



# Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



The Ascension of the Lord: May 17, 2026

## Mass Intention Week of May 17

### Monday, May 18

9:30am Kevin O'Brien +  
Margaret Ryan +  
Teresa, Michael Sr. & Don Roche +  
Special Intention (LP)

7:00pm Robert Vetro +  
Special Intention (LG)  
Jerome Conway +  
Robert Osborne +

### Tuesday, May 19

9:30am Thomas Lundrigan +  
Angela Fleming +  
Molly Stacey +  
Forgotten Souls

### Wednesday, May 20

9:30am Walter Pottle +  
Matthew Pim +  
Special Intention (GW)  
Special Intention (RC)

7:00pm Geo Kinsella +  
Special Intention (MF)  
Bob Parsons +  
Ron Southcott +

### Thursday, May 21

9:30am Sr. M Chrysostam Brennan +  
Bill Wheeler +  
John Wheeler +  
Victor Wheeler +

### Friday, May 22

9:30am Thomas & Mary Lawlor +  
Martin Boland +  
Marie & Angela Devine +  
Harold & Kay Fagan +

7:00pm Mary Hogan +  
Mary Wadland +  
Special Intention (JS)  
Edna Curnew +

**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;  
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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### Inquiries for Sacrament Preparation and Faith Formation:

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## Offertory Collection

### Week of May 10

Offertory	\$ 5,773
Dues	\$ 50
Parish Maintenance	\$ 7,715
Holy Thursday	\$ 10
Good Friday	\$ 5
Easter Offering	\$ 10
Flowers	\$ 5
Food Bank	\$ 885
Papal Charities	\$ 10
Development & Peace	\$ 20

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

When we go to Mass, say our prayers or focus on faith we are doing something objectively good. Statistical studies show that to practice faith leads one to a higher experience of happiness and contentment in life. One tends to live longer if one has faith. This makes sense – if made by God, immersing oneself in “godly” things is to cooperate with the design or vision of our creation. We are doing what we are meant to do. At the same time, however, such joy and peace may surprise us. To practice our faith today is to do so without much understanding, encouragement and support from others, even from those closest to us. To many in the world, Christian faith seems an odd practice: old fashion, superstitious, anti-science, and mean or judgemental. It is hard, challenging, even exhausting for us to be “in the world but not of the world.” We are sharing in the same experience as did the small Christian community Paul addressed in his *Letter to the Ephesians*.

Historian Eckhard Schnabel described the experience of the first Christians in Ephesus (present day Turkey). He wrote,

When polytheists in Ephesus were converted . . . they no longer visited the temple of Artemis Ephesia, no longer participated in the sacrificial rites of her cult, no longer marched in processions held in her honour. . . . When they walked across the State Agora, they no longer worshipped [Caesar] Augustus in the Basilike Stoa as they used to. . . . They no longer dined in the temple, no longer observed the traditional rituals on the doorstep of houses, [they] removed the statues of deities that stood in the cult niche in their living rooms.

They lived in a culture with radically different values; they were mocked and persecuted. How, then, did they, and we, experience happiness, joy and peace precisely because of our faith? The answer is a prayer:

“I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you.” “The eyes of your heart” is a way of saying interior knowledge. A knowledge and understanding of the reason of God’s call – God knew us, loved us and chose us before the foundation of the world. In Jesus Christ we have received and are receiving a constant giving by God. A constant offering of his love which is a love beyond our full comprehension. But we grow in this interior knowledge, experience more deeply his powerful and, yet tender love. The world frenetically searches for and grasps at those things, experiences or ideas perceived to potentially offer happiness, joy and peace. It moves from one thing to the next. It is searching for what you already possess – unstoppable and unending love. He is “above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.”

God bless, happy Ascension and take care,

Fr. John

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## Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish:

Dave Baird, Ed Metcalfe,  
Francis Mercer, Margaret Molloy,  
Cyril McCormick, Mark Press,  
Eva Lane, Roberta Hewitt,  
Reyan Reynado, Glen Taylor,  
Tony White, Michelle Kennedy,  
Jason Walsh, Rose Mackey,  
Jackie Walsh, Jasmine Badrin,  
Hazel Crane, George Fowler,  
Bill Kennedy, Glenn Penny,  
Fred Murphy, Marion Bonia.

Let us pray for all those who struggle with infirmity and age. May they be filled with strength and courage so they may continue to follow Christ with joy and hope.

# To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

## 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!

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## To See:

### 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://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/255002>

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## To Love:

### 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://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/258440>

*and on our website: [www.divinemerccynl.com/](http://www.divinemerccynl.com/)*

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

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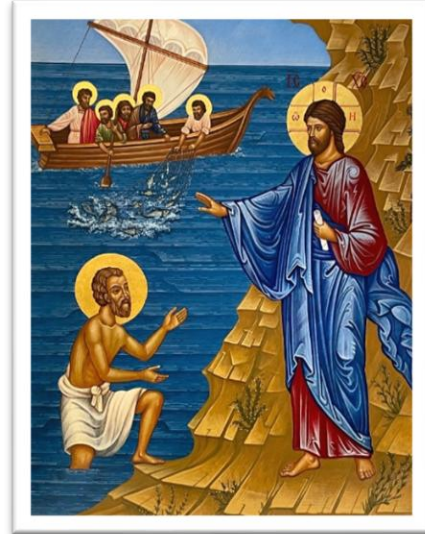
## To Serve:

### 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 [divinemerccyparish@rcsj.org](mailto:divinemerccyparish@rcsj.org)

## 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.*

Coffee and fellowship at 9:30 am

Retreat begins at 10am

A light lunch will be provided.

No cost for the retreat but good will offerings are graciously accepted.

Please register though flocknote:

<https://divinemerccyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/256509>

or by email: [divinemerccyparish@rcsj.org](mailto:divinemerccyparish@rcsj.org)

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### Saints Speak

*Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heavens;  
let our hearts ascent with him...*

*Although he ascended alone, we also ascend,  
because we are in him by grace.*

- St. Augustine

# 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!*

**The Parish Office will be closed for the Victoria Day statutory holiday on Monday, May 18. Our daily Masses will still take place at 9:30am and 7pm. We wish everyone a healthy and fun long weekend!**

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## **Catholic Women's League:**

A sincere thank you to all CWL Members and parishioners who donated items for the "Baby Shower" held on the Mother's Day weekend. Without your support, this project would not have been a success.

The May General Meeting of the of the Divine Mercy CWL Council will take place next Sunday, May 24 in the foyer of the church. The Meeting will begin at 1:30 pm. All women of the parish are invited to attend. A social will follow.

The EP Roche Patriotic Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Assembly will hold its monthly meeting in the foyer of Divine Mercy Parish on Thursday, May 28 at 7pm. We begin with the Rosary followed by a guest speaker Fr. Ray Earle and our business meeting. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting is for members only.

## **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

## **Natural Family Planning — Free Training**

Join Dr. Karen Stillman, retired OB/GYN & Certified Marquette Method NFP Instructor, for a free NFP training session on Saturday, June 6 @ 9:00 AM, The Lantern on Barnes Road. Whether you're newly married, growing your family, or simply want to understand your body the way God designed it, this event is for you. Learn the basics or go all techie with 4 ways to choose from. Space is limited — contact Dr. Karen to register and get more details. Email her → [kstillman@womansdr.com](mailto:kstillman@womansdr.com) or call/text 613-314-9802.

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