



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: June 21, 2026

Mass Intention Week of June 21

Monday, June 22

9:30am Edward & Josephine Butler +
Special Intention (OG)
Beth & Daniel Boulos +
Denis Langille +
7:00pm Bessie Redmond +
Nancy Walsh +
Brendan Hunt+
Fred Doran+

Tuesday, June 23

9:30am Sally Kelly +
Audrey & Claude Goyer & Deceased Family +
Special Intention (GE & Family)
Anne Hyde+

Wednesday, June 24

9:30am Doug Evans +
Special Intention (MM)+
Paul Roberts +
Deceased Members of the Duff Family +
7:00pm Mary & James Walsh & Deceased Family +
Gerald Costigan +
Frank Walsh +
Gitta Penny +

Thursday, June 25

9:30am Mary & Peter Kennedy & Deceased Family +
Gerald Winston Stone & Deceased Family +
John Kennedy +
Anne Noseworthy +

Friday, June 26

9:30am Frank Walsh +
Sean O'Shea +
John Kennedy +
Fay Hartwell +
7:00pm Ron Curtis +
Douglas Dowling +
Catherine Jackman +
Terry Stack +

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: divinemercyparish@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 June 14

Offertory	\$ 5,591
Initial Offering	\$ 5
Holy Thursday	\$ 5
Cemetery	\$ 405
Food Bank	\$ 643
Papal Charities	\$ 5
Walk-a-thon	\$14,040

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(Please include your name
and indicate what the E-transfer is for)
Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

Pastor's Note

From the time I was a teenager to maybe forty (I entered the Jesuits at twenty-four), I felt a type of embarrassment in saying the name "Jesus." I don't know clearly why I had this reluctance. Thinking back and reflecting, maybe it wasn't so much a concern of embarrassment but had more to do with my not knowing him. Most of my prayer had been directed to the Father. Nothing wrong with this, but the Father has given the Son as a gift to us. To know the Father more and thus to love him more, we need to see and learn from the Son's revelation. As the Lord said elsewhere in the Gospel, "No one knows the Father except the Son, and anyone to the Son chooses to reveal him." The more we come to know the Son the more we will come to know the Father. All of this is done through the Holy Spirit. The first time I began to focus more on Jesus Christ was when I did the *Spiritual Exercises* of Saint Ignatius of Loyola when I was a Jesuit novice.

The *Exercises* are "Christocentric" or Christ-centred. Most of the contemplations are stories taken directly from the Gospel. As one prays and enters the different scenes, one begins to see Christ more clearly, to learn his ways, to interact with him personally, to see and understand, to a degree, the love of God by the constant service and sacrifice of the Son. With one's heart open even a bit, one starts to be drawn to him. No longer searching for that which is ambiguous or theoretical, always entirely out of our reach, the *Exercises* made my faith personal. Over the years, it made me know that I want Jesus Christ to be the absolute centre of my life, not partially but totally.

In Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, we are told that Jesus Christ is not just our Redeemer and Saviour. That he has done something great for us. But he is also "the

free gift" of the Father. We often think of Christ as our teacher and our judge.

I'm no longer embarrassed or reluctant to say his name, to say "Jesus." He is our Lord and God. He is our teacher and judge. He is our Redeemer and Saviour. He is our hearts and love. He is "the free gift." He is everything.

God Bless & Take Care,
Fr. John

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish:

Ed Metcalfe, Francis Mercer,
Margaret Molloy, Cyril McCormick,
Mark Press, Eva Lane,
Reyan Reynado, Glen Taylor,
Tony White, Michelle Kennedy,
Jason Walsh, Jackie Walsh,
Jasmine Badrin, Hazel Crane,
George Fowler, Bill Kennedy,
Glenn Penny, Fred Murphy,
Marion Bonia, Ron Carter,
John Fleming, Yolanda Dizon
Theresa Touchet, Imelda Touchet,
Ethel Cochrane

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:

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. Signup: <https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/255002>

To Love:

Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist:

Wednesday, June 24

Masses: 9:30 am and 7:00 pm

There will be a Holy Hour following both of the Masses on the day of the Feast.

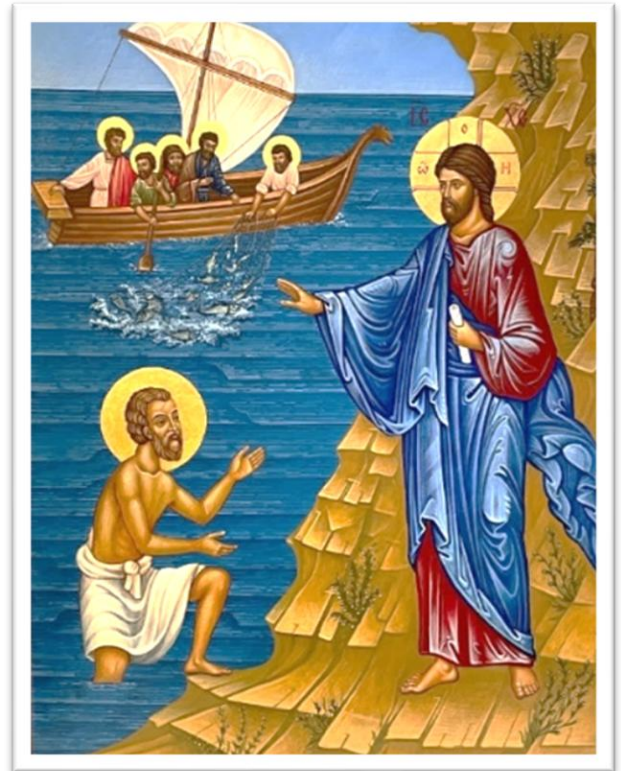
"He must increase; I must decrease." St. John's birth is celebrated near the pinnacle of light in the northern hemisphere, the summer solstice. The liturgical calendar reveals something of the reality of John's mission as a precursor to the Messiah, the Incarnate Son of God who is "the Light that shines in the darkness." After the summer solstice each year, the amount of sunlight begins to decrease, just as John began to decrease in anticipation of the Messiah's coming. It reaches its lowest ebb just before Christmas, when the Light of Lights descends from heaven and physical light itself begins to increase.

To Serve:

Divine Mercy Parish Walk-A-Thon

Many thanks to everyone who participated in last Saturday's Walk-a-thon! At this moment we have collected \$14,040 from pledges received. There are still a few outstanding pledges to be collected before we can announce our grand total. If you have any outstanding pledges or pledge sheets, please bring them to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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

Notes & Upcoming Events

Happy Father's Day!

To all our dads, because of who you are and all you do, Happy Father's Day! With Fr. John, the Parish staff and the Jesuit community we pray that the Lord may continue to bless you and the work of your hands and hearts.

The Parish Office will be closed for the holiday on Monday, June 21. Our daily Masses will still take place at 9:30am and 7pm. We wish everyone a healthy and fun long weekend!

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Summer Schedule

With summer approaching and members of our team away, our Children's Liturgy of the Word will modify its schedule. Today, Sunday, June 21 will be the final session at our 9am Mass until September. We will continue the program through July and August at the 11am Mass.

Knights of Columbus

The EP Roche 4th Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus Assembly will hold its monthly meeting at Divine Mercy Parish, in the foyer, on Thursday, June 25 at 7pm. Installation of 2026-27 Officers is planned.

Marriage Preparation Course:

November 7, 2026. Deadline for registration is October 23, 2026. It is recommended that couples complete the course at least six months prior to their wedding. To register, go to:
<https://rcsj.org/chancer/marriage.preparation/register>



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St. John the Baptist Cathedral Basilica Church Afternoon Teas

Thursdays in July 2:30 to 3:30 pm
\$20 per person

Tickets in Advance: through the Parish Office by e-transfer or in person (call 709-754-2170)

Limited tickets will be available at the door on the day of each tea.