



# Divine Mercy



## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

**To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve**

Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ: June 22, 2025

### **Mass Intention Week of May June 22**

#### **Monday, June 23**

9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +  
Special Intentions (OG)  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

7pm Brian Bermingham +  
Walter Cannoll +  
Alama Pike +

#### **Tuesday, June 24**

9:30am Judy Harron +  
Special Intention (OG)  
Cyrus & Madeline Hawco +

#### **Wednesday, June 25**

9:30am Gerald Winston Stone & Family +  
Special Intention (CA)  
Geraldine & Wilf Doyle +

7pm Nalvenia Buott +  
Celine King +  
David Hurley +

#### **Thursday, June 26**

9:30am Special Intention (BA)  
Deceased Members of Berrigan Family +  
Ann & Clarence Woodford +

#### **Friday, June 27**

9:30am Special Intention (E&R)  
Peter Ryan and Ryan & Boulos Families +  
Marie Walsh +

7pm Theresa Coady +  
Veronica Harvey +  
Louise Marshall +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**  
**Sharon Ann Guest**

### **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

I read recently something Saint Augustine wrote. Augustine spoke of how our creation, and all that is, was from nothing. God created the universe and humanity *ex nihilo*. Consequently, he reasoned that within the human heart or spirit, we are haunted by the shadow of nothingness. The prospect of “nothingness” is painful and engenders fear. Therefore, we look to other created things to fill the void or emptiness. Of course, this doesn’t work. It may provide a short reprieve, but in the end, we continue to look, to search for that which always fills. There is only one who is untouched by the shadow of nothingness, that is, only one who can fill our hearts. And that is God.

This week we celebrate a great solemnity – *Corpus Christi*, or the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. I once heard a bishop describe his first experience of giving Communion during Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome. He said he was surprised with the lack of organization. Those assisting with Communion were not told or shown where to go. Rather, they simply waded into the crowd. As he was giving Communion among the crowd, he said he could hear people trying to get his attention. They pleaded, “*Per favore, padre.*” Upon reflection, the bishop thought that their words and feelings were exactly correct. They pleaded not only because they wanted something but also, they needed something. They and we both want and need the Sacrament of the Eucharist. At the elevation of the Eucharist during Mass, when the priest says, “Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.” I am amazed and deeply consoled by God’s limitless love and mercy. In the face of my imperfect faith and life, God offers himself as the sacrifice once for all. He gives himself to us. He shows a faithful mercy and a doggedness that refuses not to love, no matter the cost.

Indeed, on *Corpus Christi* we plead, “*Per favore, padre.*” Deep within our hearts, we are unconsciously haunted by the shadow of nothingness. Today, we are given not a temporary reprieve, but the discovery of the “pearl of great value.” We are given infinite, eternal mercy and love. And our souls “shall be healed.”

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John

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## Saints Speak

*The Eucharist is the sacrament of love:  
it signifies love, it produces love.  
The Eucharist is the consummation of the  
whole spiritual life.”*

~St. Thomas Aquinas

## Offertory Collection Week of June 15

Offertory	\$7195
New Year’s Day	\$ 80
Parish Maintenance	\$ 80
Food Bank	\$ 128
Cemetery	\$ 465
Papal Charities	\$ 160
Development & Peace	\$ 5

*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 by considering the relationship between the sacraments, faith and the Church..*

At the heart of the sacraments is God's love, fully revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In the Sacraments, Christ makes Himself present as the one who faithfully loves us by giving his whole self to us. In each Sacrament, He says: "I love you; I have given my life for you, and I want to love you now and always. Will you let me love you?" The Sacraments presuppose a living relationship of love between God and us. The sacraments also presuppose faith, a faith by which we come to know, to trust and to believe in the love God has for us.

The faith we bring to the sacraments is like the hemorrhaging woman in the gospels. She was desperate, because she had spent all of her money, yet no doctor had been able to heal her. Her future could only be resignation to inevitable suffering and isolation. Hearing about Jesus' miracles, she found new hope—hope in God. Knowing where to find Jesus, she left her home, thinking: "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured" (Mk 5:28). She did, and she was healed. "Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, 'Who has touched my clothes?'" Then he said: "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction" (Mk 5:30, 34).

By reaching out in faith, the woman in the gospel encountered Jesus and experienced his mercy and healing. But notice the movement – it is her faith that reaches out to touch the Lord. Jesus wants to be touched by our faith! In the sacraments, He responds by filling us with His love. In the Sacraments, Jesus dispenses the saving power of His love to those who approach Him in faith, fully aware of their great need, and especially of His great love.

The Catechism of the Church says that "Faith is first of all a personal adherence of the person to God." The sacraments of the Church extend through time the works of Christ during his earthly life. The healing power that emanates from the Body of Christ, which is the Church, is actualized in the sacraments, to heal the wound of sin and give new life in Christ.

May the Sacraments move us in faith to love and serve.

Loving Father,

Open our hearts to hidden realities:  
your love for all people,  
your presence in the community,  
your call to justice and peace.

May the sacraments stir in us  
that same love for those with whom we worship  
and all members of our human family.

Christ Jesus,

Help us to imitate your example:  
healing the sick,  
welcoming the stranger,  
assisting the poor and vulnerable.

May the sacraments remind us  
of your love and self-giving,  
which we strive to imitate.

Holy Spirit,

Make visible to our eyes what is invisible:  
your call to your people,  
your summons to live our faith daily  
as witnesses of justice and peace.

May the sacraments move us  
to engage in love-inspired action  
that transforms us and the world.

Amen.

(Prayer is from the United States Conference Bishops)

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## Divine Mercy Parish Walk-a-thon



***I'm Walkin' For Divine Mercy!***

**Saturday, August 16, 2025  
10am to 1pm**

Fr. John is leading the way in a parish walkathon fundraiser – and he's calling you to join in the fun. Whether you have a quick step or are more casually inclined, we hope to see you there.

Register for the Walk by filling out a form available at the Welcome Kiosk in the foyer. Don't forget to take your pledge form with you when you register. Any pledge of \$25 or more is eligible for a tax receipt from the church. If you unable to join us for the *Walk*, but would like to sponsor Fr. John, you can sign his pledge sheet when you see him.

All proceeds of the fundraising *Walk* will go to Divine Mercy Parish. It promises to be a fun day with prizes for those gathering the most pledges and a thank you BBQ at the end of the *Walk*.

*So, call up your friends and family,  
sign up your pledges,  
do up your shoelaces  
and come out to walk for Divine Mercy!*

## Cemetery Liturgy Services 2025

The dates of liturgy services for cemeteries that are managed by the Archdiocese of St. John's are scheduled as follows:

Gate of Heaven Cemetery: June 24, 7pm  
Kilbride Cemetery, July 1, 7pm  
Mt Carmel Cemetery, July 8, 7pm  
Belvedere Cemetery, July 15 7pm  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, July 22, 7pm

For more information (and changes due to inclement weather) please visit

<https://www.rcsj.org/cemeteryoffice>

The Cemetery Mass for St. Francis of Assisi Cemetery will take place on Wednesday, July 23 at 7pm.

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 guest speaker Bishop Peter Hundt. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting follows and is for members only.

## Our Lady Queen of Families Vacation Bible Study

August 25-28 9am to 12pm each day

Children ages 5-7 & 8-10

Cost: \$20 per child

Theme: The Marvelous Mysteries of the Mass

If you have any questions, call Heather at 709-364-8606 or text her at 709-699-5701

The next Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course is scheduled for October 4, 2025. To register, go to:

<https://rcsj.org/chancery/marriage-preparation/register>

Couples will receive further information upon submission of registration.