



Divine Mercy

Catholic Church

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✕ **To Love** ✕ **To Serve**

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 18, 2026

Mass Intention Week of January 18

Monday, January 19

9:30am Dave Mercer +
John Walsh +
Barbara Barbour +
Dorothy, Michael & John O'Brien +

7:00pm Elsie Lacey +
John Ryan +
Sheila Devine +
Keith McGrath +

Tuesday, January 20

9:30am Matthew Downey Jr. +
Souls in Purgatory
Christopher Whalen +
Deceased Members of Kearney Family +

Wednesday, January 21

9:30am Ted Rosales +
Anne Marie Moore +
Denis Langille +
Gordon & Patricia Roche +

7:00pm Sandra MacDonald +
John Connors +
Herbert Husk +
Lisa McGrath +

Thursday, January 22

9:30am Roy & Roberta Lambe +
Catherine Kennedy +
Bertha Rose +
Alejandro Ortiz +

Friday, January 23

9:30am Debbie Boland +
Margaret Kavanagh +
Special Intention (BA)
Special Intention (DP)

7:00pm Margaret Bowdring +
John Wheeler +
Susan Walley +
Molly Stacey +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
William Kay

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.

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Offertory Collection Week of January 11

Offertory	\$ 5,698
Christmas New	\$ 50
Year's Day	\$ 120
Initial Offering	\$ 182
Food Bank	\$ 187

*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

In the Fall of 1996, I was assigned as a chaplain to the Juvenile Detention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I would go to the different units and ask the guards if any of the men had asked to speak with a chaplain? There was one young man who became a “regular,” someone I would visit every week. He spoke of his past, the difficulties he faced in the present and dreams for the future. Although he was twenty-two at the time, hadn’t finished high school and was awaiting trial on serious charges, his dream was to make the NBA and become the next Michael Jordan. I didn’t want to dash his hopes, so thinking to myself, I thought that for him to make the NBA, he had to go to college (and of course, finish high school), do well enough to get drafted and then make a team. But he was already twenty-two and facing prison. It seemed that his “dream” was more like a fantasy rather than something that had a chance of coming true. Our dreams are good in that they give us a goal and provide inspiration and energy to do the necessary work – often hard and unrewarding at the time. But for our dreams to be good and helpful, they also must be at least somewhat reasonable and possible, not just fantasy. As a Christian, we too have a “dream” and that dream is to become a saint!

To be a saint one does not have to be a Saint, that is, canonized and recognized as such by the Church. Saint Paul, in the Second Reading, tells us that we are all “called to be saints.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity.’ All are called to holiness: ‘Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.’” The Second Vatican Council teaches,

In order to reach this perfection the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ’s gift, so that ... doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbour. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints.

To be a saint entails putting our faith in action in every part of our life. It also entails holiness, a growing intimacy in one’s union with Christ, through which his life incrementally becomes our own life. Living this new life, through his grace, we incarnate the Beatitudes – we put our faith in action. To be a saint is reasonable and possible because God wants it and will provide the necessary help (grace). Sanctity is transformation. A transformation God works with our generous cooperation. To be a saint is to become like him, God himself!

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Catechesis on Ordinary Time

This past week the Church entered what we call “Ordinary Time.” Now wait, don’t think that this means that we’re done with Christmas and now we’re just in the humdrum time before we enter Lent and begin our preparation for the great celebration of Easter. There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. In fact, the *ordinary* in Ordinary Time, does not refer to a season of dull routine but rather the listing of ordinal, or sequential numbers. Rather than making a statement about degrees of importance, the term *Ordinary Time* refers to the order of Sundays in the church year that do not fall into the major liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter.

Think of the liturgical calendar as a continuous pilgrimage through the life of Christ. The mystery of Christ unfolds, bringing to light the beauty and meaning of how He calls us to live our lives through him comes to light. The Christmas and Easter seasons highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. It is a time of conversion, a time of living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented in the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Christ the King.

This is a time of conversion, maturation, and quiet growth. It comprises the longest time on the liturgical calendar when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus’ teachings and miracles while on this earth. One symbol often found in Ordinary Time is comprised of two fish and a basket of bread — symbolizing Jesus’ “Loaves and the Fishes” miracle. (See Matthew 14: 13-21.)



To See To Love To Serve

To See:

Horizons of Hope:

Palliative Care & End of Life Issues:

4 video sessions from the Canadian Bishops, offered on Flocknote, with an additional in-person gathering with Dr. David Carroll discussing the Catholic understanding and response to sickness and end of life issues. Tuesdays:

<https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/240268>

The in-house session with Dr. David Carroll will take place on **Tuesday, February 10 at 6:30pm**. All are welcome!

The CHOSEN

Begins this Week!

Season 5: 8 Episodes

Begins, Thursday, January 22, 2026 available through our Flocknote Thursdays

divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/227376

Missed Seasons 1-4? Let us know and we'll catch you up!

Divine Mercy Parish

Sacrament Preparation for Children Age 7 +



Reconciliation
Preparation Program
Ongoing throughout 2026

Confirmation
Preparation Program
January-February 2026

Holy Eucharist
Preparation Program
February-March 2026

For More info or to register:

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

To Love:

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Retreat in Everyday Life

Becoming an Easter People: Considering the Joy of the Lord

Deepen your experience of the Resurrection through Ignatian prayer. Framed by the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola, this 12-week at home retreat offers a journey of spiritual renewal, focusing on the joy and hope found in Christ's victory over death. **The start of the retreat has been a little delayed, as we await the arrival of the materials. We hope to begin the first week of February. Apologies for the delay.**

The Retreat consists of:

- Daily Prayer –guided by the retreat text “Becoming an Easter People” by Fr. Joseph Tetlow, S.J.
- Presentations on the *Spiritual Exercises* available through Youtube.
- Small Group Faith Sharing

Cost: \$55 to cover the price of the Retreat Manual. However, if you would like to use the manual and return it at the end of the retreat we will waive the cost and provide you with a notebook for your prayer notes.

Sign up through flocknote:

<https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/237906>

or email Anna at faith.divinemercynl@gmail.com

To Serve:

Liturgy of the Word with Children

Liturgy of the Word with Children has expanded its ministry to 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 our coordinator, Averil Nunes or a member of our LWC team after Mass today!

Saints Speak

Should we fall a thousand times in a day, a thousand times we must rise again, always animated with unbounded confidence in the infinite goodness of God.

~ Ven. Louis de Granada

Notes & Upcoming Events



Anointing the Sick

In anticipation of the World Day of the Sick, you are invited to join us on **Saturday, February 7 at 1pm** for Mass with the anointing of the sick.

The Sacrament of the Sick is for anyone in need of strengthening in body and spirit. These include, but are not limited to, the elderly, those with chronic or serious conditions, anyone preparing for surgery and those experiencing psychological or emotional distress of any kind.

In the Lord's mercy, we are invited to healing and wholeness. Don't miss this opportunity to receive this beautiful sacrament or to accompany friends and family to the Mass who may be in need of the sacrament. A reception will follow.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25:

"There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to the hope of your calling."
(Ephesians 4:4)

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18-25 January. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2026: One hope, one calling' - comes from Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Eph. 4:4). In a world with diverse and often divided traditions and expressions of Christian faith, Ephesians 4:4 reminds us that all believers are part of the "one body" of Christ. "Let us embrace this divine calling to unity, not as an abstract ideal but as a vital expression of our faith," invites the theme of this year. "By living in unity, we not only witness to the love and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also embody the essence of His teachings."

Divine Mercy Council of the Catholic Women's League

Membership Drive: January 17th and 18th.

Are you looking for a way to connect with other women in your parish and make a difference in your community? The Catholic Women's League of Canada invites you to join us. Maybe, you were a member in a previous council and would like to resume your membership with a Council that is active. Our core purpose is uniting Catholic Women to grow in Faith and to promote Social Justice through service to the Church, Canada and the World. We are grassroots, parish-based organization that serves God and Canada through Faith, Service and Social Justice. We work Locally, Provincially Nationally and Internationally. Membership provides opportunities for spiritual growth, social connection, and to make your voice heard on important issues. We believe in the indispensable role of women in our Church and Society. We welcome every lady in the parish, 16 years of age and older to join us. For more information, please contact – Victoria Jalloh, Vice President and Membership Coordinator, at (709) 769-4661. Drop by our table. We would love to have a chat with you.

Membership Dues for 2026, in the amount of \$30.00, are due by February 28. They can be placed in the weekly Offertory Collection, marked "CWL Membership Dues" along with your contact information inside the envelope. They can also be mailed to Terri Hanlon, Treasurer at 4 Carman Lane, Portugal Cove – St. Philip NL, A1M 0K6 or passed ON to any member of the Executive. Membership Dues for 2026, in the amount of \$30.00, are due by February 28.

The January General Meeting of the Divine Mercy CWL will be taking place on Sunday, January 18th from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. A social will follow.

Mass for the 2026 World Day for Consecrated Life:

In celebration of this year's World Day for Consecrated Life, Archbishop Hundt will be offering a Mass for the intentions of the women and men in vowed consecrated life in this Archdiocese. The Mass will be celebrated on Monday February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, at 9:00 a.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. It will be followed by a small reception and opportunity to socialize. The Mass will be live streamed on: <https://www.youtube.com/@BasilicaHeritageFoundation>.

The World Day for Consecrated Life was instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997: "... to help the entire Church esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels and to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord."

We are blessed to have in our Archdiocese in vowed consecrated life members of the following Religious Orders: The Presentation Sisters, The Sisters of Mercy, The Christian Brothers, The Jesuits, The Redemptorists and The Vocationists.