



Divine Mercy



Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See

¶ To Love

¶ To Serve

6th Sunday of Easter: May 25, 2025

Mass Intention Week of May 25

Monday, May 26

9:30am Conrad Short +
Special Intention (PS)
Special Intention (BK)

7pm Leo Galway +
Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Barbara White +

Tuesday, May 27

9:30am Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Francis Neary +
Special Intention (MM)

Wednesday, May 28

9:30am Michael & Mary Martin & Deceased Family +
Special Intention (PS)
Isabella & John Traverse & Deceased Family +

7pm Loretta Mackey +
J. Craig Power +
Mark Hammond +

Thursday, May 29

9:30am Special Intention (AM)
Mary Boland +
Special Intention (AK)

Friday, May 30

9:30am Special Intention (MM)
Edna Harris +
Margaret & Paul Foley +

7pm Mary McDonald +
Sister Helen Caule +
Cyril Mallard +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
*Denis Lawlor, Dave Mallam, Carol Ann Costello,
Marjorie Canning*

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/@divinemercy15565

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@divinemercynl.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.

Pastor: Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. Email: john@ekon.ca
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**Inquiries for Sacrament Preparation and Faith
Formation:** email: faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com

Pastor's Note

A sincere Christian often finds oneself stuck behind an imposing roadblock. The roadblock is of one's own construction. It prevents us from continuing forward. It feels as if we are just spinning our wheels. Our sincerity, surprisingly, can open us to a tempting thought – “I want God but surely God wants me to have my faith and life in order first.” And so, in a terrible error, we can tell God to “circle back” later. We give ourselves a reprieve, more time to get things and ourselves right. The sad truth, however, is that we will never get things and ourselves in perfect order. There will always be the impulse to clean a little more, to rearrange one last time, to commit to yet another ambitious plan for our faith. Consequently, rather than echoing Mary’s words to the Archangel, “I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me,” we can ask God to give us more time, to check later. In our reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*, however, we are shown by God the Holy Spirit, that God reconciles, chooses and calls, justifies.

Our First Reading deals with a major controversy in the Early Church which led to the first Church Council, The Council of Jerusalem. The debate surrounded the question of whether a non-Jewish convert, a Gentile, would first have to adopt Jewish religious practices from the Mosaic Law before becoming Christian? Because

Jesus was Jewish, as were the Apostles and most of the original followers, it seemed reasonable to require the adherence to Jewish religious practices as part of this new Christian faith. Through God the Holy Spirit it became clear to the Apostles and church elders, that these practices, by and large, were not to be continued as Christian requirements. The Lord’s birth to Mary and Joseph, and his Passion and Resurrection have made all things new. A principal preoccupation of the Mosaic Law was to help people be reconciled with God, to be in right relationship with him. Jesus Christ shows us that God the Father now reconciles us to himself. His love and mercy are perfectly revealed in the Cross. The Lord’s blood, that is, his love and mercy, cover and fill our imperfections, our sinfulness. God gave himself when we were still unrighteous, as St. Paul writes in another passage. We never have to ask God to “circle back,” to give us more time to get things and ourselves in perfect order. All we must do is accept and embrace his encompassing love and mercy. To say with Mary, despite our doubts, “I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me.”

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Offertory Collection Week of May 17

Offertory	\$4873.40
Christmas Offering	\$ 5.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 188.00
Food Bank	\$2041.60
Papal Charities	\$ 45.00

Peace I leave with you;
MY PEACE I GIVE YOU.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and
DO NOT BE AFRAID.

JOHN 14:27 NIV

*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 devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in prayer.



Heart Speaks to Heart

June is the month traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This is not just about venerating an image but of engaging in a living relationship with Christ himself. In the Encyclical *Dilexit nos* (He loved Us) Pope Francis explains how the heart of Jesus symbolizes boundless divine and human love, calling us into personal intimacy. This devotion, deeply rooted in Trinitarian love, draws us into a relationship where divine and human love meet in Christ (#48-54).

Through the Sacred Heart, we encounter Christ not as an abstract idea but as a living Savior who invites us into trust and dialogue. Pope Francis writes, “The venerable image portraying Christ holding out his loving heart... invites us to encounter, dialogue, and trust” (#54).

Pope Francis encouraged believers to embrace this devotion, urging everyone to echo the prayer of St. Thérèse of Lisieux: “Jesus, I trust in you” (#75-90).

In the final chapter of the encyclical, Pope Francis reflected on the intense love Christ has for humanity, as seen through the revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Christ’s Sacred Heart burns with love but often meets indifference. His cry, “I thirst,” is a plea for love in return, especially through the Eucharist. Pope Francis calls the faithful to respond to this divine love not out of obligation, but out of a deep desire to console Christ’s heart. He invites us to embrace a life of love and service, especially to the poor and marginalized, as a way of offering love for love (#164-171).

The encyclical encourages the us 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.

Celebrating the Sacred Heart in the Month of June

Are you looking to increase your devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

Join us in the

Novena to the Sacred Heart

June 18 to June 26

On Flocknote, as well as hardcopies available from the Welcome kiosk in the foyer.

This powerful novena is nine days of prayer with reflections from scripture and the saints. Our novena will include three short talks by Fr. John. The talks will be taped and made available on our Flocknote. Sign up: <https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/186769>

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Together, for the Greater Glory of God



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

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.

Parish Family News:

This week we will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism with two of our parish families. Jude Chrétien and Aarin Parmar will be baptized. With their families, we rejoice in the gift of faith and pray that they may all grow in the light of God's grace.

On Monday, May 26, at 11am the funeral Marjorie Canning will take place at Barrett's Funeral Home in Mount Pearl. Marjorie Canning passed away on February 17, 2025.

Knights of Columbus 2025 State Lottery Winners: Tickets Drawn on May 3, 2025

- Draw #1: Jackie Baudais Ticket #5886 \$25,000
- Draw #2: Dawn Burke- Green Ticket #4232 \$5000
- Draw #3: Justin Brake Ticket # 7819 \$1000
- Draw #4: Ada & Corrine #9008 \$500
- Draw #5: Sandra McNeil #6963 \$500
- Draw #6: Kara Young #2582 \$500
- Draw #7: Doug Stamp #6198 \$500
- Draw #8: Tony Driscoll #3841 \$500
- Draw #9: Catalina Conv. & Gas Bar #7202 \$500

Congratulations to all the winners!