



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

4th Sunday of Easter: April 26, 2026

Mass Intention Week of April 26

Monday, April 27

- 9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +
Corey Sampson & Deceased Family +
Special Intention (LG)
Special Intention (D & W)
- 7:00pm Dr. Breda O'Kelly +
John Manning +
Edward Power +
Johnathan Nixon +

Tuesday, April 28

- 9:30am Fr. Clem Flaherty +
Special Intention (MM)
Lillian Rogers +
Loretta Kennedy +

Wednesday, April 29

- 9:30am Michael T. Kelly +
Madonna Flemming +
Ron Curtis +
Special Intention (DR)
- 7:00pm Barbara Barbour +
Kathleen Hynes +
Linda Dehner +
John McCrowe +

Thursday, April 30

- 9:30am Thomas Lundrigan +
Special Intention (MF)
Teresa O'Neil +
Irene & Eric Purcell +

Friday, May 1

- 9:30am Special Intention (OM)
Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Patrick Kelly +
Frank Walsh +
- 7:00pm Special Intention (LS)
Elizabeth McCarthy +
Margaret Hillier +
Michael Boland +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Wilson Iroulor

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: divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org

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 April 19

Offertory	\$ 4,944
Ash Wednesday	\$ 20
Holy Thursday	\$ 55
Good Friday	\$ 70
Easter Offering	\$ 105
New Year's	\$ 10
Food Bank	\$ 190
Students to Priesthood	\$ 25

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Pastor's Note

"This is an exclamation of wonder and surging emotion, uttered as I reflect on all creatures and wonder how they have allowed me to live and have preserved me in life." Saint Ignatius of Loyola wrote this in the first half of the 1500s. A Jesuit once offered his interpretation of the meaning of these words – the wonder and emotion come from the realization that one is not destroyed. Early in my Jesuit formation I had a formidable struggle with a growing depression as a result from my father's death. I tried to push it down and get on with normal life. I tried to hide it by presenting to the world a happy face, something to show I was ok. The more I tried, however, the stronger the depression seemed to become. I prayed for healing, for joy, for strength. I viewed the growing depression as my enemy. It was a threat jeopardizing the true enjoyment of life. But it seemed unstoppable. I remember speaking with Fr. Wally, my Jesuit spiritual director, about it. He spoke of a psalm and how it talked about sitting at table with one's enemies. There was no threat or fear, nothing in jeopardy because God was as well. That psalm is the psalm for this week's Mass.

In Psalm 23, David writes:

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

We often live lives that seem surrounded by threats, both on the outside and inside. On the outside, or physically, we have worries of health, family, relationship, finances, career, plus many others. On the inside, or spiritually, we struggle with temptations, some stronger and more significant than others. We labour for clarity to experience and know the Father's love. We grasp for peace and the fullness of life. We both seek and resist placing ourselves in his hands. Life seems crowded with threats and fears. But he has prepared "a table before me." And the table isn't an escape to some fantasy; it is placed in the presence of my enemies. I may feel some unease because I have been at war with them for so long, but I do not fear. For "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for

you are with me." Our struggles and those things that cause us to fear don't necessarily disappear in an instance. Yet, with "surging emotion" we realize we will not be destroyed by them. Because "you are with me."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Mother Mary and the Month of May

Did you know that each month has a traditional Catholic devotion? May is the month of Mary.

Devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout May originated in Rome in the 18th century as a way of building the faith of young adults who were studying in college there.

Since then, it has spread through most of the Church throughout the world. Devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses on Mary's ever lasting chastity and purity, her fidelity to God's will, and on Mary as a role model for Christians. Popular devotions in May include praying the rosary daily and celebrating the crowning of Mary either in the parish or at home.



Image: Our Lady, Mother of Mercy

May also includes some notable Marian feasts:

May 13: Our Lady of Fatima

May 25: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

May 31: The Feast of the Visitation (a great day to pray the joyful mysteries of the Rosary).

Spend some time with Mary this month. As our mother, Mary has endless love to give. She has much to teach us about her Son, Jesus, and about how to open ourselves to the will of the Father. She is a reflection of the mercy God has shown us.

See To Love To Serve

To See:

He Is Risen!

Why does it matter that Jesus rose from the dead?

In this series from Word on Fire, you will learn why the Resurrection has such explosive power, how St. Paul went from ardent persecutor to bold missionary, and what to expect of our own resurrected bodies at the end of time.

For the six weeks, **beginning Monday, April 20**, you will receive an email through our Flocknote from the *He Is Risen!* mini-course exploring these questions and more. Dive deeper into the true meaning of the Resurrection this Easter season! Sign up link:

<https://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/254411>
or email faith.divinemerccyparishnl@gmail.com

Real+True

Unlock the gift and beauty of the Catechism with these videos from Real+True

This 10-part series, available through Flocknote, will engage you with some of the most common questions people ask about the Catholic Faith – with clear, compelling answers found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Each episode includes a relatable question about our faith, a clear, hopeful explanation rooted in the Catechism and a short Real+True video that helps the truth come alive. This is a great series, no matter what your age is or where you are in your faith. The series begins, **Wednesday, April 29** on Flocknote: Sign up link:

<https://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/254415>
or email faith.divinemerccyparishnl@gmail.com

To Serve:

Lector's Workshop:

All lectors are invited to attend a workshop on **Saturday, May 9, beginning at 10 am**. Come and be refreshed in your ministry and meet others in the parish who share this gift with you. Please contact Eileen St. Croix, Lector Coordinator if you are unable to join the gathering.

If you are thinking about becoming a lector, the workshop is perfect opportunity to learn what involvement in this ministry is all about.

To Love:



"I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Christ's words at the time of his Ascension serve as this year's theme for **National Family and Life Week 2026**, which begins on Sunday, 10 May, and concludes on Sunday, 17 May.

Families, parishes and parish groups, ecclesial movements and associations, as well as Catholic schools, are encouraged to take time this week to celebrate their own families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. **This week is an opportunity to uphold the value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world.**

May Christ's enduring presence bring us consolation, hope and renewal, as we journey with him in prayer and through the Sacraments, in the knowledge that we are never truly alone. God is with us always "to the end of the age."

BECOMING CATHOLIC THE ORDER 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 **Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults** or OCIA is for you. The OCIA 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 Anna at apaolo@rcsj.org

Notes & Upcoming Events

Parish Financial Report:

Last Sunday, we issued our Parish Financial Statement for 2024 & 2025. Copies are available from our Welcome Kiosk in the foyer if you have not had a chance to pick one up. Today, **Sunday, April 26 at 1pm in the church**, our Finance Committee will host a “townhall” style meeting to speak more on our Parish’s finances and to address any questions. All are welcome to join us.

Wednesday, April 29th **The Feast of St. Catherine of Siena** **Holy Hour** **7:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Catherine of Siena (1347–1380) was a Dominican tertiary, mystic, and Doctor of the Church, recognized for her profound spiritual writings on divine love and trust in God, especially in *The Dialogue*. Though a laywoman, she advised popes and worked tirelessly for the unity and reform of the Church, even helping bring the papacy back to Rome. She is the patron saint of Europe, Italy, nurses, and those who are ridiculed for their faith, and her life of prayer and charity continues to inspire believers today.

The Rosary before Daily Mass in May

Join us Mondays through Fridays through the Month of May before the 9:30am (9:15 am) for the Rosary.

Crowning of Mary

May is the month of Mary – a month dedicated to devotion to the Blessed Mother. A traditional devotion at this time is the Crowning of Mary – symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of our lives. Join us Sunday, May 3 at our 11am Mass when we will crown the statue of Mary in our Church.

Saints Speak

*'The more I contemplate God,
the more God looks on me.*

The more I pray to Him, the more He thinks of me too.'
~ St. Bernadette Soubirous



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Catholic Women's League:

Divine Mercy Council of the CWL will be holding a “Baby Shower” at all masses on Mother’s Day Weekend, May 9th – 10th. New baby items or monetary donations are greatly appreciated. All donated items will be forwarded to the Centre for Life in support of their programs. Cheques are payable to Divine Mercy CWL. We kindly ask for your support.

Pilgrimage Image of the Divine Mercy

The parish has a travelling image of the Divine Mercy that may be hosted weekly in the homes of parishioners. The image is a framed picture approximately 16x20 inches and includes devotional reading materials and holy cards of the Divine Mercy.

If you would like to host the pilgrim image of the Divine Mercy in your home for a week, please text 709-770-3873.

Horizons of Hope

St. Theresa's is offering this four-week series. The series helps us to explore some of the questions that people often ask about care of people at the end of life’s journey. Horizon of Hope will be offered on Thursday nights in May 7-9 pm at St. Teresa’s church, 120 Mundy Pond Rd. Registration is free, but required. To register, contact rafftcsr@gmail.com