



# Divine Mercy

## A Jesuit Parish in St. John's

**To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve**



22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 6, 2026

### Mass Intention Week of September 7

#### Monday, September 7

- 9:30am Denis Lawlor +  
Mary & James Walsh & Deceased Family +  
Thanksgiving (FD)  
Walter Pottle +
- 7:00pm Special Intention (YJM)  
James Seviour +  
Charles Remie +  
Rev. Stefano Mancini +

#### Tuesday, September 8

- 9:30am Ann Noseworthy +  
Gerald & Lucy Stamp & Deceased Family +  
Charlie Power +  
Special Intention (EM)

#### Wednesday, September 9

- 9:30am Kay Fewer +  
Al & Eleanor Connors +  
Margaret Connors Hiscock +  
Eileen Tucker +
- 7:00pm Special Intention (DR)  
Allison Hewitt +  
Donald Ward +  
Edna Mulrooney +

#### Thursday, September 10

- 9:30am Elizabeth Pike +  
Deceased Members of the Murrin Family +  
Claudia Stone +  
Lynn Hickey+

#### Friday, September 11

- 9:30am Clarence & Ann Woodford +  
Msgr Denis Walsh +  
Jerome Boland +  
Special Intention (GC)
- 7:00pm Special Intention (MC)  
Clementine Aitkens+  
Harvey Lord +  
Clare Power +

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**  
**Ryan Paquette**

### 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: [divinemicyparish@rcsj.org](mailto:divinemicyparish@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 August 30

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| Offertory        | \$ 5,490 |
| Food Bank        | \$ 1,628 |
| Initial Offering | \$ 5     |

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| August Direct Giving         | \$2.186 |
| August Offertory e-transfers | \$4,010 |

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

# Pastor's Note

There are days when it is hard to be loving. Maybe one “woke-up on the wrong side of the bed.” Maybe the demands of family and work feel too much. Maybe it’s exam week in school and one’s nerves are shot. Maybe one has recently had an argument with a loved one. Maybe one is anxiously waiting to hear back from the doctor with test results. We could continue to list unpleasant scenarios, but the results would be same – There are days, indeed, when it is hard to be loving. What then, are we to do with what Saint Paul instructs us in his *Letter to the Romans*? He is clear, “Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” And yet our experience remains potent: How do I love another if I just don’t feel like it?

In our culture, we generally understand “love” to be an emotion, a feeling. It is easier to love another and to love God, for that matter, when one feels it in one’s heart. We speak of both falling in and out of love. The emotion of love strengthens and lessens according to circumstances. While the emotional aspect of love is included in St. Paul’s notion, it is not its central meaning. When Paul writes that we are to “love one another,” love is less of an emotion and more of an action, it is a choice.

The foundation of love of neighbour is love of God. In God’s eternity, God has chosen to love us no matter what. His love isn’t dependent on our response, be it good or bad. Rather, he is constantly and consciously loving. To choose to love is to will the good for the other. We may not like the person, but we still will the good for them, that is, we still love them. When we are told by the Lord in another passage to pick up our cross if we want to be his disciple, I understand this as intentionally and consciously choosing to love. Our loving and fulfillment of the law (the Ten Commandments) is not dependent on the external context. It comes from our interior. In the face of difficulties or challenges in life, or of dryness or confusion in prayer, in our free will, relying on his grace, we can make a choice, that is, to choose to love, to choose to carry our cross. As Saint Ignatius wrote, “Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.” In other words, we choose to love.

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, Jim Miller

## Saints Speak

*"Love is so powerful  
that it makes one heart and one will  
of lover and the beloved."*

— St. Catherine of Siena

# 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, proved 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:

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>**. **Please mark it in your calendars.** For more information or to register your child, contact Anna at [apaolo@rcsj.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:apaolo@rcsj.org)

## Hospitality After the 11am Mass:

Every other Sunday, after the 11am Mass volunteers serve up an incredible spread along with coffee, tea and great fellowship. 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 20<sup>th</sup>**

## 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.

## Centre for Life Family Fun Day/ Walk for Life

Saturday September 12: 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@basilicafoundation.ca)

## St. Edwards Parish CBS, Musical Concert

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 email [stedwardsparish@rcsj.org](mailto:stedwardsparish@rcsj.org) Tea/Coffee/Sandwiches available for purchase,

## 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.