



# Divine Mercy



## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

**To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve**

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity: June 15, 2025

### **Mass Intention Week of May June 15**

#### **Monday, June 16**

9:30am Edward & Josephine Butler +  
Michael Valencic +  
Clarence & Ann Woodford +  
  
7pm Special Intention (AM)  
Mary Lawlor +  
Randy Snow +

#### **Tuesday, June 17**

9:30am Special Intention (CC)  
Michael Fennessey +  
George & Helena Street +

#### **Wednesday, June 18**

9:30am Melinda & Gerald Doyle +  
Special Intention (EO)  
Paul Perry Jr. +  
  
7pm Andrew Strickland +  
Frank Clift +  
John, Isabelle and John Jr. Dunne +

#### **Thursday, June 19**

9:30am Special Intention (JM)  
Victor Pennell +  
James March +

#### **Friday, June 20**

9:30am Special Intention (GN)  
Deceased Members of Duff Family +  
Deceased Members of Lynch Family  
  
7pm Michael Hawco +  
Craig Monahan +  
Michael Spearns +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**  
**Marie Gogal, Michael Stokes, Georgina Tucker**

### **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/@divinemeracy15565](http://www.youtube.com/@divinemeracy15565)

**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@divinemeracynl.com](mailto:info@divinemeracynl.com)

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

### **Contact Information:**

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[www.divinemeracynl.com/](http://www.divinemeracynl.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.divinemeracynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemeracynl@gmail.com)

# Pastor's Note

In my first year as a priest, while still in studies, I was sent to cover a parish on a Native Reserve in Northern Ontario during the Easter Triduum. After the Holy Thursday Mass and the washing of the feet, I remember standing in front of the little church once people had left. I was looking at the stars in the sky and thinking how it could have been that the Lord God had gone to his knees and washed our feet? It didn't seem right. We should have washed his feet! But God is God and he makes no mistakes. What, then, was he saying and showing. What was it that he wanted us to know? I was unaware of it at the time, but such thoughts and questions echo our Psalm for this week's Mass.

Psalm 8 confesses that the heavens are "the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established." But then the Psalm turns to a question: "What is man that you are mindful of him?" complicating things further, King David writes, "you have made him a little lower than the Angels . . . You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet." As human beings we are imperfect, often unfaithful in our relationship with God, and sometimes sinful in our thoughts, words and actions. And yet, looked what God has done for us. Marvel at his lavish goodness to us. Our minds are confused as it seems impossible to form a reasonable answer. Thankfully, the Book of Proverbs provides the truth.

Proverbs has the Second Person of the Holy Trinity speaking of being with the Father. The Son "was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always." Sounds right, makes sense – of course the Son was the delight of the Father. But the Son continues, the Father and he also rejoiced

"in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of Adam." "Delighting in the children of Adam," that is, delighting in us? Rejoicing "in his inhabited world," that is, rejoicing in us? Again, it doesn't seem right . . . but it is. God rejoices and delights in us, in you. You are his child, and he is your Father.

Now I know why he washes our feet, why he goes to the Cross. You are his delight. You are his beloved child.

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John



## Offertory Collection Week of June 8

Offertory	\$5053
Initial Offering	\$ 10
Easter Offering	\$ 40
Food Bank	\$ 100
Flowers	\$ 5
Cemetery	\$ 295
Papal Charities	\$ 65

*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. This week, we look at what it means to live sacramentally, taken by an article by Hansol Goo, Assistant Professor of liturgical theology, Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary in Collegeville. (edited for length)*

At the center of what it means to be Catholic is a life lived in and through the sacraments: baptism, confirmation, Eucharist, reconciliation, anointing of the sick, matrimony and holy orders. But sacraments are more than a “to-do” list in the life of a Catholic. Sacraments are, simply put, faith in action.

Christian faith is not a set of abstract ideas or moral codes. Born out of love and desire for God, faith consists of orienting oneself wholly toward God, not only one's heart but one's concrete actions in life. Sacramental life, then, refers to all of human life: its patterns, limitations, its complications and mysteriousness oriented toward its ultimate end in communion with God.

A common misunderstanding of sacraments even among lifelong Catholics is that sacraments are channels through which God's grace is handed out to us. Although not “incorrect,” this definition misses the deeper meaning of sacraments and the nature of the Church. It turns sacraments into containers of magic called “grace” and liturgy into human rituals through which we acquire grace with our own efforts.

The Dogmatic Constitution on Liturgy, “Sacrosanctum Concilium,” states that the roots of liturgy are founded in God's loving will for humans as revealed in Christ: “God who ‘wills that all men be saved and come to knowledge of the truth’ (1 Timothy 2:4) ... sent His Son, the Word made flesh, anointed by the Holy Spirit, to preach the Gospel to the poor, to heal the contrite of heart, to be a ‘bodily and spiritual medicine’, the Mediator between God and man” (SC, 5).

Sacraments are rooted in God's desire for us that we be saved and come to know the deep truths of God. To achieve this, God sent his only Son to die on the cross bearing our sins: “in [Christ's] dying, he destroyed death; in his rising, he restored life.” (Easter Preface, Roman Missal; Cf. Romans 6:8-11).

How might we then understand this life given to us through Christ's Paschal Mystery? First, let us be reminded that God's gift, that is, life lived in grace and communion with God, is an invitation, rather than a one-time reward, to live our life,

already here and now, with, in and through God. Sacraments are not disjointed moments in our daily life when we “receive grace.” Rather, they are the foundation and orientation according to which we live. The Catechism states that “the purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify [people], to build up the body of Christ and, finally, to give worship to God. Because they are signs, they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects they also nourish, strengthen, and express it” (CCC, 1123). Sacramental life rooted in the Paschal Mystery, through which God achieves his plan for our salvation, is continuous, repetitive and unceasing. In this sense, sacraments are not merely something we do as Catholics but how we live as Catholics.

Imagine the life of a professional baseball player. Every day, the player does the things necessary to be a baseball player: showing up to practice, putting on the uniform and gear, practicing running, throwing and catching the ball. The player does not play alone but on a team. A baseball player lives out his identity by playing in baseball games as a team.

So is the sacramental life lived not as an individual but as a community that is the Church. The Catechism states that “it is the whole community, the body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates [the liturgy]” (CCC, 1140). This means that living the sacramental life stems out of a shared sense of identity and belonging: my desire to participate in God's life of grace is also your desire; your imperfections and struggles in living according to God's will are also my task and burden.

The sacramental life consists of ecclesial celebrations carried out by the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, Christ is present in the sacraments, and it is through the same Spirit that we become Church, the body of Christ. Living the fruits of the Holy Spirit in the sacramental life of the Church transforms us and fortifies us to proclaim the good news of salvation through Christ as the Light in the world.

How astonishing and humbling it is to imagine that God, as the Supreme Lover, tirelessly searches for us and woos us to live his life with us! Imagine!

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## Happy Father's Day!

To all our dads, because of who you are and all you do, Happy Father's Day! With Fr. John, the Parish staff and the Jesuit community we pray that the Lord may continue to bless you and the work of your hands and hearts.

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## Visitation & Communion Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

*Did you know that our parish serves six long-term care homes in St. John's, bringing Holy Communion to our Catholic brothers and sisters who are notable to come to church?*

Our Visitation & Communion Ministry hold regular Communion Services in long-term care homes as well as bringing the Eucharist to individuals in their homes. This is a tremendous outreach, quietly connecting and spending time with people and sharing the gift of the Eucharist. Our Visitation ministry is making a real difference in people's lives. We visit people

Do you know someone who is laid up at home and would like to receive Holy Communion from a member of our team? Call the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 and we will be happy to set up a visit.

We are also looking for people who are willing to spend some time with homebound parishioners and those in long-term care facilities and to bring Holy Communion to them. No experience necessary. The parish will provide training and equip you for the ministry. For more information, speak with Fr. John or Anna after any of the weekend Masses or call the parish office at 709-726-9924.

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## 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>

## 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.

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## Knights of Columbus

In May the Knights of Columbus held its Annual Convention of all its Councils in Newfoundland and Labrador. One of the highlights of the Convention is the presentation of awards to recognize the work and contributions Councils or its members have made in the past year. We are pleased to report that St. Paul's Council, here at Divine Mercy Parish, was the recipient of three awards:

The Council received the First Place Award for Community Activities and the First Place Award for Life Activities for its exemplary fulfillment of each of these service programs for 2024-25.

William Aylward of St. Paul's Council was presented with the Grand Knight Award for his Outstanding Service to the Knights of Columbus in 2024-25. Congratulations to Grand Knight William Aylward and members of St. Paul's Council for being honored for their contributions to our Parish and to our community.

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The EP Roche 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus Assembly will hold its monthly meeting in the foyer of Divine Mercy Church on Thursday, June 26 at 7pm. The evening begins with the Rosary followed by a guest speaker (TBC). All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting follows and is for members only.

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## The Pope's Intention for the Month of June:

*That the world might grow in compassion.*

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.