30am Philip & Pauline Walsh +
Toby MacDonald +
Special Intention (MD)

Wednesday, February 19

9:30am Melina & Gerald Doyle +
Uriel Fagan +
Marie Roche +
7pm Michael Smart +
Bertha Rose +
Theresa Marshall +

Thursday, February 20

9:30am Edward Bruke +
Gary Bouzanne +
James Darcy +

Friday, February 21

9:30am Gloria White +
Ann Woodford +
Tony Nolan +
7pm Frances Doyle +
Mary Sellars +
William Jardine +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Mary Anne Hancock, Mary Noonan & Joan Barron

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

There's an old Jesuit saying, supposedly from St. Ignatius, that one should "pray as if everything depends on God and do as if everything depends on you." It's good and helpful advice – Trust in God and the presence of his grace, and seek to cooperate with his grace. While good and helpful, it does contain a danger. Perhaps, due to the Fall of humanity, an over reliance on oneself remains a constant temptation. Often without one's conscious consent or even partial awareness, one can begin to focus exclusively on this world and its way of judging life and the human person. In his first encyclical, *Redemptor Hominis*, St. John Paul II wrote, "The man who wishes to understand himself thoroughly - and not just in accordance with immediate, partial, often superficial, and even illusory standards and measures of his being - he must with his unrest, uncertainty and even his weakness and sinfulness, with his life and death, draw near to Christ." In other words, "Jesus Christ, is the centre of the universe and of history."

St. Paul writes in our Second Reading this week, that "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." When we forget the centrality of Christ and trust more in ourselves than in him, we begin to judge ourselves within the context of the world. For

example, we compare our success at work, in the classroom, on the ice, court or field, wonder who's more attractive or popular. We look to the horizontal reality of human life (this life) and lose the sense of the vertical (the life to come). As a Christian, one's life now and the life to come are not in competition for importance. Both are integrally positioned in our faith. Christians live their life in this world. We enjoy and treasure the world's good things. But we retain most of our vision on the life to come. We realize that it is not the opinion of the world that informs us as to who one is. Rather, it is Jesus Christ, his Incarnation, Passion and Resurrection. We may understand the Resurrection as being life in heaven or eternal life. While these are absolutely true, in its most foundational expression, it is that drawing "near to Christ." It is union and communion with him. We live according to the revealed truth that the tomb is empty, that Jesus rose from the dead. Thus, the Resurrection and our drawing close to him is something we begin now. And in the life to come, it will be fulfilled. In short, the Resurrection is everything for us.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Jesuit Community Update:

Fr. Brook Stacey has made the personal decision to step away from active ministry with the Jesuits for a period of discernment and is taking time to reflect on his future.

We would like to express our gratitude for Fr. Brook's time with us over the past month. His presence in our parish, his generosity of spirit, and his pastoral care have been deeply appreciated. While his time with us was brief, we are grateful for his presence among us, and we ask that you keep him in your prayers.



Mass of Loving Gratitude for St. Francis of Assisi Church

You will remember from the February 2nd notice from Fr. John's and Parish and Finance Councils, that we will no longer be leasing St. Francis of Assisi Church as one of two sites. The last 4pm Sunday Mass will take place this weekend. We will have a **Mass of Loving Gratitude for the gift of St. Francis Assisi next Sunday, February 23 at 10 am** at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Outer Cove. A Reception will follow in the Annex. We hope you will join us.

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.

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 this week on Tuesday, 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.divinemercurynl.com/ or use this QR code.



Ash Wednesday: March 5 Lent Begins

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5, 2025. This is a time when we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule March 5, 2025

9:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all of our Masses

Stations of the Cross Fridays throughout Lent: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 & 11

5:45 pm: Join Fr. John for a hot bowl of soup

6:30 pm: Stations of the Cross begin in the church.

Keep an eye on future bulletins for a complete list of Lenten events and prayer opportunities in the parish.

Fasting & Abstinence

As Catholics we are aware of the practices of fasting and of abstinence. Fasting is about how much or how little food we take in over a period of time. Abstinence has to do with the kinds of foods we deny ourselves (e.g. meat, chocolate). Fasting for religious purposes is a practice of self-discipline and has a long tradition in the Church. It is used as an aid to concentration in prayer and it also helps develop a sensitivity to those in need. As a Church abstinence calls us (aged 14 years or older) to refrain from the eating of meat. Fasting allows only 1 full meal a day but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and the evening. In addition, eating between meals is prohibited. Fasting applies to those between the ages of 18 – 59 (those with medical conditions are exempt). In Canada Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the required days of fasting and abstinence.

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Chalice Child Sponsorship:

Chalice is at our parish this weekend – at all our February 15-16 Masses. Chalice is 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.

Visit our website: www.divinmercynl.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.



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Don't miss upcoming parish notifications, including closures and changes to the schedule due to weather. Join Flocknote today!

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.

Knights of Columbus:

The EP Roche 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus Assembly will hold its monthly meeting in the foyer of St. Paul's on Thursday 27 February at 7pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by a guest speaker (not yet confirmed) and our business meeting. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting is for members only.

Offertory Collection Week of February 9

Offertory	\$ 5,438.00
Initial Offering	\$ 20.00
Food Bank	\$ 215.00

E-transfers can be made through dmparishnl@outlook.com

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

Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!