



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See



To Love



To Serve

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 5 2025

Mass Intention Week of October 5

Monday, October 6

9:30am Catherine Lawlor +
Denis Lawlor +
James Doran +
7pm Special Intention (BA)
John Walther +
Gordon Breen +

Tuesday, October 7

9:30am Selwyn Manning +
Maryann Ryan +
Special Intention (JC)

Wednesday, October 8

9:30am Calvin Hart +
Rona Meaney +
Special Intention (MM)
7pm Special Intention (PS)
Marie Roche +
Ronald Whelan +

Thursday, October 9

9:30am Roberta Kennedy Gillespie +
Maureen Clooney +
Patrick O'Callighan +

Friday, October 10

9:30am Special Intention (MC)
Marie Gogal +
Gerald Madden +
7pm Gerard Fitzpatrick +
Sylvia Hurley +
Imelda Darwish +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Liz Breen

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;
Fridays 6:30pm
Saturdays 3-3:45pm
By appointment: email info@divinemercynl.com

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Holy Hour every weekday after the 9:30am Mass
Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm.

Contact Information:

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Offertory Collection

Week of September 28

Offertory	\$ 5,580
Dues	\$ 1,285
Food Bank	\$ 575
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 743

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

When I was first ordained a priest and sent to Kingston, Jamaica, I remember once being visited by Ms. Nora. As soon as I saw her, it was clear that something was wrong. Ms. Nora looked sad, even despondent. We sat down and she then told me a story of an incident in her neighbourhood. There was a local man who had lived for many years in America. He had worked hard and earned a good pension. When he retired, he returned to Jamaica. Trying to be of help to others, he would use his resources to support different ideas and projects proposed by those in the community, especially the youth. Perhaps it was to assist in accumulating supplies for a person to sell on the street. Or, maybe to give tuition to someone studying at college or university. He wanted to help those who aspired to change their lives and the lives of those around them. One evening, however, some local "gunmen" went to his house and demanded their share of money. He refused, saying that he wanted to build up the community, not see it further destroyed. In the end, the "gunmen" killed him. To Ms. Nora and others, it seemed as if another light had been extinguished, that darkness was covering them and there was no way out. It felt like God was silent, disinterested in West Kingston.

Jamaicans know their Bible. So, I asked Ms. Nora what was written at the beginning of the Gospel of John. She looked at me and said, "a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overcome." Like Ms. Nora, it may seem to us that "darkness" is overcoming the light, that it is winning. It sounds very similar to what we hear in this week's First Reading from the Minor Prophet Habakkuk.

Habakkuk painfully pleads with God: "O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? . . . Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise." The Lord responds by assuring that "there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. . . . [T]he righteous person lives by their faith." When we look at our world or simply watch the news, we may feel that "darkness" is overcoming goodness, compassion, mercy, love and justice. But this is not the case. The Lord and his will for Creation cannot be overcome. In truth, the Risen Lord has already won the victory. God's kingdom will fully arise at the "appointed time," "it will surely come." Our task as his followers, his disciples, is to seek to be faithful to him. To labour with him in the building of the Father's kingdom – "Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven."

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work.

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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.

St. Martin's Cloak

Upon seeing a poor man in rags begging, St. Martin of Tours cut his soldier's cloak in two sharing it with the beggar. The next night St. Martin in a dream saw Jesus wearing the gifted cloak.

Unfortunately, too many of those in need around us are in need proper winter coats. In the spirit of St. Martin of Tours, we will be collecting winter coats at **weekend Masses from this weekend to October 25/26th** and distributing them to those in need. All new and gently used coats of all sizes, from baby to adult are welcome. There will be a box for coats stationed in the foyer.

MID-FALL FLING, Dinner and Dance

Sponsored by St. Paul's Council 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!

Winner of Grand in your Hand , Knights of Columbus Draw for September is Mary McGrath, Ticket # 00091. Congratulations.

SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 25TH AND 26TH. Divine Mercy Council of the Catholic Women's League will be having a Bake and Craft Sale before and after all masses in the Church Foyer. Any parishioners who would like to donate some bake goods or craft items would be great. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Annual Rosary and Light Procession

A beautiful service will be held on Tuesday, October 7th 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

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 Marytown or virtually from anywhere in the diocese! To register please email our local animator, Patricia Walsh Warren - pwalsh@devp.org

Youth Retreat October 24–25 NET Canada

St. Edward's Parish

NET teams (National Evangelization Teams) are groups of young adults who offer exciting and engaging Catholic youth retreats. 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 24th 6:30-9pm and Saturday the 25th, 10am to 4pm. Youth from grades 8–12 are invited to attend. For more information on NET Canada visit: <https://www.netcanada.ca>

Life Chain Sunday takes place on Sunday October 5 at 12pm on Bonaventure Ave. by the Basilica. Join with thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful and prayerful witness to the sanctity of life.

Centre for Life would like to thank everyone who supported our Walk for Life and Family Fun Day. **Save the Date: Centre for Life's Fall Online Auction October 20 - October 25.** Details to follow. If anyone would like to donate any new item or gift card it will be greatly appreciated!!! Please call the office at 709-579-1500 or email centreforlife@centreforlife.ca