



Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve Summer Edition

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 3, 2025

Mass Intention Week of August 3

Monday, August 4

- 9:30am William & Ann Short +
Marilyn Lawlor +
Special Intention (PS)
- 7pm Members of Burke & Lawlor Families +
Denis Langille +
Pansy Quinn +

Tuesday, August 5

- 9:30am Patricia Martin +
Denis Lawlor +
Thomas & Mary Fennessey +

Wednesday, August 6

- 9:30am Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Sheila Devine +
David & Helen Roche +
- 7pm Thomas Brien +
Ignatia Madden +
Angela Fleming +

Thursday, August 7

- 9:30am Gerald Winston Stone & deceased Family +
Madeline & Elizabeth Hall & Family +
Michael & Anton Valencic +

Friday, August 8

- 9:30am Special Intention (FD)
Special Intention (TW)
Michael & Catherine Christopher +
- 7pm Maureen Doyle +
John Stamp +
Sam Whitty +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Agnes Nugent

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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Offertory Collection Week of July 27

Offertory	\$6,154.25
Parish Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Food Bank	\$2,210.00
Donation	\$ 127.75

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!

As Fr John is away this week, please enjoy this reflection from EPRIEST (Edited for space)

The Book of Ecclesiastes, from which our first Reading is taken, is unique in terms of the bible. Faith is bracketed, and the world is pondered exclusively from the standpoint of human reason. The existence of God and God's sovereignty over history and the world are not denied, but by bracketing faith, the book suggests that "all things are vanity". And so, life, from a merely human point of view, appears to be meaningless if death is our ultimate destiny and if we have no hope for happiness that reaches beyond the grave (see *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible*, 1002). If there is no afterlife and if the injustices in this world are not rectified in the next, then the best we can do, says Qoheleth, is to enjoy the good things in life as much as circumstances allow (Ecclesiastes 2:24; 3:12, 22; 8:15).

This attitude of "rest, eat, drink, and be merry" is exemplified in the Gospel by the rich man in the parable. He had a bountiful harvest one year and didn't have space in his barns to store it all. Instead of sharing his bounty with others, he decided to tear down his barns and build larger ones and enjoy the rest of his life in leisure. But God points out how foolish this attitude is: "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you." Instead of being preoccupied with the material riches of this life, we need to concentrate on heavenly treasure. The rich man didn't need to build bigger barns to store the grain. He needed to contemplate the great and abundant grace that God had prepared for him and to act generously out of that grace.

In the Letter to the Colossians, Paul contrasts seeking what is above with seeking what is earthly: "The seeking of 'what is on earth' – namely, wealth, physical pleasure, and pride – is at the root of all the sins that St. Paul describes as 'earthly': immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, greed, lying" (Bergsma, *Word of the Lord: Year C*, 348). Putting on Christ's life through Baptism means putting off their old sinful ways. "When calling Christians to be who they have been made to be in Christ, Paul can command them to 'put on' new life, virtues, even their 'new self,' and to 'put off' evil ways and their old self (Colossians 3:12; see Romans 13:12, 14; Ephesians 4:22, 25). This putting on/off will be complete on the last day, when all that they are is clothed and transformed to be like Christ. ... When calling believers to Christian morality, therefore, Paul can call them to 'crucify' or 'put to death' their old selves and desires (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5) and to live and act in the new life that will be complete on the last day" (Prothro, *The Apostle Paul and His Letters*, 215). The solution, then, to the problem of the meaning of life, pondered in Ecclesiastes, is ultimately found in Christ.

Divine Mercy Parish Walk-A-Thon

August 16, 2025

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



Have you signed up for our Parish Walk-a-thon?

Registration is easy – just fill out a form available from the Parish Office or register by scanning the QR code.

Details and registration are also available from:

https://www.divinemercynl.com/?page_id=1783

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!

The Canadian Bishops have published a *Pastoral Letter on Debt Forgiveness in the Jubilee Year 2025*. The letter outlines the current debt crisis impacting many developing countries and calls on "our own government and private creditors in Canada to work with debtor nations to develop – and implement – effective frameworks for debt forgiveness in the spirit of the Jubilee Year." The Pastoral Letter can be accessed online on our Archdiocesan website: www.rcsj.org

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.

Saints Speak

"All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."

— St. Ignatius of Loyola