



# Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



## To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve Summer Edition

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 10, 2025

### Mass Intention Week of August 10

#### Monday, August 11

9:30am Jim & Margaret Rogers +  
Kevin Spearns +  
Al & Eleanor Connors +  
  
7pm Special Intention (BA)  
Corine Turngate +  
Don & Michael Roche Jr. & Denis Langille +

#### Tuesday, August 12

9:30am William & Mary White +  
Special Intention (SB)  
Special Intention (RM)

#### Wednesday, August 13

9:30am Mary & Denis Daley +  
Special Intention (CA)  
Carol Ann Smith +

7pm Gerald Holwell +  
Leo Rose +  
Frank Martin +

#### Thursday, August 14

9:30am John & Mary Power & deceased Family +  
George Holwell +  
Gerry Fewer +

#### Friday, August 15

9:30am Ron Kieley +  
Special Intention (RE)  
May McCloy +

7pm Regina Shapter +  
Thomas McCormick +  
Pearl Murphy +

**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](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

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### Offertory Collection Week of August 3

Offertory	\$ 5,082
Food Bank	\$ 410
Cemetery	\$ 90

E-transfers can be made through [dmparishnl@outlook.com](mailto: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

Think of your best friend or the person with whom you're closest. Imagine that you've asked them to do something. Chances are, one doesn't constantly check in to see their progress or doubt the completion of the request. We know them, we have experience with them, and we trust them. So, it's as if we know the thing will get done because we know the one we've asked. This confidence is derived from the relationship we share with the friend. It doesn't feel like we've been left to the wolves, left on our own, but there is a sense of security, of surety. In a similar way, this confidence also applies to our faith, that is, our faith in and relationship with Jesus Christ. For "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

When I have a moment of doubt, I am tempted to wonder if all this is real or just made up? Am I fooling myself or is there One who has created and watched over me, hears and answers me according to what is best for me, and has changed the course of human history to have and love me for eternity? Maybe sometimes, you ask yourself much the same questions. Let me witness to you.

I remember accepting that a level of sadness would always be apart of my life. The sadness no longer impeded me in being a functioning person - I could fulfill my obligations. But it remained deeply present within me. The year before I was ordained, I was on a retreat and I was told to pray the same prayer for two days, five hours each day. The prayer contemplation is called the "Hidden Life." Saint Ignatius of Loyola asks the person to imagine through the Holy Spirit growing up with Jesus, since the Gospel has no information about him between the age of twelve to thirty. I remember being in the front yard of the holy house. I could see Mary working and my dad helping her. He had died in 1987, and his death was the source of the sadness which I had come to believe would always be with me. I looked at my dad and looked at Christ who was walking away to go to the River Jordan to begin his public ministry. I believe that the Lord waited as long as he could but had to go to fulfill the mission given him by the Father. I looked at my dad and the Lord. Back and forth many times. And then it became clear. I said to my dad, "Thank you for everything you did for me. I love you more today than twenty years ago. But goodbye, I'm going with him." I had prayed for two decades to be freed from this sadness. To know and feel joy rather than pretending. To embrace life in abundance instead of holding vigil outside a tomb. Progress had been made but the sadness was still there. That is, until that moment. My hope became a reality. My prayers turned into my life. The sadness I had always felt for so long was simply gone. One second it was there and the next, God took it from me.

Sometimes we may have moments of doubt. Maybe long or maybe short. But we must remember that our faith isn't blind, it isn't fantasy, it isn't an opiate. It is living in a relationship with one who knows us better than we know ourselves. There is someone

at the end of the line because there is someone within our hearts. And as Saint John said to Saint Peter when they saw a man cooking fish on the shore - "It is the Lord!" Our faith isn't derived from the strength of argument or assertion. It's from him. It's in him.

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

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## Divine Mercy Parish Walk-A-Thon Next Saturday!

### August 16, 2025

(In Case of Rain Date: Saturday, August 23)

Have you signed up?

#### Where & When?

The Walk takes place behind the church with two walking options:

- 6.25 laps around the track, or
- A scenic walk along the Virginia lake trail (maps will be issued Saturday morning)

#### Start Time:

Check will begin at 9:30 am, The Walk begins at 10am

#### What Do I do with My Pledges?

If you have collected your pledges, bring them with you on the day of the Walk. If you are collecting pledges after the Walk, please bring them in to the parish office the week following the Walk.

#### Not Registered Yet?

It's not too late. Just go to our website:  
[https://www.divinemercynl.com/?page\\_id=1783](https://www.divinemercynl.com/?page_id=1783)

**Next Saturday!** Come and enjoy a hotdog with friends and fellow walkers at the end of your walk. Join us for this fun day or sponsor family and friends as they walk for Divine Mercy!

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#### Knights of Columbus Grand in Your Hand

The winner of the July Grand in Your Hand Draw is Jim McGrath, Ticket #00140. Congratulations!