



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 13, 2026

Mass Intention Week of September 13

Monday, September 14

- 9:30am Deceased Members of the Byrne Family +
Deceased Members of the Ryan Family +
Minnie & John Stokes +
Bridget & William Quirk +
- 7:00pm Barbara Crosbie +
Frank Lacey +
Len Mooney +
David Powell +

Tuesday, September 15

- 9:30am Colleen & Arthur George +
Special Intention (DF)
Jane Blackstock +
Ted Martin +

Wednesday, September 16

- 9:30am Beth & Daniel Boulos +
Mary & James Walsh & Deceased Family +
Maryann & Henry Sampson +
Anne Noseworthy +
- 7:00pm Brendan Hunt +
Edward Griffen +
Maureen Connelly +
Mary Thompson +

Thursday, September 17

- 9:30am Gloria Isada +
Special Intention (RE) +
William & Clara Long & Deceased Family +
Special Intention (EM)

Friday, September 18

- 9:30am Kevin Spearns +
Helen, Hugh & Joseph MacAulay +
Gertrude & Joe Carew +
Isabel & Allan McCormack +
- 7:00pm Alex Byrne +
Ken Edwards +
John Collins +
Elsie Lacey +

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: 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:

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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 September 6

Offertory	\$ 5,104
Food Bank	\$ 482
Maintenance	\$ 25
Dues	\$ 360

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

There is a house in my hometown of Saint John, New Brunswick, that looks old and has an historical plaque by the door. It informs us that Benedict Arnold lived in the house from 1787 to 1791. If you've never heard of Benedict Arnold, he was one of George Washington's favourite and most capable generals. In the American Revolutionary War, he had shown himself to be brave and a good tactician. However, perhaps because of pride, he hadn't received the promotion he thought he deserved, money or disillusionment with the war, Arnold switched sides and joined the British. To the Americans he committed treason, he became a traitor! Even though he joined "our" side, that is, Great Britain, I remember my parents speaking of him in not the most flattering way – "No one likes a traitor." We don't like traitors because we value loyalty. We are inspired and moved when we see or hear of acts of loyalty. While loyalty can certainly go to an extreme, one should not be loyal to someone or something that is immoral, in general, it remains an undisputed value. When Saint Paul writes that we "live to the Lord . . . and . . . die to the Lord," he is encouraging us to be both loyal and something more.

Paul writes, "We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord." In other words, St. Paul is urging us to be servants of the Lord's will rather than servants of our own. This isn't unique to Paul. We ask for this grace every time we pray the *Our Father* – "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." These words are so familiar to us that we can lose

their radical meaning. A Jesuit once said to me that they mean "your kingdom come and my kingdom go." To serve God's kingdom and will definitely requires loyalty. Our loyalty expresses our recognition and gratitude for what he has done for us. It also reflects our membership in his body, the Church – we are part of the team and so, we play by team rules. This sense of loyalty is good, correct and helpful. But it isn't enough. Something more is necessary to persevere.

To put another ahead of oneself requires loyalty enlivened by love. Our Christian faith develops and deepens. We begin by learning our first prayers. We move on to learn how we are to act and the basics of the Christian faith. Sometimes, sadly, we stop there. To me, this is a self-inflicted tragedy. There remains the person of Jesus Christ. We have the gift and privilege to learn from the Lord, to follow him in our daily lives, and to fall more deeply in love with God. The more we learn and take in about Christ, the more we love the Triune God. By falling more in love with God, we are drawn to serve God's will more than our own. Not because we have suddenly become more generous, but because God is becoming the centre of our lives. To serve God's will is to love God.

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, Reyann Reynado, Tony White, Michelle Kennedy, Jackie Walsh, Jasmine Badrin, Hazel Crane, Glenn Penny, Fred Murphy, Ron Carter, John Fleming, Yolanda Dizon, Theresa Touchet, Imelda Touchet, John Myrick, David Adams, Jim Miller, Elizabeth Murphy

Divine Mercy Parish 2026 50/50 Raffle

8,000 tickets printed
\$5.00 per ticket
Possible Jackpot of \$10,000 to the winner

Help us sell our tickets! Pick up your books today!

Proceeds from the Raffle will go to a new sound system for the parish.

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>

Aquinas 101: The Sacraments

Jesus Christ instituted the sacraments to give us a share in His life. In this introductory course on the sacraments, we will explore what the seven sacraments are, provide an overview of how each unites us to Christ, and examine how the sacraments relate to the last things. 9 sessions, beginning Thursday, October 1, available through Flocknote:

<https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/272838>

To Love:

The Novena to the Canadian Martyrs: September 17 - 25

Available on Flocknote:
<https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/270847>

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

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.

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.

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Divine Mercy Ministry Fair 2026

October 3 & 4

After All the Masses

**Explore the many different ministries alive and
at work at Divine Mercy Parish!**

**Meet and Greet members of Divine Mercy who
share similar interests as you!**

**Learn how you can share your gifts and
talents!**

For the Greater Glory of God



Liturgy of the Word with Children Returns to both the 9am and 11am Masses This Weekend!

One of the liveliest ministries of our parish returns to both our morning Masses this weekend and every other weekend to follow. A great opportunity for young ones to grow in the faith and experience the Mass in a joyful and creative way!

CWL Bake & Craft Sale: SEPT 26 & 27

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.

Hospitality After the 11am Mass:

This vibrant ministry serves the parish, providing food and friendship and helps to strengthen the bonds of the parish family. If you enjoy sharing stories, making friends and building community we could use you on our team. Speak with a member of the Hospitality Team or contact them through the parish office. If you would like to contribute some goodies for hospitality, your generosity is greatly appreciated and accepted. Our next Hospitality Sunday: September 20th

Heading Back to Campus?

Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO)

Many students head back to MUN this week. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, who Jesus is or if you're looking for a Catholic/Christian community on campus, contact Bernadette, 205-703-6297 or follow them @MUN.CCO

Mass is celebrated at the Campus Chapel Sundays at 3pm and Wed, Thurs, Fri at 12:15 pm in Fr. John Mroz's office UC 4023

When the Earth Trembles, We Stand Together

Development & Peace – Caritas Canada is hosting a concert at St. Teresa's Church, 120 Mundy Pond Road, in aid of the earthquakes in Columbia and Venezuela. Sunday, September 13 at 3pm. The cost is \$20 or whatever you can afford, cash only.