



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 20, 2026

Mass Intention Week of September 20

Monday, September 21

9:30am Carm, Eugene & Doug Payne +
Maude, Charlie & Pat Poole +
Leonard & Stephen Payne +
Bob Moren +

7:00pm Marguerite Stacey +
Ron McCarthy +
Robert Curtis +
Jack Cassidy +

Tuesday, September 22

9:30am Sally Kelly +
Mildred Johnson +
Special Intention (UNM)
Special Intention (Udechukwu Family)

Wednesday, September 23

9:30am Sara Sexton +
Mary & James Walsh & Deceased Family +
Sandi & John Noseworthy +
Special Intention (EM)

7:00pm Joyce Evans +
Jack Hurley +
Gitta Penney +
Nancy Walsh +

Thursday, September 24

9:30am Deceased Members of McCloy Family +
Ron & Frances Byrne & Deceased Family +
Eileen Tucker +
Shirley Hynes +

Friday, September 25

9:30am Thomas Lundrigan +
Julie Druken +
Tina Tuff +
Leonard & Mary Madden & Deceased Family +

7:00pm Muriel Maloney +
Eugene Pittman +
Stewart Kennedy +
John Wheeler +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Dennis Kavanagh, Paul Maloney & Edna Lahey

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 13

Offertory	\$ 5,252
Dues	\$ 7,495
Food Bank	\$ 982
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 15
Walkathon	\$ 100

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

Back when I had to study philosophy as part of my Jesuit training, I remember something my professor taught about Saint Augustine. According to the professor, Augustine would say, while it's true that God loves everyone, it is also true that God loves him (Augustine) more. No rhyme or reason, just God's affection and preference. We may bristle with this notion. Consider it unfair and simply wrong. And yet from one's own personal point of view, one should consider it true and relate to God as his "favourite." The love of the Father is not a result of the size of one's brain, the extent of one's accomplishments nor one's skill or potential. It is the result of his fatherhood and each of our being his daughters and sons. Not only collectively as humanity but, of greater spiritual importance, personally as well. The love of God is given to his child because we are his children, not due to the contribution we have made.

This week the Lord gives us the parable of the workers in the vineyard. The workers are employed for a different number of hours. Some have worked the full day, including its hottest part, others worked for half the day, while still others worked just the last hour. When it came time to pay them, the landowner paid them all the same wage. Of course, those who worked the full day grumbled, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

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, Glenn Penny, Fred Murphy, Ron Carter, John Fleming, Yolanda Dizon, Theresa Touchet, Imelda Touchet, John Myrick, David Adams, Jim Miller, Elizabeth Murphy, Annmarie Mills, Elizabeth Murphy

To which the landowner replied, "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?" Our relationship with God can feel tenuous and uncertain. Consequently, we may look to benchmarks for confidence. We may evaluate our prayer in terms of its consistency, length and intensity. We may look to our behaviour and evaluate our moral lives. We may count our regularity in participating in the sacraments of the Church. Our prayer, morality and Church life are not unimportant, in fact they are vital, they must be central in our Christian life. But they do not evoke from God the gift of his love. His love is freely given. The more we understand and experience this, the more we want to pray, to be good, to go to Mass to give thanks and to receive God's life through the Eucharist. God gives his love and himself freely. Love is given not as payment but because we each are "the apple of his eye." We labour in the vineyard not for the hourly wage but rather for love. To love the one who has first loved us. His love is free, personal and is for you. And so, we echo the psalmist, "Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised."

God bless and take care,
Fr. John

Saints Speak

'If you attach your heart to certain places and occupations, obedience oftentimes places you in some other place that you may not like; to be always cheerful, be always humble and obedient.'

St. Ignatius of Loyola

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 23:
<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:

Feast of the Archangels

The Feast of the Archangels, celebrated on September 29th, honors Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, recognizing their powerful roles as messengers and protectors in salvation history. This day celebrates their unique missions from God and reminds us of their intercession and assistance for humanity. Join us for a holy hour on this feast day at 6:30pm, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

As the Feast of the Archangels falls on a Tuesday this year, the parish also has a holy hour scheduled after the 9:30am Mass, as well as our weekly holy hour beginning at 2pm.

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

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

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



Divine Mercy Parish 2026 50/50 Raffle

4, 000 tickets printed

\$5.00 per ticket

Possible Jackpot of \$10,000 to the winner

Help us sell our tickets!

Pick up an envelop of tickets today!

**Envelops include quantities of 5, 10 and 20 books
(each book has 4 tickets)**

The Draw will take place on Sunday, December 13, 2026

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



Knights of Columbus E.P Roche 4th degree Assembly will be holding its monthly meeting at Divine Mercy Parish, in the foyer, on Thursday September 24 at 7:00 PM. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

CWL Bake & Craft Sale: SEPT 26 & 27

In the foyer of the Church after all Masses. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please bring your own bags for your purchases. Cash or cheques (made out to Divine Mercy CWL) only.

CWL General Meeting: Sept 27 1:30pm

The meeting begins with a Prayer Service for New Members, followed by a Presentation by Fr. John McCarthy, S. J. on "The Trinity and The Eucharist – Inspiring the Care for Creation". This presentation is open to all Parishioners and will begin at 2:00 p.m. A short meeting and Social to follow.

Centre for Life Seniors' Technology classes will start on Friday October 2nd from 12 - 1 p.m. If you have a phone, laptop, iPad, or tablet and would like to learn more about your device please call 709-579-1500 for inquiries or to register.

The Centre for Life is grateful to Fr. John Sullivan and the Knights of Columbus Council members for their support for the Family Fun Day/Walk for Life. The Centre greatly appreciates the support of everyone who helped with the event. Thank you to Aneas Decker, George Fowler, and Mike Russell for providing the music. The winner of the children's bench donated by George Fowler was Jonathan Sehn.

"What's Wrong with MAiD?"

Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church, 775 Topsail Road, Mount Pearl
Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is becoming an increasingly significant part of healthcare in Canada. Join us for an informative presentation led by Larry Worthen, Executive Director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada (CMDA Canada), exploring MAiD and its impact from a Christian perspective. Registration: bit.ly/WWWM-NL

Red Island: Resettlement Girl Concert

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:30pm, St. Teresa's Church, 120 Mundy Pond Road An evening of music, memories and Newfoundland storytelling - Marion Counsel in Red Island - Resettlement Girl. Through true-life stories, recitations and original songs, Marion shares memories of growing up on Red Island and her family's resettlement to Placentia. Also featured: the Holy Heart of Mary Alumnae Choir, Tickets are \$40 available from the Parish Office during weekdays.