



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 27, 2026

Mass Intention Week of September 27th

Monday, September 28

9:30am Marilyn Lawlor +
Special Intention (EF)
Deceased Members of the Ryan Family +
Dolorosa & Nelson Ash & Deceased Family +

7:00pm Mary Molloy +
Sandra Conway +
Richard Dalton +
Catherine Lannon +

Tuesday, September 29

9:30am Betty & Harris Cull +
Noreen Battiste +
Terry Bailey +
Deceased Members of Noseworthy Family +

Wednesday, September 30

9:30am Bertha Rose +
Anne Hyde +
Charlie Power +
Special Intention (EM)

7:00pm Barbara Barbour +
Doris Cobb +
Annie Seaward +
Joan O'Driscoll +

Thursday, October 1

9:30am Melinda & Gerald Doyle +
Deceased Members of the Gough Family +
Msgr Denis Walsh +
John Power +

Friday, October 2

9:30am Margaret & Frank Hamilton +
Brend Stamp +
Remi Labonte +
Special Intention (WB)

7:00pm Chris Abbott +
Darren McGrath +
Susan Parrott +
John Ryan +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Elizabeth Murphy, Paul Manning

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:
contact Anna at email: apaolo@rcsj.org

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Offertory Collection Week of September 20

Offertory	\$ 5,244
Dues	\$ 880
Food Bank	\$ 1,871
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 25
World Mission	\$ 10
Students to the Priesthood	\$ 10

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

God can often appear pathetic. While we struggle to keep “eyes on the prize,” that is, on Jesus Christ, the Holy Trinity definitively maintains “eyes on the prize” and, thereby, can seem pathetic. We take “pathetic” to be always negative denoting a life to be avoided at all costs. But it can be positive if understood from the perspective of relationship. One of the meanings of pathetic is to appear weak or vulnerable. What does this sense of “pathetic” look like? Saint Paul describes it perfectly.

Though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

The Second Person of the Holy Trinity “emptied himself,” became “human,” “humbled himself,” and suffered “death on a cross.” In the opinion of the world, God became pathetic in Christ. He acted weakly and vulnerably because he had “eyes on the prize.” And the “prize” is you.

Jesus presents a parable to us this week involving the responses of two sons. Their father asks both to go and work in the vineyard. The first refuses, saying, “I will not.”

Later, however, he changes his mind and goes. The second responds much better. He answers, “I am going, sir.” But the Lord tells us that the second son changes his mind as well – he decides not to go and work. Despite his initial refusal, it is clearly the first son who does the will of the father, even if done imperfectly. In the parable, the father seems to be shown as weak and vulnerable. He cedes decision and power to his sons. The father in the parable assumes weakness to evoke a response indicating “right relationship” with his sons. He appears weak and vulnerable, they appear strong as the decision makers because he has a goal, a desire. He wants them to turn to him. To be his sons not only by title but by heart. In a similar way, Christ appears weak and vulnerable. He confronts antagonism from religious leaders and rejection from many others. Why not call fire down from heaven as James and John once advised? Because the Lord has a goal, a desire. He wants us to turn to him. He wants us to be the daughters and sons of the Father, not merely in title but also by heart. He became pathetic in the eyes of the world because he had “eyes on the prize.” Nothing else matters to him except the “prize.” And the “prize” is you. “So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

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

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who helped make last week's Parish BBQ such a lively and fun gathering. While the weather was less than optimal, the friendship and laughter more than made up for being inside. We even had a visit from *Bluey* which amused everyone. We are grateful for the generosity of those who brought sides and deserts to share, everyone ate and had their fill. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up and to those who organized the games and bouncy castle. And our deepest gratitude to everyone who invited others – your warmth and welcome are a great expression of the faith we share.

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:

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>

Real+True for Middle Schoolers

Fridays in October

5pm -6:30 pm in the foyer of the church.

This 5 week series will gather and engage youth of the parish with some of the most common questions people ask about the Catholic Faith, along with clear compelling answers found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The series is designed to allow youth to discover the beauty and vibrancy of their faith and to share it with their peers. For information and registration: apaolo@rcsj.org

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.

Praying the Rosary in the Month of October

Join us throughout the month of October in the church before the 9:30 am weekday Mass to pray the Rosary. The month of October is dedicated to the devotion of the Rosary. All are welcome to join in this most beautiful devotion.

Explore the Catholic Faith 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.

Parents play a vital role in this faith journey and are asked to join us for an information evening on **Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30pm. 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 Ministry Fair 2026 October 3 & 4

*"Grant that I may see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day."*

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.**



Mission". The funds raised go to support rural health clinics, renovate chapels and rectories, build new churches and provide for the daily needs of missionaries, seminaries and catechists. Please pray for all missionaries and donate generously on Mission Sunday. (www.missionsocieties.ca)

This year World Mission Sunday is on October 18, 2026 and is its 100th anniversary. This is a worldwide celebration of and collection for the Missionary Church. This year's theme is "One in Christ, United in

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.

Rosary and Light Procession

The 24th annual Knights of Columbus Rosary and Light Procession takes place at the Cathedral-Basilica of St. John the Baptist on Wednesday, October 7th starting at 7.00 PM. This service is held annually on the Feast of Our LADY OF THE ROSARY. All are welcome. A Reception will follow.

"What's Wrong with MAiD?"

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

Calvary Baptist Church, 775 Topsail Road, 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. Also featured: the Holy Heart of Mary Alumnae Choir, Tickets are \$40 available from the Parish Office during weekdays.

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 26 FOR CENTRE FOR LIFE'S FALL ONLINE

AUCTION. If you have a new item you would like to donate, please call 709-579-1500 or email centreforlife@centreforlife.ca.