



Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve Summer Edition

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 20, 2025

Mass Intention Week of July 20

Monday, July 21

- 9:30am Michael Casey +
Special Intention
Shannon Croft +
- 7pm Fr. Arthur O'Shea +
Deceased O'Shea & Tracey Families +
Special Intention (EM)

Tuesday, July 22

- 9:30am Gerald & Lucy Stamp +
Linda Harding +
Sheila Devine +

Wednesday, July 23

- 9:30am Margaret Tannock +
James & Ann McGrath +
Kevin Spearns
- 7pm Wanda St. George +
Florence Connors +
Special Intention (CM)

Thursday, July 24

- 9:30am Special Intention (CA)
Al & Eleanor Connors +
May McCloy +

Friday, July 25

- 9:30am Special Intention (RE)
Catherine & Raymond Walsh +
Julie McCormick +
- 7pm Ester Buckley +
Philip Power +
Kathleen Clarke +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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

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

Offertory Collection Week of July 13

Offertory	\$5,436
Easter Offering	\$ 5
Holy Thursday	\$ 5
Good Friday	\$ 5
Maintenance	\$ 5
Flowers	\$ 5
Food Bank	\$ 175
Cemetery	\$ 5
Papal Charities	\$ 5
Dev & Peace	\$ 5

E-transfers can be made through dmparishnl@outlook.com (Please
include your name and indicate 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 Matthew 12:1-8, we meet Jesus and His disciples walking through grainfields on the Sabbath. The disciples, hungry, begin to pluck heads of grain and eat. The Pharisees pounce: "Look, your disciples are doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath!" But Jesus, as He often does, turns their accusation into a lesson about the heart of God.

Jesus reminds them how David once ate the holy bread when he was in need, though the law reserved it for priests. He points to the priests in the temple who work on the Sabbath and are considered innocent. Then He says something bold: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." And finally, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."

What is Jesus teaching us? At first glance, it seems like a debate about Sabbath law. But deeper down, Jesus is revealing the heart of His Father, a heart that loves mercy more than ritual, love more than legalism.

How often do we fall into the same trap as the Pharisees? We measure ourselves and others by the rules we keep. We take pride in our religious observances. We forget that the heart of our faith is love. Love of God and love of neighbor. The Pharisees were experts in the law, yet they had lost sight of the very God the law was meant to lead them to.

Jesus shows us that God's commands are not meant to crush us but to bring us life. The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. And mercy, the love that reaches out to the broken, the hungry, the weak, is what pleases God most.

I think this Gospel calls us to examine our own hearts. Are we more concerned with appearances, with checking boxes, with judging others? Or do we have hearts that see the person in front of us, that are moved with compassion?

Jesus desires mercy. He desires hearts open to love, hearts that make space for the hungry disciple, the struggling neighbor, the challenging family member.

And above all, He wants us to know that He Himself is our rest. The Lord of the Sabbath walks with us, feeds us, and shows us the mercy of God. In Him, we find our true peace, not in perfect performance, but in the embrace of His love.

We may ask ourselves in quiet reflection: Lord, what have I done for you? What am I doing for you? What ought I do for you? Amen.

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.

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.divinemerccynl.com/?page_id=1783

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

Cemetery Liturgy Services 2025

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

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.

Basilica Garden Party: July 20 12 noon-2:30pm
Church parking Lot (200 Military Rd) Cash Only.

Legion of Mary: Flatrock Grotto Rosary & Sermon

Sunday, August 10, 2025, 2:30pm

Everyone is Welcome – Refreshments to follow
Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto in Flatrock is one of the designated Jubilee Pilgrimage sites in 2025