



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve
Summer Edition

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 16, 2026

Mass Intention Week of August 16

Monday, August 17

9:30am Steve Power +
Kevin Whelan +
Margaret Mary Smith +
Denis & Mary-Ann Murphy +

7:00pm Mary McDonald +
Helen Molloy +
Bert Hannaford +
Peter Brodtkorb

Tuesday, August 18

9:30am Lucille & Jody Stack +
Patrick Walsh +
Richard & Clotilda White +
Leo & Elizabeth White +

Wednesday, August 19

9:30am Nancy Walsh +
Special Intention (MM)
Robert Curtis +
Ann & James McGrath +

7:00pm Libby Holwell +
Randy Snow +
Diane Dyer +
James Power +

Thursday, August 20

9:30am Mary Ann Ryan +
Murray Folkins +
Tom Devine +
Elizabeth Walsh +

Friday, August 21

9:30am Thomas Rodgers +
Josephine Furlong +
Fay Hartwell +
Special Intention (EM)

7:00pm Jimmy Maddox +
Fred Fitzpatrick +
Kevin Whittle +
Rosemarie McCann +

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: divinemerccyparish@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:

contact Anna at email: apaolo@rcsj.org

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Offertory Collection Week of August 9

Offertory	\$ 5,210
Cemetery	\$ 100
Food Bank	\$ 315

July Direct Giving	\$2,186
July Offertory e-transfers	\$2,127

E-transfers can be made through divinemerccyparish@rcsj.org
(Please include your name and the reason for your E-transfer)

Thank you for your generosity.
God Bless!

Pastor's Note

The calling the Lord gives is "Follow me." It is up to each person to respond. Sometimes, however, we can approach this calling, the living of our faith, in a surprising way. We can understand it as we understand our place on a competitive sports team. During try-outs for a hockey team, one thinks that if one skates fast enough, passes the puck accurately enough, shoots with enough strength and doesn't make too many mistakes, one may experience the joy of being chosen, of being selected. Unfortunately, this joy can be short lived and replaced by anxiety. I remember making a team I really wanted to play for. I was "over the moon" with excitement and a sense of accomplishment. This excitement came to a crashing stop in one of our first games. We played a team that was both good and huge. We were boys, the other team looked like men. Consequently, I played the game scared. The game was a disaster for me. Because I played badly, I expected the coach to "cut" me from the team. While I wasn't dropped from the team, I was placed on the last line. In hockey or other activities, we make our mistakes and then, we wait for the consequences. Be it a coach, boss, teacher or someone else in authority, we wait in expectation to be dropped, fired or placed at the back of the class. We often do the same when we try and live our faith.

In our lives, we've decided to follow him. We begin with excitement, desire and an initial commitment. But mistakes come, excitement and desire wane, one's commitment becomes unfocused. As such, we then wait for the Lord to change his mind, to instruct us to go, to stop our following. This, however, is never the case. We know this to be true, not from wishful thinking but from the Word of God, from what we hear in this week's second reading.

Saint Paul tells the early Christians of Rome that the "gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." When the Lord looks upon each of us and says, "Follow me," he does so with perfect knowledge. He's God after all. Jesus Christ knows those times when our commitment will become unfocused - He says, "Follow me." He knows when our excitement and desire will wane, when we place ourselves above him - He says, "Follow me." We wait for Christ to change his mind, to cancel the invitation, but his calling to you is "irrevocable." He will not take it back. He will not change his mind. He is "merciful to all." We are beginning to realize this incredible truth of Revelation: While God desires that we be perfect, there is something else he wants even more. God desires you, both now and eternally. In response, we can only confess, "Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you!"

God bless and 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, Tony White, Michelle Kennedy, Jackie Walsh, Jasmine Badrin, Hazel Crane, Bill Kennedy, Glenn Penny, Fred Murphy, Ron Carter, John Fleming, Yolanda Dizon, Theresa Touchet, Imelda Touchet, John Myrick

Divine Mercy Parish BBQ Saturday, September 19 12pm to 3pm

On the grounds, behind the church
340 Newfoundland Drive

Fun, Food & Friendship!

Games for all ages! We'll supply the hot dogs and hamburgers. Donations of sweets and sides are greatly appreciated. ***This year, we encourage everyone to invite someone to join the fun and fellowship. Think of friends and family who have been away from the church for a while, maybe someone new to the neighbourhood or someone looking for some community. Reach out and invite them to join in the fun.*** If you would like to help out in planning and preparing for the BBQ, or running some of the games, please call the parish office at 709-726-9924 or speak to Anna today after Mass or email her at apaolo@rcsj.org ***Watch for future bulletins for more details. Don't forget to mark the date!***

Explore the Catholic Faith Through OCIA

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic, completing your sacraments, or simply learning more about the faith? The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**—formerly known as RCIA—is a welcoming journey of faith formation, prayer, and community. Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a baptized Catholic seeking First Communion or Confirmation, you belong here. There is no pressure or commitment, just an opportunity to ask questions and grow closer to Christ. The OCIA at Divine Mercy begins Sunday October 11. For more information or to register, contact Anna at apaolo@rcsj.org or call the parish office at 709-726-9924

Sacramental Preparation for Children 7+

Here in the Archdiocese of St. John's, Confirmation and First Holy Communion are normally celebrated together and children are prepared for the sacraments once they are 7 years of age or more. Divine Mercy Parish will begin the preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Communion and First Confession in October. Parents play a vital role in this faith journey and are asked to join us for an information evening on Tuesday, October 6th. Please mark it in your calendars. For more information or to register your child, contact Anna at apaolo@rcsj.org or call the parish office at 709-726-9924.

Centre for Life Family Fun Day/ Walk for Life

Saturday September 12: **Place:** Divine Mercy Parish **Time:** 11am- 2 pm There will be face painting, games, BBQ, 11:30 am demonstrations by Tec Nurtur on coding children's video games, building /coding a robot rover, plus balloon twisting creations from 12:30 - 1:30! Sponsor sheets are available by calling 709-579-1500 or emailing centreforlife@centreforlife.ca. Mark your calendar and support the Centre for Life's community outreach services. Rain date is Saturday September 26th.