



# Divine Mercy

## Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See



To Love



To Serve

Summer Edition

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 13, 2025

### Mass Intention Week of July 13

#### Monday, July 14

9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +  
John Power +  
Allison Smith +

7pm Walter Vere Holloway  
Special Intention (BA)  
Donald Cole +

#### Tuesday, July 15

9:30am Elizabeth Janes & Cynthia Byrne +  
John, Margaret & Thomas Waterman +  
Maude, Charlie & Pat Poole +

#### Wednesday, July 16

9:30am Mary C Roche +  
John, Catherine & Paul Roche +  
Special Intention (DF)

7pm Thomas Neary +  
Craig Monahan +  
Special Intention (PM)

#### Thursday, July 17

9:30am Carm, Eugene & Doug Payne +  
Leonard & Stephen Payne +  
Jim & Margaret Rogers +

#### Friday, July 18

9:30am Special Intention (MM)  
Myles McGrath +  
Anthony & Ceceily McGrath +

7pm Gerald Bishop +  
Derek Ballard +  
Geraldine Prim +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**  
**Marilyn Rose, Maureen Clooney**

### Parish Schedule:

#### Sunday Mass:

Saturday 4:00pm      Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

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

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

#### Contact Information:

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Join our Flocknote by texting 01556 to 514-900-0130 and  
follow the prompts to enter your email address and  
preferences.

**Inquiries for Sacrament Preparation and Faith  
Formation:** email: [faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com)

### Offertory Collection

Week of July 6

Offertory	\$ 5604
Food Bank	\$ 675
Cemetery	\$ 50
Papal Charities	\$ 10

*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!*

## Pastor's Note:

*This week's note was written by Bryan Manning, S.J.*

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus answers a question that lies deep in every human heart: *Who is my neighbor?* Yet, as always, the Lord takes the question further, not merely identifying the neighbor, but showing us how to become one.

A man is left for dead on the road. He is nameless, faceless, stripped of identity. Two religious men, perhaps respected in society, even admired for their piety, see him but pass by. Why? Fear? Ritual purity? Busyness? We don't know. But we do know this: their hearts did not move with compassion.

Then comes the Samaritan, a foreigner, considered impure by Jewish standards. He sees the wounded man and is *moved with pity*. That phrase is key. The Greek word used - *splagchnizomai* -describes a gut-wrenching compassion, the same word used to describe Jesus' own mercy. This is no fleeting emotion. It is love that costs something.

The Samaritan draws near. He touches the wounds. He spends oil and wine. He carries the broken body on his own beast and pays the innkeeper with two denarii, two days' wages. He promises to return. He binds himself to the fate of a stranger.

Jesus ends with a reversal: "Go and do likewise." He shifts the focus. The question is no longer, "Who is my neighbor?" but "To whom will I be a neighbor?" Holiness is not shown in religious titles or external appearances, but in merciful love, concrete, costly, and incarnational.

This parable is not merely a moral tale. It is a window into the very heart of Christ. Jesus Himself is the true Good Samaritan. We are the half-dead, wounded ones, beaten by sin, unable to rise. He did not pass us by. He drew near. He touched our wounds. He carried us on the Cross. He paid the price with His own Blood and left us in the care of the Church, promising to return.

The late and beloved Pope Francis liked to see the church as a "field hospital" that caters to the poor and marginalized. A very hands-on, sleeves rolled up application of our faith, a faith that goes hand in hand with works of justice and mercy. "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:18)." Christ calls us, like the Good Samaritan, to live the Gospel, not merely understand it. In this way, the world will see the face of Christ in us.

## Fr. John is on Pilgrimage:

Fr. John is away, leading a group of pilgrims in the footsteps of St. Paul in Greece and Turkey. Fr. John will be back on July 22. While away, he will be praying for us and asks that we pray for him.

## Welcome Bryan Manning, S.J.

While Fr. John is away, we have the pleasure of welcoming Bryan Manning, S.J. He is currently in studies with the Jesuits and has generously offered his service while visiting this summer. He will speak about his vocation to religious life and experiences at the end of all of Masses this weekend.

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## Divine Mercy Parish Walk-A-Thon

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

Have you signed up for our summer fundraiser? 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 from the Parish Office. You can also register by scanning the QR code. Details and registration are also available from our parish website: [https://www.divinemercynl.com/?page\\_id=1783](https://www.divinemercynl.com/?page_id=1783)

Once registered we will send you a pledge sheet and you will be off to the races, *so to speak*.

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## New Readers Schedule

Readers (Lectors) were sent the latest reader schedule (July 5 to Sept 14) by email last week. A paper copy is available in the reader slot which is to the right of the parish office door in the church foyer. Thank you.

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## Cemetery Liturgy Services 2025

Here are the dates of liturgy services for cemeteries managed by the Archdiocese of St. John's:

Belvedere Cemetery, July 15 7pm

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, July 22, 7pm

For more information (and changes due to 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.