



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



5th Sunday of Easter: May 3, 2026

Mass Intention Week of May 5

Monday, May 6

- 9:30am Denis Lawlor +
Margaret Wade +
Special Intention (ID)
Theresa, Michael & Michael Jr. Roche +
- 7:00pm Thomas MacCormick +
Frank Martin +
Maryanne Abbott +
Gordon Healey +

Tuesday, May 7

- 9:30am Tomaz Misztal +
Catherine & Raymond Walsh +
Anne Barton +
Special Intention (GW)

Wednesday, May 8

- 9:30am Kay Fewer +
Leo Ryan +
Anne Cahill +
Jim Rose +
- 7:00pm Loretta Hyde Doyle +
Thomas Kennedy +
Bessie Redmond +
Jack Cassidy +

Thursday, May 9

- 9:30am Michael T. Kelly +
Special Intention (MFW)
Molly Donovan +
Thomas, Annie & Tina Roche +

Friday, May 10

- 9:30am Gloria Isada +
Special Intention (AF)
Gerald & Melinda Doyle +
Denis Lawlor +
- 7:00pm Paul Thorburn +
Mary Redmond +
Special Intention (AM)
Gerald Rice +

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

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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Tel. 416-417-1513

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Offertory Collection Week of April 19

Offertory	\$ 4,361
Initial Offering	\$ 10
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10
Holy Thursday	\$ 10
Good Friday	\$ 10
Easter Offering	\$ 40
New Year's	\$ 20
Food Bank	\$ 2,260
Development & Peace	\$ 20

*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

The Christian faith is all demanding. It isn't a "part-time" job. For a lot of my life, my faith varied in its significance. Sometimes it was more important, sometimes less. But in either case, it was just a part of my life. It stood separate and distinct from my ambitions and hopes, from my interests, from how I lived or what I did, from how I treated my family, friends or the stranger. It was a building block for sure, but it was simply one among many. I don't know when this began to change for me. It is certainly still ongoing, that is, it isn't complete. There wasn't one moment which clearly denoted the old from the new. Little by little, Jesus Christ has become more central in my life. I continue to push him to the periphery, but I find I can't leave him there as long as I used to. I apologize and bring him back to the centre of my heart. And this pattern repeats itself countless times everyday. I may not know the "when", but I do know the "how." The "how" of placing (and keeping) the Lord at the centre of one's heart is through love. It is by falling more in love with God.

Pedro Arrupe was the Father General of the Jesuits from 1965 to 1983. There is a prayer attributed to him called, "Fall in Love." Fr. Arrupe wrote,

What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekend, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.

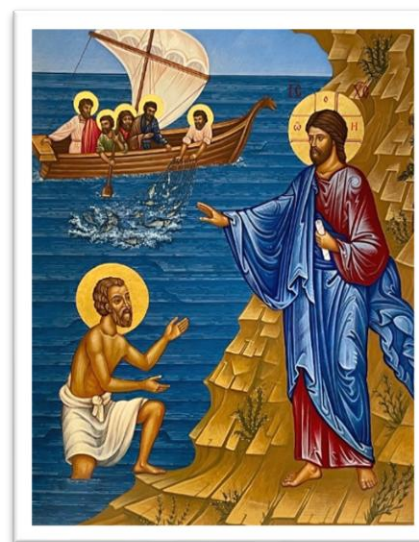
This prayer echoes what we hear in the second reading. In the First Letter of Peter, we are told that we are "living stones" which God will build into a spiritual house. While each house will be different according to the person, we all share the same cornerstone – Jesus Christ. A cornerstone is not merely ceremonial in its function. It isn't simply a stone imprinted with the date construction began or the building finished. It is the first stone by which the whole edifice receives its orientation.

The "living stones" are placed according to the presence and direction of the cornerstone. To have the Lord as one's cornerstone is to have the entirety of one's life affected, directed and understood through Jesus Christ. To accept anything else, is to make our faith a "part-time" job. We may fail, be inconsistent in keeping the Lord as our cornerstone, the centre of our life and heart, but we strive. We strive that he may be more of our way, more of the truth we believe and more of the life we live. "Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

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://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/256509> or email: divinemercyparish@rcsj.org

To 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://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/254411>
or email faith.divinemercuryparishnl@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://divinemercuryparish12.flocknote.com/signup/254415>
or email faith.divinemercuryparishnl@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."

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.

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.

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

Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish 2nd Annual



Saturday, June 13, 2026
10am to 1pm

Join Fr. John for our 2nd 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!*

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 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.

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

BELLA NOVA CHOIR, directed by Elizabeth Brennan, presents "ALL THAT...and ICONS", Saturday, May 9, 7:30pm at the Majestic Theatre. It's going to be a beautiful sharing of fantastic memorable tunes. A bit of everything-pop, jazz, spirituals, and "crowd favorites". Special guest is NL sensation Karla Jane Pilgrim with talented back-up band. Tickets are available at the Majestic Theatre or on their website. Come and enjoy!

The Concert Crowd perform a Night of Music, Song and Stories on May 9th at 7 P.M. at the Justina Centre, Outer Cove. Proceeds going to The St. Francis Road Memorial Garden.

Saints Speak

*'Begin now. . . Believe me,
don't wait until tomorrow to begin becoming a saint.'
~ St. Therese of Lisieux*