



# Divine Mercy



## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

**To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve**

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord: June 1, 2025

### **Mass Intention Week of May June 1**

#### ***Monday, June 2***

9:30am Conrad Short +  
Loretta Hickey +  
Special Intention (JS)  
  
7pm Margaret Hennebury +  
Michael Billard +  
Randy Tobin +

#### ***Tuesday, June 3***

9:30am Michael Gladney +  
William Kinsella +  
Special Intention (CA)

#### ***Wednesday, June 4***

9:30am Bill Collins & Deceased Family +  
Special Intention (EO)  
Special Intention (BK)  
  
7pm Ignatius Nash +  
Special Intention (MC)  
Rita Bushee +

#### ***Thursday, June 5***

9:30am Anthony Spurvey +  
Greg Morris +  
Special Intention (AE)

#### ***Friday, June 6***

9:30am Patricia Martin +  
Frank Dinn +  
Special Intention (CC)  
  
7pm Florence Richardson +  
Hellen Molloy +  
Tela Dollard +

***Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:  
Vincent Fulford***

### **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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[www.divinemercury.nl.com/](http://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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**Inquiries for Sacrament Preparation and Faith  
Formation:** email: [faith.divinemercury.nl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemercury.nl@gmail.com)

# Pastor's Note

The Risen Lord told his disciples that he would be leaving them soon (the Ascension) but would send them a helper (Pentecost). And we will be better off! This has always seemed confusing. Wouldn't it have been better if the Lord remained with us? Who wouldn't prefer to have sat and listen to him preach by the shores of the Sea of Galilee or witnessed a miracle in Judea? The answer seems clear and easy – Of course it would be better. Yet, Christ teaches the opposite. He must be right, and I must be wrong. How are we better off with his Ascension?

A beautiful manifestation of love is a parent's care for their child. When a child is young, the parent takes care of everything. Be it in the home or in the world, the parent assumes an absolute responsibility. While all admire the "doting parent," at some point, as the child ages, it seems that the parent must give the child more freedom to stand on their own two feet without being held up by mom or dad. This doesn't mean that the parent loves the child less. Rather, it reflects a deepening love of wanting what is best for the growth and maturation of their child. Who can forget the sense of accomplishment of riding a bike without training wheels or dad running beside us holding us up? Or when

we cut the grass all by ourselves for the first time? Graduating high school, college or university? In a strange way, it seems that to love one's child also entails to let go. This letting go is a difficult act of selfless love. It is done exclusively for the good of the child. With this understanding, we can better grasp the Ascension.

When the Lord told his disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." No longer will the disciples be mainly observers and listeners. God's actions convey a knowledge and trust of the disciples and us. He calls and sends us. The Son has shared his mission, the mission received from the Father. The Lord moves our faith from the outside to the inside; our faith is written on our hearts. We may have our doubts of his call and choice, "How could you want me?" But he is the Lord God and makes no mistakes. In love he has given us himself and a share in his work. You are known and trusted by God and so, called to go "to the ends of the earth."

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John



## Offertory Collection Week of May 24

Offertory	\$4860.85
Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Parish Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Easter Offering	\$ 15.00
Food Bank	\$ 370.60
Papal Charities	\$ 849.00

*E-transfers can be made through  
[dmparishnl@outlook.com](mailto: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 service.*



## A Love That Gives Itself as Drink

In the Encyclical *Dilexit nos* (He loved Us) Pope Francis draws us into the rich biblical and theological imagery of water as a symbol of life, salvation, and love, all fulfilled in the pierced heart of Christ: “The pierced heart of Christ embodies all God’s declarations of love present in the Scriptures. That love is no mere matter of words; rather, the open side of his Son is a source of life for those whom he loves, the fount that quenches the thirst of his people” (#101). The Pope traces the development of the Sacred Heart devotion from the early Church Fathers to the medieval who saw the pierced side of Christ as the source of grace. Over time, this devotion became a personal, intimate encounter with Christ’s love, especially through figures like St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Thérèse of Lisieux: “As for me, I find perfection very easy to practise because I have understood it is a matter of taking hold of Jesus by his heart” (St. Thérèse). The Pope concludes this section with a powerful call to console Christ’s wounded

wounded heart. Drawing from the reflections of St. Claude de la Colombière and Pope Pius XI, Pope Francis explains how this desire to offer reparation for the sins of the world heals not only Christ’s heart but also the hearts of those who engage in it. The goal is not guilt but a deep, purifying sorrow for sin, which brings about spiritual renewal and peace (#152-163).

In this light, service is to be understood as an act of love, and indeed compassion, for the One who has given us everything through himself. It is a gift of our return for the love we have been shown.

*What has He done for me?  
He has loved me and given me His whole self.  
What shall I do for Him?  
I shall love Him and give myself to Him  
without reserve.”*

*~St. Ignatius of Loyola*

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## Celebrating the Sacred Heart in the Month of June

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*

## 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!

*Ministries & Groups You'll See:*

- ✦ Altar Servers ✦ Lectors ✦ Eucharistic Ministers
- ✦ Ushers ✦ Music Ministry ✦ Hospitality
- ✦ Counting Ministry ✦ Children's Liturgy
- ✦ Baptism Preparation ✦ Visitation Ministry
- ✦ Sacrament Preparation ✦ RCIA
- ✦ Bereavement ✦ Parish Food Bank
- ✦ Catholic Women's League ✦ Knights of Columbus

**Join us in the school gym following the  
Saturday 4pm Mass &  
Sunday following the  
9am and 11am Masses**

### Modified Hours for the Parish Office

While Marion is away recuperating, our Parish Office will run on modified hours: Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 12pm. Please don't hesitate to be in contact through our email: [info@divinemercynl.com](mailto:info@divinemercynl.com) We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience.

### 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.

**AFTERNOON TEA AT THE BASILICA:** Thursdays: June 5th, June 19th, July 3rd and July 17th. Tea is served from 2-3:30 pm! **NOTE:** Tickets go on sale 1/2 hour before the tea begins. \$20 each, cash only. Seating capacity is limited.

### Steubenville Atlantic Conference July 11 to July 13

A Weekend Conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples.

In order to register to attend the Conference, participant and/or chaperone places need to be reserved. There is a deposit of \$50 per person required to hold a spot. The registration fee is \$270 total. That includes the cost of food and lodging during the conference. Tickets for the conference are going quickly and

The website for Steubenville Atlantic is:  
<https://halifaxymouth.org/pastoral-services/steubenville-atlantic>

Other costs to consider include air-fare, food for the times not included in the conference, and transportation costs to and from the airport.