



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 30, 2026

Mass Intention Week of August 30

Monday, August 31

9:30am Charles John +
Special Intention (CA)
Thanksgiving (KH)
Mary Murphy +

7:00pm Special Intention (DC)
Sally Kelly +
Bernard Adriesti +
Patrick Wadden +

Tuesday, September 1

9:30am Special Intention (OM)
Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Michael Stokes +
Special Intention (RC)

Wednesday, September 2

9:30am Deceased Members of Gough Family +
Special Intention (EM)
Frank Walsh +
Martin Boland +

7:00pm Special Intention (SC)
Catherine Jackman +
Jill Parker +
Ellen Mooney +

Thursday, September 3

9:30am Deceased Members of Feehan Family +
Teresa O'Neill +
Ron Griffin +
Mary Agnes Roche +

Friday, September 4

9:30am Dave Mercer +
Frank & Constance Costigan +
John Power +
Special Intention (MR)

7:00pm Special Intention (GK)
Terrance Stack +
Getta Penney +
Michael Tobin +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Brian Joy

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: 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.

Contact Information:

Divine Mercy Parish, 340A Newfoundland Drive, St. John's
tel. 709-726-9924 email: divinemercyparish@rcsj.org
www.divinemercynl.com/

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

Pastor: Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. Email: john@ekon.ca
Tel. 416-417-1513

Associate Pastor: Fr. Joe Mroz, S.J. email: ej_mroz@yahoo.ca

Offertory Collection Week of August 23

Offertory	\$ 5,848
Donation	\$ 200
Walkathon	\$ 780

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

Pastor's Note

We are grateful and privileged to bear the name of Christ as a Christian. At the same time, there can be occasions when it feels more of a burden than a gift. For example, perhaps some new Church scandal is the lead story on the nightly news. We are embarrassed, shocked and saddened. Or maybe our friends have made plans for a weekend outing. It sounds fun but it would mean missing Mass. Therefore, one chooses not to join the party in order to do as the Lord has commanded. Sometimes, with our hearts and consciences unwilling to be silent, we may think, "Lord, just leave me alone; let me go my own way." Some people feel this and they indeed, go their own way. Why, however, can we not join them? Why do we remain a Christian in a world which often encourages us to leave him? It is because we have been given the eyes to see and so we can do nothing other than follow him. In other words, "I was enticed."

The Prophet Jeremiah echoes the above sentiments. Like us sometimes, Jeremiah felt fatigued with faith, worn-out by the intentionality of his mission to Israel, and dejected by the apparent futility of doing what God

has commanded him to do. And so he confesses to God, "O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. . . . For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long." Like us sometimes, Jeremiah has had enough, he's decided to throw in the towel – "I will not mention him, or speak anymore his name." Yet, like Jeremiah, we feel "something like a burning fire shut up in my bones." We cannot suppress or ignore this fire. We cannot leave him because what burns within our hearts is love. A growing love ignited by his Spirit who has shown us the truth – God so loves you that he gave his only begotten Son. How can we turn our back on one who has given everything he has? How can we deny the Lord's love when unending love is what we have always longed for. We have been enticed Lord, by you. But we have let ourselves be enticed. It is what we want. Because God, it is you we want.

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, David Adams

"God sent the human race a physician, a savior, One Who healed without charging a fee. Christ also came to reward those who would be healed by Him. Christ heals the sick, and He makes a gift to those whom He heals. And the gift that He makes is Himself!"

— St. Augustine of Hippo

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

September is just around the corner and with it a brand-new season of our **To See, To Love, To Serve** schedule. We have some exciting things coming up and we begin with a focus on the **Sacraments**. You will see the theme of the Sacraments present in the Word on Fire Course – The Sacraments, our celebration of Catechetical Sunday and the call to serve in one of our catechetical programs. Watch for these and much more as we enter the Fall semester!

To See:

Word on Fire The Sacraments

Everything in the Church's life comes from and returns to the Sacraments because they are the presence and power of Christ himself. The Sacraments help us understand these signs and channels of grace and discover the secret behind their persistence down the ages.

In this 12 week mini-course you will rediscover the great sacraments of the Church in all their theological depth, spiritual effects, and pastoral promise.

Available through Flocknote beginning September 16:

<https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/270846>

To Love:

Coming up in September:

September 1: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

This year's theme: *"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks"* (Isaiah 2:4) focusing on how armed conflict damages the earth.

September 20: Catechetical Sunday Honouring catechists, teachers, and parents, (who are the primary educators of the faith) for their ministry and dedication in passing on the Catholic Faith. Divine Mercy will have information and registration available for Sacrament preparation in the parish.

September 17-25: The novena to the Canadian Martyrs: available on Flocknote:

<https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/270847>

We will also have some paper copies available the weekend before the Novena begins.

To Serve:

Interested in helping out in one of Sacramental preparation programs? Divine Mercy offers preparation for both children and adults for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation. If you would to join us, contact Anna at apaolo@rcsj.org to learn more.

Explore the Catholic Faith OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

*"The truly repentant is derided by the foolish –
which is a sign that God has accepted his
repentance."*

— St. Mark the Ascetic

Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish BBQ



And Bring A Friend...

**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 us.

RSVP by calling the Parish Office at 709-726-9924 or email us at divinemercyparish@rcsj.org Please let us know how many will be attending.

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

Don't forget to mark the date!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with Adoration and Benediction takes place every Tuesday afternoon at 2pm.

A Holy Hour is also scheduled each weekday after the 9:30am Mass.

The Spiritoso Singers at Divine Mercy!

We are excited to announce the launch of a brand-new family of Christian choirs, here at Divine Mercy!

Spiritoso Youth Singers — for children and teens ages 4 to 17, divided into two age groups; we'll sing beautiful, fun, and age-appropriate music!

Spiritoso Singers — for adults who want to join a fun, high-quality choir that praises God while having a great time together.

Low-pressure **auditions** will be held at Divine Mercy on **August 31st** and **September 7th**. Come raise your voice in praise — all are welcome!

For more information, go to

www.realcalmforcatholicmoms.com/choirs,

or contact Sarah Templeton at

realcalmforcatholicmoms@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 26TH AND 27TH, 2026. Divine Mercy Council of the Catholic Women's League will be having a Bake and Craft Sale before and after all weekend Masses in the Church Foyer. Any parishioners who would like to donate some baked goods or craft items would be great. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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 email centreforlife@centreforlife.ca. Mark your calendar and support the Centre for Life's community outreach services. Rain date is Saturday September 26th.

Fr. Ray Kelly: The Singing Priest of Ireland

Concert at the Basilica: September 24, 7:30pm

To get tickets, call the Cathedral Basilica Foundation at 709-793-4411 or email info@basilicafoundation.ca

St. Edwards Parish CBS, Musical Concert Evening

Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 7 P.M., With special performers Judy Brazil, Russell Molloy, Brandon Bowen, Parish Priests, Choir Members and others. Tickets Just \$25. To Purchase please contact, the Parish Office at 709-834-9481, or via email stedwardsparish@rcsj.org Tea/Coffee/Sandwiches available for purchase, 50/50 Draws and Door Prizes.