



# Divine Mercy



## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

Solemnity of Pentecost: June 8, 2025

### Mass Intention Week of May June 8

#### **Monday, June 9**

9:30am Special Intention (EO)  
Robert Bennett +  
Eddie Meaney +  
  
7pm Mary Power +  
Gary Power +  
Donna Pyne +

#### **Tuesday, June 10**

9:30am Special Intention (BA)  
John Murphy +  
Gerry McLoughlin +

#### **Wednesday, June 11**

9:30am Special Intention (PS)  
Marie & Jim Keough +  
Elizabeth & Sebastian Walsh & Family +  
  
7pm Edward Murphy +  
James Murphy +  
Elaine Fitzgerald +

#### **Thursday, June 12**

9:30am Special Intention (RC)  
Deceased Members of McLoughlin Family +  
Special Intention (BK)

#### **Friday, June 13**

9:30am James Nolan & Deceased Family +  
Keough Family +  
Special Intention (CC)  
  
7pm Elizabeth Prowse +  
Libby Holwell +  
Sara Sexton +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**

### 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](https://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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Formation:** email: [faith.divinemeracynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemeracynl@gmail.com)

# Pastor's Note

I rarely gave much thought to God the Holy Spirit until the past ten years or so. I never prayed to the Spirit. The Holy Spirit's place in my faith was essentially relegated to my making the Sign of the Cross. More recently, I encountered a Charismatic Prayer group at the Jesuit parish in Toronto and intentionally tried to incorporate praying to three Persons of the Trinity. It may not have felt too natural at the beginning, but I have come to realize that the Holy Spirit gives refreshment and freshness to one's heart and soul.

In our psalm for this week's Mass, we hear the psalmist asking God to "send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth." The Spirit is perfect eternal love. It is the love shared between the Father and the Son within the Holy Trinity. This perfect eternal love, the Spirit, connects the Father and the Son. When we receive the Spirit at baptism and its deepening at Confirmation, we are given a participation with the Spirit. That is, we are given the Trinity's perfect eternal love. The Holy Spirit draws our hearts toward God. From the Spirit's love, our hearts make more room for the life of Jesus Christ. The Spirit's unseen labour deepens the desire for Christ's life to fill our life. The Spirit's unseen labour fills, renews and refreshes our hearts. Saint Paul writes, "in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." We have all been given perfect eternal love because we are not merely creatures, a cluster of cells or an anonymous being. We are the children of the Father in which he has chosen to dwell and live. "I rejoice in the Lord."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John



*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

## Offertory Collection Week of June 1

Offertory	\$5880
Donation	\$ 200
Parish Maintenance	\$ 320
Food Bank	\$ 185
Cemetery	\$1960
Papal Charities	\$ 380

*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 through the saints.*

## **“I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the Heart of Jesus.”**

Through the centuries, many saints have shown a deep love and dedication to the Sacred Heart. But it was Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a young French Visitation nun, who is widely known for receiving visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which led to the widespread devotion we know today. She is seen as the patron saint of the devotion to the Sacred Heart and by the title promised to her by Jesus: “well-beloved disciple of My Sacred Heart.” Her story continues to demonstrate how God uses the humblest among human beings for the greatest of purposes.

Margaret was born in 1647. She was part of large Catholic family, the fifth of seven children. From an early age, Margaret showed a great devotion to Christ, especially to the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of 15 she became bedridden by a mysterious illness. Margaret prayed to the Blessed Mother, promising in front of her whole family that if she was healed, she would take religious vows. She was instantly cured. At the age of 23 she entered the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le-Monial and it was here that the Lord Jesus appeared to her on three separate occasions to impart to her the mission of spreading the devotion to his Sacred Heart.

Although initially filled with fears of her own unworthiness for such a task, Margaret received consolation in his words: “Fear nothing; I shall be thy strength.”

In the first apparition, Jesus showed her his flaming heart and told her that he could no longer contain his burning love. He wanted to pour it out on all of humanity, and she was to spread this message to the world.

In the second apparition, Jesus instructed Margaret to devote the first Friday of every month to his Sacred Heart and to pray

for an hour between 11pm and midnight every Thursday. These two practices – the First Friday devotion and Holy Hour—have since become widely popular among Catholics.

The Final apparition took place during the octave of Corpus Christi. Jesus asked Margaret to establish a feast dedicated to his Sacred Heart on the first Friday after the octave.

St Claude de la Colombière, a Jesuit priest, served as St. Margaret Mary’s spiritual director and played a vital role in supporting her visions and promoting the devotion to the Sacred Heart. However, Margaret’s superiors were initially skeptical of her revelations, but when she again fell mysteriously ill and the doctor could find no remedy, her mother superior suggested that Margaret pray to God for healing. If the prayer was granted, it would be a sign of the truthfulness of her claims. Margaret did as she was told, and, again, she was immediately healed.

Margaret worked hard to spread the devotion saying: “It seems to me that I can breathe only to increase devotion to the Sacred Heart.” She and some of the Visitation sisters produced and distributed an image of the Sacred Heart and various small devotional books they had written. Their had considerable success and the demand was everywhere.

Following her death in 1690, the spread of the devotion spread, even outside of France. In 1765 the devotion to the Sacred Heart was officially approved by Rome, and, in 1856, the feast of the Sacred Heart was made a universal solemnity by Pope Pius IX. In 1899, Pope Leo XIII composed an Act of Consecration that dedicated the entire human race to the Sacred Heart.

And so today, over three hundred years after her death, we remember St. Margaret Mary by the title promised to her by Jesus: “Hence thou shalt be called the well-beloved disciple of My Sacred Heart.”

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

Thank You for helping make last weekend's ministry fair such a success. It was wonderful to see so many people out in support of the life and work of the parish. We are grateful for all of the ministries and groups represented and the interest that people took in the different displays. A special word of gratitude to all those who came forward to serve. Copies of our parish ministry booklet are available from our welcome kiosk in the foyer.

## ***Congratulations to our door prize winners:***

Winner of a set of four rosaries, each depicting the different sets of mysteries: Maro Joseph

Winner of a set of prayer beads for the Way of the Cross  
Chaplet: Roy Cule

## **Visitation Ministry to the Sick and Homebound**

Are you looking for a way to make a real difference in someone else's life? We are 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. Visits may take place one on one or be part of a Communion Service. No experience necessary. The parish will provide training and equip you for the ministry. There will be an orientation meeting with Fr. John on Wednesday, June 11 at 5:30pm for anyone interested. For more information, speak with Anna after any of the weekend Masses or call the parish office at 709-726-9924.

## **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://divinemercuryparish12.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@divinemercurynl.com](mailto:info@divinemercurynl.com) We appreciate your patience and apologize for any inconvenience.

## **Knights of Columbus Grand in Your Hand:**

Winner of May's Grand in Your Hand Knights of Columbus ticket draw is Brad Colbert, ticket #00184 Congratulations!

## **Feast of St. Josemaria Escriva, Founder of Opus Dei**

**Holy Mass on Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 am** here at Divine Mercy Parish. **Confessions will be available at 9:00 am**, before the Mass. All are welcome – come **with your family and friends** to honor the life and legacy of St. Josemaria.

**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://halifaxyarmouth.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.

## **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.