



Divine Mercy



Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

3rd Sunday of Easter: May 4, 2025

Mass Intention Week of May 4

Monday, May 5

- 9:30am Catherine & Raymond Walsh +
Tomasz Misztal +
Deceased of Burke & Lawlor Families
- 7pm Special Intention (Y&J)
Jack Croke +
Angela Martin +

Tuesday, May 6

- 9:30am Scott Kelly +
James Roberts +
Special Intention (GC)

Wednesday, May 7

- 9:30am Special Intention (GC)
Michael & Peter Parrell +
Denis Langille +
- 7pm Leo Rose +
Ron McCarthy +
Nellie Boland +

Thursday, May 8

- 9:30am Special Intention (ST)
Bill Collins & Deceased Family +
Special Intention (GC)

Friday, May 9

- 9:30am Special Intention (GC)
Souls in Purgatory
Greg Thorne +
- 7pm Kevin Butler +
Benjamin Holan-Basha +
Morgan Hinchey +

*Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Francis Doyle, Maureen Fahey, Michael Kelly*

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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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

An early Greek philosopher wrote, “you never step into the same river twice.” Things are always in flux, things constantly change. When we look at our world, we see this clearly – war in Europe, devastation in Palestine, threat of World War III emanating from the East China Sea; global temperatures rising; and, even, the Chair of Peter is currently vacant. Despite constant change, or perhaps because of it, we tend to long for stability, for confidently knowing what will come next. With such instability, and truly frightful possibilities, it is no wonder anxiety and depression are on the rise, especially among young people. People are scared because the world is scary. Our Christian faith, however, has something to say, to proclaim to our changing world and worried hearts – “Be not afraid.” These are Christ’s words, God’s words. The call of Christ for us not to be afraid is not a call to dwell within a fantasy world of make believe. Nor is it an encouragement to bury one’s head in the sand and pretend everything is just fine. Rather it is a reminder that God is not just near but is here; that God is not just concerned but is at work; and, that God doesn’t just have a plan but his will, our salvation, is already accomplished.

The Book of Revelation was written for the “seven churches in Asia” when the seven churches were all undergoing persecution at the hands of worldly leaders. It was meant to rally believers, to strengthen their faith by reminding them that Jesus Christ has already won his victory. In his vision,

Saint John the Evangelist heard:

every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, “To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshipped.

Beginning in heaven but radiating outwards, every creature and even the entire universe (all Creation) adores, praises and worships Christ the Lamb. According to Peter S. Williamson, a scripture scholar, this week’s passage from Revelation reflects “a certain timelessness: it begins in time with Christ’s sacrifice and exaltation but concludes when no opposition to God and Christ is found in heaven or on earth.” Because we do not bury our heads in the sand, that we are “in the world but not of the world,” we feel the world’s anxieties. And this will continue until he comes again in glory. We live in the “not yet” time, that is, we await in faith and hope for his return. But we remember the fullness of reality. The Lamb is on his throne and all Creation adores and worships him! The world is redeemed, and we are saved! So, “Be not afraid.”

God bless and take care,

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 27

Offertory	\$5036.80
Holy Thursday	\$ 65.00
Good Friday	\$ 277.00
Easter Offering	\$ 325.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Food Bank	\$1735.00
Dev & Peace	\$ 115.00

*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 lives of the Saints.

In the gospels we witness an encounter between Jesus as he carries his cross and a Simon of Cyrene. Simon is not listed as an “official saint” but his proximity to the Cross of Christ and his heroic and holy action, makes him a unique and powerful witness to what the Cross of Christ means for us.

We know very little about Simon, he is mentioned only three times in the New Testament (Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21 and Luke 23:26) all in relation to the episode on the way to Calvary. If we imagine the scene, we might envision the crowds, taunting a beaten and weakened Jesus as he bears the weight of His Cross. What went through Simon’s mind as he found himself caught up in the tumult? Was he confused, afraid, repulsed by what he saw? Matthew and Mark report that Simon “was compelled” to carry the cross, while Luke says Simon “was seized” and had the Cross laid on him. In each account, Simon is pressed into service. The passages are clear, he did not volunteer. And yet he stepped up. He took the Lord’s Cross and carried it, and by doing so, entered Christ’s loving work of salvation.

“Carrying our cross” is a quite familiar concept to Christians. We tend to associate this notion with physical ailments or challenges, mental illness, emotional distress, or any difficult or unwanted situations in life. Unwelcome as they are, if they cannot be eliminated or mitigated, they must be endured. However, Jesus tells us in the Gospels that carrying the cross is the calling of all his authentic followers, a cost of true discipleship (see Mt 16:24, Mk 8:34, and Lk 9:23, 14:27). How we deal with our crosses, then, makes all the difference for us and for many persons with whom we associate.

Of course, the best person from whom to learn how to handle the crosses that come our way is Jesus himself. But, as fallen human beings, it is particularly instructive to consider the only man like us (in all things, including sin) who actually (not metaphorically) carried the cross of Jesus aside from our Lord himself, namely Simon of Cyrene.

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://divinemerccyparish12.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://divinemerccyparish12.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://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/183615>

Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Preparing for the Sacraments

Please keep in your prayers the young people who will be celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist in our Parish at the end of this month. May the blessing of God's gifts be profoundly experienced by all of them and their families at this wonderful time and may their faith continue to grow and deepen throughout their lives.

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.

Congratulations to Mike Bautista

– Magis Award Recipient

Our heartfelt congratulations go to Divine Mercy Parishioner Mike Bautista who this past week was honored by the Canadian Jesuits with the Magis Award. The Magis Award is given by the Canadian Jesuits in recognition of exceptional commitment to faith and service, aligning with the Jesuit ideal of “doing more for others.”

Mike embodies the Jesuit ideal of “a man for others” through his dedicated service and faith. When the province of Newfoundland withdrew all public funding for Catholic education in 1997, he helped establish St. Bonaventure's College. Without his assistance, the Jesuit commitment to education in Newfoundland would have been lost. As the long-standing chair of its Board of Governors, he worked tirelessly to ensure financial stability and growth. His efforts continue through the endowment committee, helping families seeking a Jesuit education for their children. The Jesuit ideal of being a contemplative in action permeates every aspect of his life.

Parish Family News:

This Sunday at our 9am Mass we will celebrate the sacrament of Baptism with one of our parish families. Georgia Meredith Mullaly will be baptized. With her family, we rejoice in the gift of faith and pray that they may all grow in the light of God's grace.

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.

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.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

This Wednesday in Rome, the Cardinals of the Church will assemble in the Conclave to elect our next Pope. Let us pray with Catholics throughout the world that the Holy Spirit may inspire them to elect a papal shepherd who will walk in the ways of the Lord and whose watchful care will bring all of God's children closer to the Risen Lord.

Found in the Roman Missal is the Prayer for the Election of a New Pope:

*O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

St. Peter, pray for us.