



Divine Mercy



Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

2nd Sunday of Easter, Feast of the Divine Mercy: April 27, 2025

Mass Intention Week of April 27

Monday, April 28

9:30am Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Special Intention (PK)
Special Intention (TZ)
7pm Loretta Hickey +
James Cole +
Maureen & John Doyle +

Tuesday, April 29

9:30am Jason Hogan +
Paul Hennessey +
Special Intention (CC)

Wednesday, April 30

9:30am Special Intention (JM)
Edward & Angela Everad & Deceased Family +
Catherine Kent Carpentier +
7pm Br. Gordon Bellows +
Vern Abbott +
Margaret White +

Thursday, May 1

9:30am Michael Gladney +
Marilyn Hickey +
Special Intention (GC)

Friday, May 2

9:30am Special Intention (JD)
Special Intention (ID)
Mary & Raymond Ricketts +
7pm Patricia White +
Marguerite Stacey +
James Shaw +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Bride Hayes, Chick White

Parish Schedule:

Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Our 11:00am Mass is livestreamed on our YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/@divinemercury15565

Daily Mass: Monday to Friday 9:30am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: 8:30 to 9:15 am;
Saturdays 3-3:45pm
By appointment: email info@divinemercury.nl.com

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

Contact Information:

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www.divinemercury.nl.com/

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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Fr. Joe Mroz, S.J.
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**Inquiries for Sacrament Preparation and Faith
Formation:** email: faith.divinemercury.nl@gmail.com

Pastor's Note

Our life in the Church this past week probably felt different. When a sitting pope dies, it can feel as if we are left shepherdless. We have spent these last days in mourning following the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. We have remembered with fondness and gratitude many of his teachings and the example of humbly following the Lord. The image that has held the attention of my mind and heart was the last time we saw the late pope. He was unwell and weak. The Doctors had told him to rest and avoid all public activity. Yet, our shepherd wanted one last visit with his flock. One last chance to touch people's hands, one last chance to offer his blessing, one last chance to hold a baby to the delight of his/her parents, and one last chance to show his love for his brothers and sisters. Although no one is perfect except God, we have been blessed by having Pope Francis as our Shepherd. One of the most vital gifts Francis has given the Church, and the world was his emphasis on mercy.

At the conclusion of the "Year of Mercy" in 2016, Pope Francis wrote,

Forgiveness is the most visible sign of the Father's love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life. Every page of the Gospel is marked by this imperative of a love that loves to the point of forgiveness. Even at the last moment of his earthly life, as he was being nailed to the cross, Jesus spoke words of forgiveness: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Nothing of what a repentant sinner places before God's mercy can be excluded from the embrace of his forgiveness.

I have always found the Apostle Thomas' words crudely improper. Not to be too hard on him, but I sort of "shake in my boots" when I hear him say, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." Thomas' response, however, allows for a beautiful manifestation of the Lord's mercy. The Lord "loves to the point of forgiveness." He appears again when Thomas is present and replies to Thomas, saying, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." No sound of scolding or correction, no sign of frustration or exasperation, and no sense from the Crucified and Risen Lord of "You little ingrate." On the contrary, it sounds almost as if he, the glorified Lord, is pleading with Thomas – "Do not doubt but believe." Thomas immediately believed. He believed through the embrace of the Father's mercy, his forgiveness, his love. And so too, like Thomas, are we coming to believe more deeply.

God bless, take care and Blessings on Divine Mercy Sunday,

Fr. John

Summer Job Posting:

Divine Mercy Parish has a summer job posting ideal for students. This is a **Canada Summer Jobs** placement for Eight (8) weeks (35 hours per week) during summer 2025. Only those who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply: (1) between 15 and 30 years of age at start of employment; (2) is a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident or person on who refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act; and (3) is legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial/territorial legislation and regulations.

Position Description: general parish maintenance. For a full description and qualifications, please see our website:

Please send resume to dmparishnl@outlook.com before May 9, 2025
Only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

Offertory Collection Week of April 20

Offertory	\$5839.00
Holy Thursday	\$1923.00
Good Friday	\$2927.00
Easter Offering	\$5438.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20.00
New Years Day	\$ 10.00
Initial Offering	\$ 15.00
Flowers	\$ 10.00
Food Bank	\$2322.00
Dev & Peace	\$ 50.00

*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!*

To See**To Love****To Serve**

The parish offers different opportunities throughout the year to grow in love and keep Christ at the center of our lives. To See, To Love, To Serve, encourages us all to keep the fire of discipleship growing through the deepening of our understanding, our prayer and our serving. Our Bulletin offers a four-week cycle exploring a different aspect of Catholic Faith through the lens of Seeing, Loving and Serving. This week, we look at the theme of the Cross of Christ through the lens of To Serve.

The essence of love is to put other people's interests ahead of our own, doing what is best for them and serving them at their point of need. In this, we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, who willingly came and gave His life for us. Serving through the Cross of Jesus flows from a heart that loves God, voluntarily giving our lives for the benefit of others. Jesus lived this out every day of His earthly life. In the place of encounter with Jesus, people encountered the living God and the love that God had for them.

The Cross symbolizes a radical inversion of traditional ideas of power and leadership, where service and surrender take precedence over power and dominance. Jesus, the King, chose the cross, a symbol of suffering and shame, as his throne.

Following Jesus involves denying our own desires and submitting to his will, which often means relinquishing personal ambitions and agendas. This is the way of discipleship. As we encounter Christ and take upon ourselves his yoke of mercy, we seek to become more and more like him. Emulating Christ's service requires a high degree of vulnerability and a willingness to sacrifice our own comfort and well-being for the benefit of others.

Serving through the Cross refers to a life of selfless service motivated by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. This involves surrendering one's own agenda and desires to follow Christ's example of humility and love, often requiring vulnerability and a willingness to endure hardship for the sake of others.

Discover the love of God within you, reach out in service.

To See, To Love, To Seve – Coming Soon:

Meet the Bulmans

As part of our **To See, To Love, To Serve**, you are invited to sign up for **Meet the Bulmans**. This Word on Fire Series has been described as the First Catholic Reality Show. Enter the life of the Bulman family and reflect and share in the joy of the vocation of the family through this wonderful series. 8 sessions available through Flocknote
<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183789>

“A Great Symphony of Prayer:

As part of the Year of Prayer in anticipation for the Jubilee in 2025, the Canadian Bishops hosted a two-part webinar series titled, “A Great Symphony of Prayer”. These webinar sessions, led by Dr. Josephine Lombardi, of St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. Last Fall we made the first part on the Our Father available on Flocknote. In May, we will make the second part on “Mary, the Sains and Scripture available through our Flocknote. There are 4 sessions. Sign up link:
<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/186594>

The Rosary before Daily Mass

Join us Mondays through Fridays through the Month of May before the 9:30am (9:15 am) for the Rosary.

The Rosary with Bishop Robert Barron

Pray this most beautiful prayer with Bishop Robert Barron and hear him give a reflection on each mystery. May 2025 on Flocknote. <https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183615>

Holy Week at Divine Mercy Parish

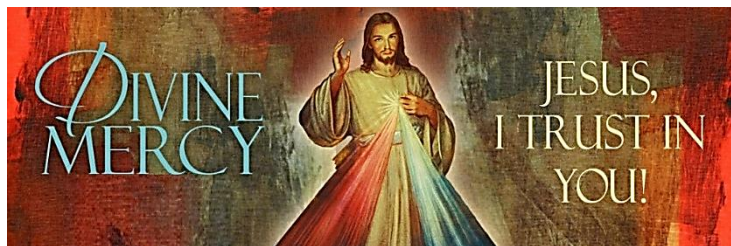
Pope Francis, 1936-2025

On Monday, April 21 Pope Francis passed away peacefully. With our Catholic brothers and sisters throughout the world we mourn the loss and pray for the repose of his soul. Elected to the Papacy in 2013, Pope Francis has shepherded the Catholic flock lovingly and served as a global ambassador of peace, hope and love. The Holy Father's compassion and care for others, especially the poor and marginalized has been a powerful witness to the mercy of God in the world and a reminder of our call to see the face of Christ in all the people we encounter. As we pray for the repose of his soul, let us honour his invitation to be missionaries of mercy, sharing in the light of Christ as we affirm the dignity of every human life and foster a culture of care and love.

Join us Friday, May 2 at 5:30 pm for a holy hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the rosary. Together let us remember Pope Francis, pray for the repose of his soul and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the Church and for the conclave

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 27, 2025



This beautiful and joyous feast is also the patronal feast of our parish. We hope you will join us for this celebration.

Sunday April 27 at 3pm
 Join us for Holy Hour
 with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Crowning of Mary

May is the month of Mary – a month dedicated to devotion to the Blessed Mother. A traditional devotion at this time is the Crowning of Mary – symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of our lives. Join us today, Sunday, May 4 at our 11am Mass when we will crown the statue of Mary in our Church.

Pilgrim Image of the Divine Mercy

Beginning Divine Mercy Sunday, the Parish will have a travelling image of the Divine Mercy that parishioners may host in their homes for a week at a time. The image is a framed picture approximately 16x20 inches.

Sign up sheets to host the image will be available in the lobby after each Mass on Divine Mercy weekend. Reading materials and holy cards of the Divine Mercy will be included with the travelling image.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our normal Children's Liturgy schedule of alternate Sundays will not take place next Sunday, April 27 due to preparations for the Divine Mercy Feast. Upcoming dates to note:

May 11, May 25, June 8 & June 22

June 22 will be the final session before the summer holidays. Liturgy of the Word with Children will resume on Sunday, September 14.

Canadian Bishops Statement on the Federal Election

A Statement to the Catholic Faithful by the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the 2025 Federal Election has been released and can be found on the Archdiocesan website www.rcsj.org.

Catholic Women's League:

The May General Meeting of the Divine Mercy Council of the Catholic Women's League is scheduled for Sunday, May 4th at 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Church foyer. Please note the change in the start time for the meeting. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting. A social will follow the meeting.

Saints Speak

*'Lord, those are your best servants
 who wish to shape their life on Your answers
 rather than to shape Your answers on their wishes.'*

St. Augustine