



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



Pentecost: May 24, 2026

Mass Intention Week of May 24

Monday, May 25

- 9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +
Conrad Short +
Alice & Wallace Wight +
Gerald Winston & Family +
- 7:00pm Marion Mahoney +
Special Intention (AM)
Catherine Lannon +
Greg Thorne +

Tuesday, May 26

- 9:30am Edward & Stella Careen +
Catherine Lundrigan +
Patrick Careen +
William O'Rielley +

Wednesday, May 27

- 9:30am Jim Butler +
Marilyn Boland +
Special Intention (CA)
Richard Molloy & Deceased Family +
- 7:00pm Margaret Stacey +
Special Intention (GM)
Edward Murphy +
John, Isabelle & John Jr. Dunne +

Thursday, May 28

- 9:30am Roselita Rideout +
Edna Harris +
Ronald & Agnes Furlong & Family +
Jim & Margaret Rogers +

Friday, May 29

- 9:30am Frank Walsh +
George & Helena Street +
Kevin Spearns +
Special Intention (RE)
- 7:00pm James Snow +
Ignatius Nash +
Theresa Dunn +
Jacqueline Dawe +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Genieve Cadigan

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.

Contact Information:

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www.divinemercurynl.com/

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Associate Pastor: Fr. Joe Mroz, S.J. email: ej_mroz@yahoo.ca

Offertory Collection Week of May 17

Offertory	\$ 5,437
Parish Maintenance	\$ 115
Ash Wednesday	\$ 5
Holy Thursday	\$ 25
Easter Offering	\$ 80
Cemetery	\$ 10
Food Bank	\$ 150
Papal Charities	\$ 808
Good Friday	\$ 35

E-transfers can be made through 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

Growing up, I had some familiarity with two of the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity. I learned the "Our Father" as a child. I prayed it at Mass and before going to bed. My parents gave me stories from the Gospel in comic book style. I discovered Jesus' life in a way that was accessible to me. He was my "friend," he was with me all the time. The Third Person, however, God the Holy Spirit, remained something and someone completely unknown. As I grew older, entered the Jesuits, studied Philosophy and Theology, ordained a priest, the lack of personal appropriation of the Holy Spirit remained. I believed that we received the indwelling of the Spirit with Baptism, but I still didn't understand what this meant, nor even how the Holy Spirit was supposed to feel or what the Spirit would do within me. Much about the Holy Spirit remains a mystery to me but I now pray to the Spirit everyday and understand and experience to a degree the power and action of the Spirit within my heart and faith.

During my time serving at Our Lady of Lourdes, the Jesuit parish in Toronto, I was exposed to a much greater focus on the Holy Spirit. The parish had a well attended Charismatic prayer group, which had been together for several decades. Catholic Charismatics tend to place a strong emphasis on being open to the action of God's Spirit and expressing charisms to grow the Church, as did the early Christians after Pentecost. In my first year at Lourdes, some of the Charismatics asked to pray over me. So, I knelt, they extended their hands and audibly prayed. Even though I wasn't a Charismatic, I found the experience powerful. I felt soothing peace and a bodily warmth. God the Holy Spirit has been given to us by God the Father through God the Son. Therefore, this Divine gift has a necessary role in our faith.

If God the Son always points to God the Father, God the Holy Spirit always points to the Son. As Catholic Christians, we speak of the "life of grace" or "growing in holiness." Both refer to the same reality – the life of Jesus Christ becoming one's own life. This transformation is not a single moment, rather it occurs throughout one's life of faith. We may begin by seeking to be more committed and faithful to the moral teachings of Christ. We want to sin less. Living the moral life is already a response to God's preceding grace and call. We feel a desire in our hearts for the Lord. We

want to grow closer to him, to do beautiful things as gifts. And so, we focus more on prayer, that is, on our personal relationship with Christ. We try and do it with greater "regularity and sincerity. Maybe we read something about prayer, speak to others about it or listen to different talks. God the Holy Spirit does not merely dwell with us, he intimately dwells. We pray that the Spirit's indwelling may always deepen. In the Spirit's eternal love of the Father and Son, the Spirit evokes our passionate desire for God. The Spirit frees us "little by little" to accept and embrace the life of the Lord as our own. To live in the Spirit is to live within the love shared between God the Father and God the Son, that is, to live in perfect eternal love. The Spirit is the desire for and makes possible our transformation into "another Christ." We are Trinitarian Christians – One God in Three Persons. Therefore, we pray, "Father, through your Incarnate Son, grant that we may accept more deeply, the beautiful and powerful gift of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

God bless and happy Pentecost,

Fr. John

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,
John Fleming.

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.

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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!

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

To Love:

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Monday May 25th

Masses at 9:30 am and 7pm

Holy Hour following both the morning and evening Masses

The Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, celebrates Mary's spiritual motherhood of all Christians and her unique place in the life of the Church. Rooted in Christ's words from the Cross — "Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother" (John 19:26–27) — the feast recalls how Jesus entrusted Mary to the beloved disciple, and through him to the whole Church, as our mother. Instituted for the universal Church by Pope Francis in 2018 and observed on the Monday after Pentecost, it invites the faithful to look to Mary as a model of discipleship, unity, and loving care for all believers.

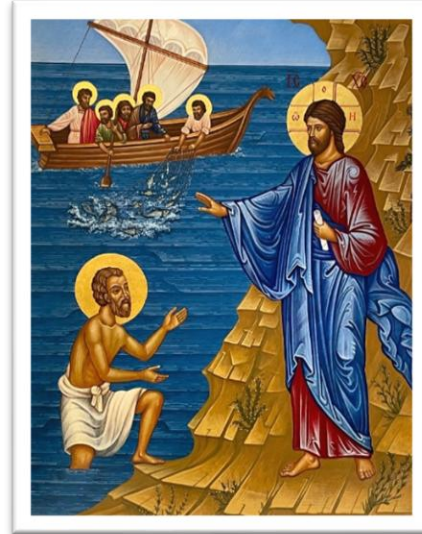
To Serve:

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

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://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/256509>

or by email: divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org

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.divinemercurynl.com/

Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish 2nd Annual



Saturday, June 13, 2026
10am to 1pm

Have you picked up your pledge form yet?

Join Fr. John for our Parish Walk-a-thon fundraiser. It's going to be lots of fun, so you won't want to miss it!

Register for the Walk by filling out a form available at the Welcome Kiosk in the foyer. 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. Pledges can be received by cash or cheque or through e-transfer, at: divinemercuryparish@rcsj.org Please remind anyone sending a pledge through e-transfer to include the name of who they are pledging and that it is for the walk-a-thon.

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 support the needs and ministry of 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!*

Confirmations & First Holy Communion:

Next Saturday, May 30, we will celebrate Confirmations and First Holy Communion with families of our parish. They are anticipating with great joy the reception of the Sacraments. If you would like to join us in the Mass, it will take place at 11am, Saturday, May 30. Please keep these young people, their parents and godparents in your prayers. May they be filled with the grace of the Holy Spirit now and throughout their lives.

Parish Milestones:

Birthday blessings to Theresa Hibbs who will turn 100 on Tuesday, May 26th. May the Lord bless Theresa and all those she loves.

Summer Job Position

Divine Mercy Parish has a summer job posting ideal for students. This is a **Canada Summer Jobs** placement during the summer of 2026.

This position is a maintenance assistant with Divine Mercy Parish on Newfoundland Drive. The duties of this position include general parish maintenance – mowing lawns, property cleanup, general cleaning of Church and offices including vacuuming, dusting, mopping floors, cleaning windows, etc.

Job type: Part-time 35 hours per week for 8 weeks beginning June 29, 2026. Applicants must be high school or university students.

Qualifications/Skills:

- Knowledge of basic building maintenance
- Knowledge of and ability to safely use lawn equipment (safety glasses and steel toe boots required), ie – lawn mower, etc.
- Ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Knowledge of workplace safety would be an asset.
- Ability to work as a team player.

Please send resume to dmparishnl@outlook.com by May 28th.

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: Sunday, May 24 at 1:30pm in the foyer of the church.

The EP Roche Patriotic Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Assembly monthly meeting: May 28 at 7pm in the foyer of the Church. We begin with the Rosary followed by a guest speaker S.K. James Hagerty and our business meeting. All Knights and parishioners are invited to attend. The Business meeting is for members only.

Natural Family Planning — Free Training

Saturday, June 6 @ 9:00 AM, The Lantern on Barnes Road. Space is limited — contact Dr. Karen to register and get more details. Email her → kstillman@womansdr.com or call/text 613-314-9802.