



# Divine Mercy Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 28, 2025

## Mass Intention Week of September 28

### Monday, September 29

9:30am Julia McCormick +  
Maryann Ryan +  
Special Intention (RM)

7pm Mary Doyle +  
Fanny Young +  
Amy Abbott +

### Tuesday, September 30

9:30am Lucille Cook +  
Michael & Ann Croke +  
Special Intention (RM)

### Wednesday, October 1

9:30am Rosemary Fahey +  
Anne Ryan +  
Special Intention (RM)

7pm Barbara Crosbie +  
Carl Purdy +  
Ralph Best +

### Thursday, October 2

9:30am Patricia Martin +  
Special Intention (LM Family)  
Michael Rahal +

### Friday, October 3

9:30am John McGrath & Deceased Family Members +  
Dennis King & Deceased Family Members +  
Michael Smart +

7pm Doris Reid +  
David Trask +  
Marie Roche +

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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

### Contact Information:

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### Inquiries for Sacrament Preparation and Faith

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## Offertory Collection Week of September 21

Offertory	\$ 5,594
Dues	\$ 3,220
Donation	\$ 100
Food Bank	\$ 1,721
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 105

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

Near the end of the *Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola describes the dynamic of love. He writes, "Love consists in a mutual communication between the two persons. That is, the one who loves gives and communicates to the beloved what he or she has, or a part of what one has or can have; and the beloved in return does the same." In other words, when loving another, one gives of themselves, and, likewise, the one who is first loved does the same in response. We can approach the Christian life in two ways. The first is the more common. We try and obey the divine commands. God as God has absolute authority and our obedience is due him. The second, and less common, is inclusive of the first reason but expands through it being a response of love.

In the Second Reading, Saint Paul instructs us "to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . [who] is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords." Paul reminds us that our obedience to God is to be given to God because God is God. God is the "only Sovereign." This is completely true. At the same time,

however, we can enhance it or make it even more beautiful for God.

Our obedience may look the same on the outside. If we try and obey God because God is God, or if we obey because of this reason and our seeking to love God, it will look the same. God, however, sees our hearts and knows the additional reason or impulse. We try and follow his command because of his absolute authority and because we really want to. We want to, and so, we look for a way to love back, for a way to love in which God knows and feels. I believe thoroughly that this pleases and delights God. We know from our lives what it feels like to be knowingly loved. It is pleasurable, delightful. And if we are made in God's image and likeness, it must be similar for him. Part of being in love is to do what pleases and delights the one we love. It is doing the extra not only what is required. Or, as Ignatius wrote, "Love ought to manifest itself more by deeds than by words."

God bless and take care,  
Fr. John

## Divine Mercy Parish Sacrament Preparation for Children Age 7 +



**Reconciliation**  
Preparation Program  
October-November 2025

**Confirmation**  
Preparation Program  
January-February 2026

**Holy Eucharist**  
Preparation Program  
February-March 2026

For More info or to register:

[www.divinemercynl.com](http://www.divinemercynl.com)



"See what the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are."  
1 John 3:1

## BECOMING CATHOLIC THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Divine Mercy Parish welcomes individuals and families who are interested in joining our Catholic faith community.



Perhaps you, or someone you know is considering becoming a Roman Catholic. The **Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults** or RCIA is for you. The RCIA offers a communal program of preparation for those considering the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & the Eucharist) and Reception into the Roman Catholic Community. Adults normally receive the sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. If you would like to know more, please email us at [info@divinemercynl.com](mailto:info@divinemercynl.com)

# To See To Love To Serve

We have some exciting and inspiring opportunities in through our *To See, To Love, To Serve*. Here are just a few. A full schedule of events will be available next week.

## To See:

### Word on Fire: THE MASS

Discover a deeper understanding of what the Mass is and why it matters.

12 sessions available through our Flocknote

Wednesdays in October: Begins October 3

[divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/227375](https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/227375)

## The CHOSEN

Season 4: 8 Episodes

Begins, Thursday, October 9

Available through our Flocknote

Or in person Thursdays following the 9:30am Mass

[divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/227376](https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/227376)

*Missed Seasons 1-3? Let us know and we'll catch you up!*

## To Love:

October is a month dedicated to the Rosary! And we have something creative and unique in store for you.

### How to Make a Rosary Workshops:

Discover the heart of the Rosary devotion, while learning to make your own Rosary. We have three different workshops, using different techniques, aimed at different ages groups. The workshops will be led by two members of our parish who are rosary making experts, David Caroll and Adam Stone. Register after Mass today or through the Parish Office 709-726-9924 or [faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com)

## To Serve:

*Discover the joy of being a catechist –  
Share the Faith!*

### Opportunities to Serve in the Parish Include:

- Sacramental Preparation for Children
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
  - Baptism Preparation

Contact us through the Parish Office, 709-726-9924 or email: [faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com)

## The Saints

**October 3, 10 & 17**

This Saints Series will look at three different saints all with the name Teresa: *St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese Lisieux and St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*. The series will be available through Flocknote:

[divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/227378](https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/227378)

**October 24, 31 and November 7**

This Saints Series will look at three *different Jesuit Saints, including St. Jean de Brebeuf and the Canadian Martyrs*.

The series will be available through Flocknote:

[divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/226220](https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/226220)



**The Relics of the Canadian Martyrs** are coming to Divine Mercy Parish in St. John's later this year. Watch for details in upcoming bulletins.

### Workshop 1: Saturday, October 11

**For Families and Children - Cord & Elastic Rosaries**  
Sessions in the morning and afternoon

### Workshop 2: Thursday, October 16 7pm to 9pm

**For Teenagers and Adults – Elastic Rosaries**

### Workshop 3: Thursday, October 30 6pm to 9pm

**For Teens and Adults – Chain Rosaries**

Space is limited. Registration is required to ensure enough materials and the provision of support and attention. Once registered you will be given a time slot to attend.

### The Parish is Growing and So is our *Liturgy of the Word with Children*

This vibrant and engaging ministry helps make the Mass accessible to children so that they can grow in understanding of the Gospel and in their relationship with Christ through prayer. ***This coming December the ministry will expand by taking place at the 9am Mass as well the 11am.*** Interested in sharing your creativity and joy in faith – join this dynamic team. Call the parish office or speak with a member of the LWC after Mass today!

# Parish Notes & Upcoming Events

## Additions to the Parish Schedule:

At Divine Mercy we are working to make the church more available to the community for private prayer.

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a Holy Hour following the 9:30am daily Mass from Monday to Friday for those who wish to spend time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. If you've never had the chance to experience a Holy Hour, or even if it's been a while, we highly encourage you to discover the richness in prayer.

Also beginning in October, we have added to our Confession Schedule. There will now be an opportunity for Confession on Fridays at 6:30pm, prior to the evening Mass. For a full schedule, see the first page of the bulletin.

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## Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – Saturday, October 4

To celebrate the feast day of St. Francis, a Mass will be held at St. Francis of Assisi church in Outer Cove on Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 am. A social in the Annex will follow Mass, everyone is welcome to join us.

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## Praying the Rosary in the Month of October

Join us throughout the month of October in the church before the 9:30 am weekday Mass to pray the Rosary. The month of October is dedicated to the devotion of the Rosary. All are welcome to join in this most beautiful devotion.

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### MID-FALL FLING, Dinner and Dance

Sponsored by St. Paul's Knights of Columbus  
Friday, October 17, 2025 - 5:30 for 6:00 pm  
Columbus Hall, St. Clare Avenue.

Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner, Live music by: 1452's,  
Tickets: \$30.00 each.

Tickets available from Ray English 709-754-0780  
or Brian Kennedy 709-727-5288.

All parishioners are welcome.

## Annual Rosary and Light Procession

A beautiful service will be held on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, at the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The annual Rosary and Light Procession is organized by the Knights of Columbus. To attend it through livestream, go to [www.thebasilica.church](http://www.thebasilica.church)

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Join the **Canada-wide Rosary Rally** to Pray the Holy Rosary on Bonaventure Avenue on Saturday, October 11th at 12 p.m. Theme: Canada Needs Our Lady. Call Colette 690-8503 for details.

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## Two Day Retreat with Father Mark Cherry of Sacred Heart Evangelization and Healing Ministry:

The theme of the retreat is: Thy Kingdom Come. The retreat will be held at Our Lady Queen of Families in Mt. Pearl on **Friday October 24th from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday October 25th. from 8:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., returning on Saturday evening at 6 p.m.** Coffee, refreshments and lunch will be provided on Saturday. Please contact Suzanne Rowe for info and registration: 709-727-5809

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## Fall Workshop - Ethiopia and the Burden of Debt - Development and Peace - Caritas Canada, St. John's Diocesan Council.

*- Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9:30 am - 11:30 am.* The workshop will be hosted both in person and virtually. Please join in person in Marystown or virtually from anywhere in the diocese! To register please email our local animator, Patricia Walsh Warren - [pwalsh@devp.org](mailto:pwalsh@devp.org)

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## Youth Retreat October 24–25 NET Canada St. Edward's Parish

NET teams (National Evangelization Teams) are groups of young adults who volunteer to travel across Canada offering exciting and engaging Catholic youth retreats to schools and parishes. This year a NET team of 9 young people will be coming to Newfoundland, and offering a retreat at St. Edward's Parish, CBS on Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9pm and Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 4pm. Youth from grades 8–12 are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided on Saturday and an optional supper available after the 4pm Mass for those who wish to stay. For more information on NET Canada visit: <https://www.netcanada.ca>