



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve
Summer Edition



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 5, 2026

Mass Intention Week of July 5

Monday, July 6

9:30am Denis Lawlor +
Special Intention (MM)
Special Intention (CC)
Geraldine & Wilf Doyle +

7:00pm Eileen & James Collins +
Rose Fitzgibbon +
Joan Dyer +
Dr. J. Bautista +

Tuesday, July 7

9:30am Annemarie Maher +
Billy Rumsey +
Dorothy Lawlor +
Fernanda Montes +

Wednesday, July 8

9:30am Marie Walsh +
Anne Hyde +
Special Intention (MM)
Charlie Power +

7:00pm Walter Pottle +
Sr. M. Chrysostom Brennan +
Jim Butler +
Margaret Wade +

Thursday, July 9

9:30am Helen Nolan +
Fred, Marie & Dean Philpott +
Frank & Margaret Hamilton +
John Kennedy +

Friday, July 10

9:30am Betty & Harris Cull +
Mary Short +
Dorothy Hollihan +
Deceased Members of McCloy Family +

7:00pm Roselita Rideout +
Jim Hayward +
Annie Paul +
Robert Dowden Sr. +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

**Jason Walsh, Honourable Ethel Cochrane, Fr. Fred Brown,
Marilyn White, and Mary Ring**

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: divinemicyparish@rcsj.org

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Holy Hour every weekday after the 9:30am Mass

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 June 28

Offertory	\$ 5,015
Parish Maintenance	\$ 50
Cemetery	\$ 310
Easter	\$ 25
Food Bank	\$ 1,417
Papal Charities	\$ 20
Walk-a-thon	\$ 125

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Thank you for your generosity. God Bless!

Pastor's Note

On Ash Wednesday, one may hear in a homily that rather than giving something up in Lent, one should commit to doing something good or virtuous. Not a bad idea. It's always good to do something good. Abstaining and fasting, however, are part of the Christian faith's practice of mortification. Mortification is not just a form of penance, so too, is it related to becoming more docile to the Holy Spirit. Mortification can help give greater freedom to a Christian in following the lead of the Holy Spirit. To our contemporary ears, mortification seems both old-fashioned and spiritually unhealthy. It sounds dualistic, that is, the spirit good and the body bad. Therefore, the bad, the body, has to be punished and tamed. This understanding is spiritually unhealthy. Nonetheless, it retains a vital place within our Christian lives in its roles of penance and, especially for this week's second reading, of helping one to follow the Holy Spirit.

In Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, Paul speaks of mortification in the last sentence. He writes, "if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live." I don't know about you, but I always look for the easiest and most comfortable. This extends to my spiritual life as well. It's a struggle to say my night prayers. The lure of the bed often overtakes my good intention. Or one more funny dog clip from YouTube outweighs the obligation of doing the work I need to do in service of others. In a sobering admission, according to scripture scholars, Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch, St. Paul is saying that "the grace of the Holy Spirit is resistible, and so a commitment to follow the Spirit's leading must be made continually." With God's grace, we are given the necessary wisdom and strength to free ourselves from those things and habits that clutter our view of the Holy Spirit. To be drawn by the Spirit rather than resisting the Spirit. And to be drawn by the Holy Spirit is to gain more of our prize, that which we most deeply desire – Christ's life becoming our own life. For "you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you."

God Bless & Take Care,
Fr. John

Saints Speak

The person who loves God values knowledge of God more than anything created by God and pursues such knowledge ardently and ceaselessly.

St. Maximus the Confessor

Notes & Upcoming Events

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

In anticipation of the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, we offer 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>

Lessons from St. Benedict and St. Ignatius of Loyola on the Virtue of Obedience: Presentation by Dr. David Carroll **Tuesday, July 14. 6:30pm In the Church:** Don't miss this presentation on two of the Church's saints and the virtue of obedience.

Marriage Virtual Retreat: The School of Life and Love

July 7-13 Be refreshed in your vocation of love. This is an "At Home" week retreat for Married couples. Choose your own time of day to come together with your spouse and reflect and rest in the love the God is pouring into you. Flocknote Sign up:
<https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/256513>

Celebrating the Gift of Marriage: Tuesday, July 21 6pm

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

Altar Servers: Orientation and Training

Friday, July 17 and Friday, July 24. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Tom through the Parish Office to find out more!

Food Bank Note: Served for the month of June: 170 families, including 274 adults and 154 children. Many thanks for your ongoing generosity!

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, Marion Bonia, Ron Carter, John Fleming, Yolanda Dizon, Theresa Touchet, Imelda Touchet, John Myrick