



# Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



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

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 17, 2025

### Mass Intention Week of August 17

#### Monday, August 18

9:30am Kevin Whelan +  
Special Intention (RA)  
Rosemary Fahey +

7pm Rendell Turgate +  
Donald Jones +  
Maureen & John Doyle +

#### Tuesday, August 19

9:30am Shelia Devine +  
Theresa, Michael & Michael Jr. +  
Special Intention (MM)

#### Wednesday, August 20

9:30am Michael & Agnes Nash & Deceased Family +  
Maureen Clooney +  
Kay Neville +

7pm Bessie Redmond +  
Pat Brennan +  
Isabel Power +

#### Thursday, August 21

9:30am Thomas Rodgers +  
Special Intention (JM)  
Deceased Burke & Neary Family Members +

#### Friday, August 22

9:30am Robert & Elizabeth Jarvis +  
Special Intention (RC)  
William & Clara Long & Deceased Family +

7pm Wayne Harvey +  
Mike Cahill +  
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@divinemergcynl.com](mailto:info@divinemergcynl.com)

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

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### Offertory Collection Week of August 10

Offertory	\$ 5,082	Food Bank	\$1145
Initial Offering	\$ 5	Christmas Hampers	\$ 250
Donation	\$ 50	Stud to the Priesthood	\$ 20
Dues	\$ 250	Cemetery	\$ 40
Christmas	\$ 200	Needs of the Cdn Ch	\$ 20
Holy Thursday	\$ 5	World Missions	\$ 20
Flowers	\$ 20		

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

Living the life of faith can sometimes result in feeling disappointment. Despite firm resolve, one can find oneself continuing to struggle with the same old temptations with which one has struggled for years, even decades. We say our prayers, we make our commitments, we seem to do everything right and, yet, we believe ourselves to be at the exact same spot. So, we recommit, pray harder. Still, the old temptations remain. Disappointment begins to drown our hope and a sense of futility to smother our trust. There can arise the feeling of "What's the point?" At least for myself, when I consider my temptations and sinfulness, I want to be redeemed and redeemed now! The mistake we often make is our usual mistake. Despite best intentions and inspiring commitment, we continue to focus on ourselves rather than God. Our principal concern should not be on what we do or don't do but should be on the Lord Jesus Christ. Our struggle with temptation and sinfulness is really a question of affection, of love. Do I love the Lord more than I love those things, feelings and behaviours I say I want to be free of? Do I have the will to set them down and follow him? Our growing affection and love for Christ is not a sprint, it is more of a marathon.

The Second Reading from the *Letter to the Hebrews* gives us the encouragement to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." My novice master, Fr. Pat, once said to me that, "the life of faith is like a gentle exorcism." We might shudder for a moment to think of oneself as going through an "exorcism." What did Fr. Pat mean? God is infinitely, eternally patient with us. God understands that certain things, feelings and behaviours have long histories with each person. Consequently, it isn't so easy to simply cast them aside. But God's desire and love for each person is experienced by us as his patience. The desire of God is not primarily focused on one's changed behaviour. It is focused on the person. God desires his child. Through Jesus Christ, we are shown God's true face. We are shown his self-giving and self-forgetting love. We may not follow perfectly or as faithfully as we wish, but we're getting there. We may still struggle with the same old temptations and sinfulness – but not as much as we use to. Our "gentle exorcism" is our gradual letting go of disordered things, feelings and behaviours because we want to fill our hands with something else. We want to fully accept and embrace the Father's love. Christ is capturing our hearts. "Let us ... lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely" and let us run the race always "looking to Jesus."

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John

## Divine Mercy Parish Walk-A-Thon Thank You!



**Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Walk-a-thon! We will have more details and more pictures next weekend.**