



# Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: May 10, 2026

### Mass Intention Week of May 10

#### Monday, May 11

9:30am Edward & Josephine Butler +  
Helen Pittman +  
Bertha Rose +  
Kay Fewer +

7:00pm Rosemarie Devereaux +  
Special Intention (AJ)  
Alfreda Hennebury +  
John Carey +

#### Tuesday, May 12

9:30am Deceased Members of the Gough Family +  
Clarence & Ann Woodford +  
Patricia Martin +  
Special Intention (SM)

#### Wednesday, May 13

9:30am Elizabeth & Sebastain Walsh & Deceased Family +  
Margaret & Paul Foley & Deceased Family +  
Special Intention (PC)  
Allison Hewitt +

7:00pm Special Intention (AM)  
Maurice Power +  
Denis O'Brien +  
Gerald Rice +

#### Thursday, May 14

9:30am Catherine Vaughan +  
Special Intention (MF)  
Stephen Payne +  
Deceased Members of the Doyle Family +

#### Friday, May 15

9:30am Sally Kelly +  
Special Intention (MF)  
Alice Horwood +  
Anthony Ryan +

7:00pm Marion Hynes +  
Noel Browne +  
Special Intention (MW)  
Thomas McCarthy +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**  
**Teresa Baily & Frances Gibbons**

### 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](mailto: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.

#### Contact Information:

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### Offertory Collection

#### Week of May 3

Offertory	\$ 5,847
Dues	\$ 250
Parish Maintenance	\$ 120
Holy Thursday	\$ 15
Good Friday	\$ 20
Easter Offering	\$ 15
New Year's	\$ 5
Food Bank	\$ 740
Papal Charities	\$ 25

April Offertory e-transfers \$ 2,575

April Direct Giving \$ 1,686

E-transfers can be made through [divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org](mailto:divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org)  
(Please include your name and indicate what the E-transfer is for)  
Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

# Pastor's Note

We live in a blessed time in the church's history. Some may think that such a "blessed" time was decades ago. Maybe a time before scandals, or when everyone in the neighbourhood went to Mass, or perhaps when it seemed easier to share our faith with our loved ones. I remember hearing that Covid did not change things in culture, rather it accelerated changes already occurring. One of the cultural currents that accelerated was secularization, or the movement away from faith. As a result, and different from the way it was years ago, no one now practices their Christian faith because our culture tells them to. We practice our faith in Jesus Christ because we choose to, we believe he is the Lord God.

In this week's second reading, Saint Peter writes to the early Christian communities. They were small, vulnerable and the object of aggression and abuse by those around them. Seeking to encourage his fellow Christians, Peter uses and slightly changes a passage from the Prophet Isaiah. In Isaiah 8:12, the Prophet seeks to strengthen a beleaguered Jerusalem by reminding them that the Lord is its stronghold. Writing to a different audience at a different time, though also facing a dire situation, Peter tells the early Christians (and us today) that Jesus Christ is our stronghold. He is our strength. Therefore, in our hearts, we are to "sanctify Christ as Lord." It is this sentence that Peter changed from what Isaiah wrote. Peter identifies "the Lord" with "Christ." He identifies Jesus Christ as fully God. This is why we are to "sanctify Christ as Lord" in our hearts. To "sanctify Christ" means "to reverence Christ as holy" in our hearts. Jesus Christ is not just a kind person, a wise teacher or religious rebel demanding the need for justice. He is God, the beginning and the end. As such, we each must consciously choose to follow him as Lord. Culture or even family will no longer carry us to religious practice. Instead, we have become intentional. A Sunday sleep-in is nice. Brunch with the children and grandchildren is even nicer. Worldly responsibilities always beckon.

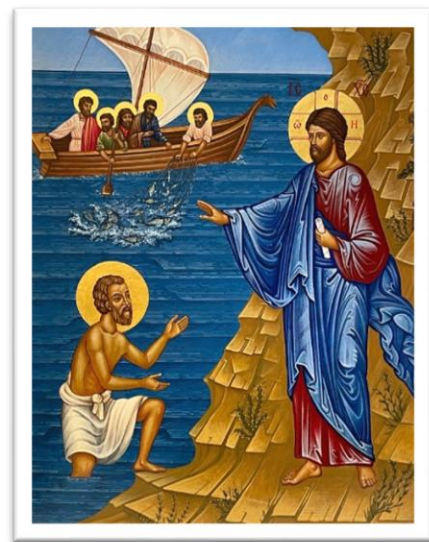
But he is the Lord, he is God. Therefore, our life can never be the same. I don't want to live according to what isn't true, but by what is true. And he is the truth itself. And so, we indeed live in a "blessed time." "Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

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## Ignatian Day Retreat *Called to Love As God Loves*



**Facilitated by Fr. John Sullivan, S.J.**

**Saturday, June 27**

**10am to 2pm**

Jesus Christ loves us in a certain way, and we are sent to go and do likewise. To love with a love that is self-giving and self-forgetting.

A light lunch will be provided.

No cost for the retreat but good will offerings are graciously accepted. Please register though flocknote: <https://divinemericyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/256509> or email: [divinemericyparish@rcsj.org](mailto:divinemericyparish@rcsj.org)

# To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

## To See:

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### 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://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/254415>  
or email [faith.divinemercuryparishnl@gmail.com](mailto:faith.divinemercuryparishnl@gmail.com)

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### Teachings of Jesus:

What did Jesus really teach? In this four session mini-course, Bishop Robert Barron unpacks some of Jesus' most important parables and teachings. Discover how to apply Jesus' words to your own life today. Available on Flocknote, Beginning Thursday, June 25

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/255002>

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## To Serve:

**Clean-up Day**  
**Saturday, June 6**  
**10am – 2pm**

After a long and heavy winter, our grounds are in great need of some loving care. Join Fr. John and fellow parishioners as we clean up and beautify our church grounds.

Let us know if you can join us by call the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 or email [divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org](mailto:divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org)

## To Love:



### National Family & Life Week May 10 to May 17

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

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.

*Watch your inbox for flocknotes with activities and prayers for all ages this week. Or check our website for information and materials to share: [www.divinmercynl.com/](http://www.divinmercynl.com/)*

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."

### 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.

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### Coming Up in June:

#### *Novena to the Sacred Heart: June 3 to June 11*

*The novena will be available through Flocknote:*

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/258440>  
*and on our website: [www.divinmercynl.com/](http://www.divinmercynl.com/)*

*As well, there will be paper copies available from our Welcome Kiosk the first week of June.*

# Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual



Saturday, June 13, 2026  
10am to 1pm

Join Fr. John for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Parish Walk-a-thon fundraiser. This event promises to be great fun. Don't miss this it!

Register for the Walk by filling out a form available at the Welcome Kiosk in the foyer. Don't forget to take your pledge form with you when you register. Or sign up through Flocknote and we will send you a pledge form:

<https://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/257387>

Any pledge of \$25 or more is eligible for a tax receipt from the church. Whether you have a quick step or are more casually inclined, we hope to see you there.

If you unable to join us for the *Walk*, but would like to sponsor Fr. John, you can sign his pledge sheet when you see him.

All proceeds of the fundraising *Walk* will go to Divine Mercy Parish. It promises to be a fun day with prizes for those gathering the most pledges and a thank you BBQ at the end of the *Walk*.

*So, call up your friends and family,  
sign up your pledges,  
do up your shoelaces  
and come out to walk for Divine Mercy!*

## Happy Mother's Day!

To all our moms, and to all those women who nurture and care for us, Happy Mother's Day! With Fr. John, the Parish staff, Jesuit community, and all our Parish ministries and groups, we pray that the Lord may continue to bless you and the work of your hands and hearts.

## To See ✘ To Love ✘ To Serve Brochures

Copies of our latest **To See ✘ To Love ✘ To Serve** are available from the Welcome Kiosk. Be sure to pick up your copy and see what's there for you!

## Food bank Report for April

For the month of April the food bank served 200 families, including 343 adults and 194 children. Thank you for your support to the food bank.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Knights of Columbus, St. Paul's Council Spring Dinner and Dance

Friday, May 22, 2026- 5.30 for 6pm.

Columbus Hall St. Clare Ave. Live music by 1452's.

Price \$30.00 each. (stuffed chicken breast dinner)

For tickets contact Ray English 709 754 0780

## Saints Speak

*May the holy name of our Lord be ever blessed;  
May it be eternally praised by every creature,  
Who has been created and placed in this world  
only for that end,  
so just in itself and so lawfully imposed.*

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola