



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve
Summer Edition



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 19, 2026

Mass Intention Week of July 19

Monday, July 20

- 9:30am Dennis Langille +
Clarence & Mary Stack +
Annemarie Ryan +
Charlie Power +
- 7:00pm Sara Sexton +
John, Isabella & John Jr. Dunne +
Leslie Case +
Gerald Lacey +

Tuesday, July 21

- 9:30am Elizabeth & James Byrne +
Noreen & Donald Jackman +
Mary Short +
William & Mary Ellen White +

Wednesday, July 22

- 9:30am Gerald & Lucy Stamp +
Linda Harding +
Special Intention (MF)
Vince, Brendan & Anna White +
- 7:00pm Laura Wilkinson +
Ena Wall +
Moses Morgan +
Mary Codner +

Thursday, July 23

- 9:30am Jim & Margaret Rogers +
William & Clara Long & Deceased Family +
Brettany Doff +
Dorothy Locke +

Friday, July 24

- 9:30am Catherine & Raymond Walsh +
Maryann Ryan +
Angela Colford & Deceased Family +
- 7:00pm David Long +
Helen Lawlor +
Mary Slaney +
Tanya Slaney +

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 and Saturdays 3-3:45pm
By appointment: email: divinemergyparish@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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Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9am to 12pm
and 1pm to 4pm; Friday 9am to 12pm.

Inquiries for Sacrament Preparation and Faith Formation:
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Offertory Collection Week of July 12

Offertory	\$ 5,592
Cemetery	\$ 50
Christmas	\$ 5
Food Bank	\$ 910

June Direct Giving	\$ 2,186
June Offertory e-transfers	\$ 1,960

*E-transfers can be made through divinemergyparish@rcsj.org
(Please include your name and
indicate the reason for your E-transfer)
Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!*

Pastor's Note:

It is not unusual for a person to pray for one thing and receive something different. And, over time, the different thing becomes even more helpful or vital than the thing first prayed for. I remember when my father was ill and growing weaker. The two of us went to a local river to play fetch with our dog. At some point, I looked back at my father and became filled with fear and sadness. I didn't want him to ever leave me; I didn't want him to die. I ran up to him, hugged him and said he couldn't go. He reassured me but I continued to pray that he would never leave. He died a few months later. That was back in 1987, and after all these years, I have come to realize that my prayers were answered, although in a way I did not then understand. Being in heaven, I can talk to my dad anywhere and anytime. At every Mass, when we pray for the dead, I think of him and tell him to enjoy his life with the Father. I know he looks out for me still. And so, my prayers were answered – my dad has never left me. This is not a coincidence, for there are no coincidences with God. Rather, in my difficulty and suffering, the Holy Spirit, within me, interceded “with sighs too deep for words.”

Saint Paul tells us in his *Letter to the Romans*, that not only does God hear our prayers in our suffering, but we are also helped by God. Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch, two biblical scholars, explain that the Holy Spirit “adds his voice to the chorus of groans rising up from this valley of tears, translating our wordless moans and sighs into filial petitions to the Father.” The Holy Spirit makes clear what it is we need instead of simply echoing what we want. I wanted my dad to be with me forever in a way that could never be. I wanted to play catch with him forever; to have him as my defender forever; to be able to hug him forever. God the Holy Spirit interceded on my behalf and made clear that what I truly needed was not the above, but to have him forever. And so, I do. This hearing and helping by God is the basis of the “cry of wonder” Saint Ignatius of Loyola spoke about in the *Spiritual Exercises*. The “cry of wonder” is the realization of the presence and action of God's kindness, compassion and love in one's life. We are not dropped, forgotten or lost. We are not destroyed. On the contrary, every groan we voice, every prayer we offer is both heard and help is given. As the Psalmist wrote, “Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication . . . For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.”

God bless and take care,

Fr. John

Notes & Upcoming Events

Our Lady of Fatima Mobile Shrine

This past week the parish was fortunate enough to host the Mobile Shrine Pilgrimage here at Divine Mercy Parish. This is a mission of a father and daughter who have been travelling throughout North America for more than 25 years with a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, promoting her message. The Shrine will be at St. Francis of Assisi in Outer Cove this weekend. Beginning Monday, the Shrine will move to St. Theresa's or will be back here at Divine Mercy. Take time to visit our Lady when you can.

Jesuit Saints: St. Ignatius (July 23 & 30)

In anticipation of the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, we are offering two videos on St. Ignatius and the early Jesuits. Sign up: <https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/256509>

Novena of St. Ignatius of Loyola: July 22 to 30

On Flocknote, our Parish website, as well as hardcopies available from the Welcome Kiosk in the foyer. This novena is nine days of prayer in the company of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. Our novena will include a daily talk by Fr. John. The talks will be taped and made available from our Flocknote and on our website along with the Novena prayers. Sign up: <https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/264431>

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola: Friday, July 31st

Daily Masses: 9:30 am and 7pm

A Holy Hour will follow both of our Masses on July 31st.

Celebrating the Gift of Marriage:

Mass: Postponed until the Fall

Our Mass celebrating the gift of Marriage has been postponed for September/October time to make things easier for people to attend. All married couples are invited to join us for the Holy Mass & reception celebrating marriage. If you are celebrating a special anniversary this year, please let us know so that we can prepare a certificate for you. Email us at apaolo@rcsj.org

Adoration and Benediction every Tuesday, 2:00 pm has now resumed. All are welcome.

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, Jackie Walsh,
Jasmine Badrin, Hazel Crane, George Fowler, Bill Kennedy,
Glenn Penny, Fred Murphy, Ron Carter, John Fleming,
Yolanda Dizon, Theresa Touchet, Imelda Touchet,
John Myrick