



# Divine Mercy



## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: May 18, 2025

### Mass Intention Week of May 18

#### **Monday, May 19**

9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +  
Special Intention (PS)  
Reynoldo Fragoso +  
  
7pm Edwina Hutton +  
Joan Bragg +  
Ann Noseworthy +

#### **Tuesday, May 20**

9:30am Special Intention (DG)  
Margaret Tannock +  
Earl & Bridgett Hickey & Deceased Family +

#### **Wednesday, May 21**

9:30am Special Intention (WF)  
Mary Linda Fosse +  
Deceased Members of Rodgers Family +  
  
7pm George Kinsella +  
Anne Wiseman +  
Jerome Conway +

#### **Thursday, May 22**

9:30am Sheila Connolly +  
Special Intention (BA)  
Special Intention (MB)

#### **Friday, May 23**

9:30am Tom & Mary Lawlor +  
Albert Walsh +  
Deceased Members of Hearn Family +  
  
7pm Jerome Conway +  
Anna McCarthy +  
Cyril Mallard +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**  
**Fr. Clem Flaherty**

### 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](http://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](mailto:info@divinemercury.nl.com)

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

### 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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# Pastor's Note

It is hard for us to imagine just how much we are loved by God. Still in the Easter Season, we have the prominence of the Passion and Resurrection in our minds and hearts. Through the crucified Lord we can see the immeasurable extent of the Trinity's love and with the Resurrection, we can understand its permanence, its eternity. Christ has "cleared the road" for us to have access to eternal life. The life of heaven or eternal life is the divine communion of life and love through the glorified humanity of the Risen Lord. Humanity, as the sisters and brothers of the Risen Christ, is brought into the relationship of the Father with the Son. And the Father breathes or sighs his love of the Son and now, of us. How incredible! Yet, we are given a foretaste of this love in our lives now. We do not have to remain utterly ignorant of the Father's love until, God willing, the life of heaven. In the Second Reading from the *Book of Revelation*, Saint John sees something beautiful in his vision.

St. John sees the new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. He then hears a loud voice, "See, the home of God is among humans. He will dwell with them as their

God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes." Throughout the Gospels we hear stories of Jesus visiting different homes and, especially, joining a group at table for a meal. Often, those at the table were not the "best sorts." He frequently associated himself with people judged as "sinners." Such table fellowship was meant to convey a meaning – it was a gesture of acceptance by the Lord to those with him. It is one thing to be an invited guest but is another thing to be the host. Being a host can trigger our insecurities, heighten our vulnerabilities. It puts stress on our fear of acceptance. By making his dwelling with us, by living among us God communicates a profound love. We are loved not only when sinfulness is washed away with salvation and the Beatific Vision. But we are loved even now, loved with the same love of heaven. Remember, within our imperfect lives and imperfect faith, he "will dwell with them as their God." Our life as Christians is a life of communion with him, or life and love.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

## Offertory Collection

Week of May 11

Offertory	\$6425.60
Holy Thursday	\$ 25.00
Good Friday	\$ 30.00
Easter Offering	\$ 160.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 1393.00
Food Bank	\$ 591.00
Dev & Peace	\$ 5.00
Cemetery	\$ 10.00
Papal Charities	\$ 60.00

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 indicating what the E-transfer is for)*

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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 Sacred Heart of Jesus by looking at the teaching of Pope Francis.*

The last Encyclical (a Papal letter written by the Pope to the entire Catholic Church) from Pope Francis was called *Dilexit nos* - He Loved Us, released October 24, 2024. In the Encyclical, Pope Francis focused on the intense love of the Heart of Jesus, exploring the inseparable relationship between divine love and human love. The encyclical seeks to deepen the Church's understanding of how Christ's Sacred Heart reflects the boundless love of God and is the perfect model of human love. Here are some of the key themes of the encyclical:

**1. *The Heart of Jesus as the Symbol of Divine Love:*** Pope Francis emphasizes that the Sacred Heart of Jesus represents God's unconditional and merciful love for humanity. Jesus, in His human nature, reveals the divine love that seeks the salvation and well-being of every person, offering a visible and tangible expression of God's infinite compassion.

**2. *The Integration of Divine and Human Love:*** The encyclical underscores the unity of divine love with human love in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus' heart shows how human emotions and affections can be sanctified by divine grace. His love for others, particularly the marginalized, reflects the depths of God's love, and human love is lifted to a higher, more perfect expression through His example.

**3. *The Call to Imitate Christ's Love:*** Pope Francis highlights that Christians are called to imitate the love of the Heart of Jesus in their own lives. This means cultivating a love that is both sacrificial and selfless, attentive to the needs of others, especially the poor and suffering. The encyclical encourages the faithful to look to the Heart of Christ as a model for personal and communal love.

**4. *The Heart of Jesus as a Source of Hope and Healing:*** The document also speaks about the wounded nature of human love in a broken world. The Heart of Jesus, pierced by the sins of humanity, remains a source of hope and healing for all. Through His Sacred Heart, Christ offers forgiveness, renewal, and the possibility of redemption for all who turn to Him.

**5. *Mercy and Compassion at the Core of Christian Mission:*** Pope Francis places particular emphasis on the merciful love that flows from the Sacred Heart as central to the mission of the Church. Christians are called to be ambassadors of this love, bringing Christ's mercy to the world through acts of compassion, justice, and reconciliation.

**6. *Contemplation and Devotion to the Sacred Heart:*** The encyclical encourages the faithful to develop a deeper devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope Francis calls for moments of prayer, reflection, and meditation on this divine-human love as a way of drawing closer to the heart of God and allowing His love to transform the world.

To sum up, the encyclical *Dilexit nos* invites believers to a greater understanding and imitation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, portraying it as the ultimate example of how divine love can elevate and perfect human love, with a particular focus on mercy, compassion, and healing. It is both a theological reflection and a pastoral call to live out the love of Christ in daily life.

Interested in reading the encyclical, you can find it on the Vatican website:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

***Together, for the Greater Glory of God***



## **Divine Mercy Parish Ministry Fair 2025**

**May 31 – June 1**  
**After All the Masses**

***Explore the many different ministries alive and  
at work at Divine Mercy Parish!***

***Meet and Greet members of Divine Mercy who  
share similar interests as you!***

***Learn how you can share your gifts and  
talents!***

***Something for EVERYONE!***

**Help us make this Ministry Fair a great success!**

- Help us in set up on Saturday afternoon or clean up on Sunday;
- join us in being a welcoming presence after any of the Masses;
- help out with a simple hospitality (coffee, tea and something sweet) after the 4pm Mass and 9am Mass
- greet and welcome parishioners as they visit the Ministry Fair booths

If you have a little bit of time to give, we would love to have you with us. See Anna after the weekend Masses or contact us at [faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com)

## **Celebrating Confirmations & First Holy Communion**

Next Saturday, May 24, we will be celebrating Confirmations and First Holy Communion with the families of our parish. More than 40 young people will be celebrating the sacraments. They and their families have been involved in a process of preparation and are anticipating with great joy the reception of the Sacraments. If you would like to join us in the Mass, it will take place at 11am, Saturday, May 24. Please keep these young people, their parents and godparents in your prayers. May they be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit now and throughout their lives.

## **An Important Note Regarding Parking:**

We have recently had concerns raised by some of our neighbours regarding parishioners parking too close to the intersection of Newfoundland Drive and Carrick Drive during the Mass. Local traffic struggles for visibility when approaching the intersection and there have been a few close calls with both cars and pedestrians.

We have been asked not to park so close to the intersection. This is both a sensible and prudent request and we ask you to be aware of issues of visibility and safety when parking on the street. We also want everyone to be aware that for the weekend Masses, we have access to the playground behind the school for parking (in addition to the parking at the front and back of the church). We are grateful for your neighbourly consideration and cooperation in this matter.

"Songs to Touch Your Heart and Warm Your Spirit", featuring the internationally acclaimed Canadian Celtic Choir — live in concert for one night only in St. John's as part of their 2025 Canadian Tour. June 26, 7pm at St. Theresa's Church. Tickets are available at Fred's Records, O'Briens Records and St. Teresa's Parish office 120 Mundy Pond Rd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.