



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 11, 2026

Mass Intention Week of October 11

Monday, October 12

9:30am Charles John +
Genieve Cadigan +
John Basha +
Special Intention (MC)

7:00pm Robert Curtis +
Geraldine Brown +
Mildred Brake +
Joan Keating +

Tuesday, October 13

9:30am Ann Noseworthy +
Frank Boland & Deceased Family +
Deceased Members of Duff Family +
Special Intention (MM)

Wednesday, October 14

9:30am Catherine & Raymond Walsh +
Jennifer & S McGrath +
Andy & Jeanette Hutchings +
Margaret & George Baird +

7:00pm Edith French +
Sandra Conway +
Keith Ghaney +
John Soukup +

Thursday, October 15

9:30am Special Intention
Anne Barton +
Patrick Boland +
Deceased Members of Lynch Family +

Friday, October 9

9:30am Elizabeth Walsh +
Sr. Monica Fagan
Cathy & Gerry Feehan +
Peter & Mary Kennedy +

7:00pm Annette Evelyn +
Josephine Furlong +
Pat Fleming +
Lolita Battcock +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Teresa Touchet

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

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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tel. 709-726-9924 email: divinemicyparish@rcsj.org
www.divinemicynl.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 October 4

Offertory	\$ 5,631
Initial Offering	\$ 40
Dues	\$ 820
Food Bank	\$ 1005
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 265
Students for the Priesthood	\$ 980
World Missions	\$ 45
Development & Peace	\$ 100

E-transfers can be made through divinemicyparish@rcsj.org
(Please include your name and the reason for your E-transfer)

Thank you for your generosity.
God Bless!

Pastor's Note

I took a class in Philosophy called “Existentialism.” In one reading, Jean-Paul Sartre wrote about the problem of “the gift.” Most of us love to receive a gift from another. We enjoy its use and appreciate the affection expressed through the gift. For Jean-Paul Sartre, however, “the gift” created a problem – it removed the recipient’s freedom and placed on them an obligation to the one who gave the gift. Sartre’s opposition to receiving a gift sounds strange to us but his reasoning came from the priority he gave to one’s individual freedom. We crave freedom and its corollary of independence. We don’t like to be told what to do nor what we are to believe. Obligation and duty feel oppressive. And yet, this absolute view of freedom and independence presents a difficulty. It isn’t human. We may like independence, but we are relational beings. We are social and created for relationship. A person without friendships and love would be a person only partially alive. As Christians, we too strive for freedom. Our freedom, however, is different. It isn’t exclusively based on the individual, the “go it alone” attitude, rather we are free because we are dependent.

In our second reading this week, Saint Paul writes the Christian community in Philippi. Paul tells them that in his missionary travels and work, he “can do all things.” He admits to being self-sufficient. At this point, he sounds a bit

like Sartre. St. Paul seems to be saying that he is completely free and independent. He writes, “I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need.” What is the “secret?” According to Dennis Hamm, S.J., the “secret” to Paul’s self-sufficiency and contentment “is the result of his trusting in Divine providence.” For Paul and for us, peace comes from acknowledging that one is utterly dependent on God. We don’t just acknowledge our dependence, we also seek to live it. For example, when we begin our day, we make our daily offering and ask the Lord to be present. When we visit a loved one who is struggling in some way, before we open their door, we ask for the heart and mind of the Lord, and to reflect his generosity. When our temper is about to boil over, we quickly ask for patience. When we seem to be hitting dead-end after dead-end in our search for a job, we ask his help and for his Spirit to be active in the process. We ask him to be beside us, to hold our hand, as we await the doctor’s report. The list never ends because it deals with every aspect of every human life. God is good! “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.” We are free because we are utterly dependent on the One who is 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, Glenn Penny, Fred Murphy, Ron Carter, John Fleming, Yolanda Dizon, Imelda Touchet, John Myrick, David Adams, Jim Miller, Annmarie Mills, Mel Moore

Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of Fr. John, the Jesuit Community and the Parish Staff, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. We pray in gratitude for your presence here at Divine Mercy Parish and for the beauty of the faith we share. May God Bless you and your families.

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

As we head deeper into autumn and our sacrament programs are now underway, our theme moves from Sacraments to Prayer. We have some wonderful activities coming up as we move towards Advent. Watch for future bulletins and don't miss out on what is coming up!

To See :

At the Movies with Father John **The Mission** – Tuesday, October 27 6pm In the Church

Set in eighteenth-century South America where Jesuit missions are threatened by the pragmatic needs of their religious order, the predatory racism of European settlers, and the political pressures from the colonial power.

The Mission depicts the challenge of conscience that confronts us all in a world convulsed by power, greed, and violence. At the same time, it is a deeply moving film that reminds us of the vitality of love, the miracle of grace and the transforming power of acts of mercy.

40 years after it's theatrical release in 1986, *The Mission* remains a powerful, compelling and spiritually stirring film.

Fr. John will introduce the film and speak on some of the spiritual themes present within it. Don't miss it!

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 OCIA at Divine Mercy begins this **Sunday October 11**. It is not too late to join. 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+

Preparation for 1st Confession begins next Saturday. It's not too late to register your children. Contact Anna at apaolo@rcsj.org

To Serve:

Annual Parish Bazaar: Sunday, November 22

Our Christmas Bazaar is coming up soon. This annual parish event has been growing, and we need lots of help, including set -up, clean-up, sorting, pricing and displaying of items, assisting at tables and more. If you would like to help, please contact us at apaolo@rcsj.org or call the parish office at 709-726-9924

To Love:

Ignatian Day Retreat To Be Like Mary— *Immersed in God's Divine Life*



Facilitated by Fr. John Sullivan, S.J. Saturday, December 12 10am to 2pm

To live as a Christian in the world, while at the same time living with God's vision for oneself and His Creation. In our retreat, we will try and listen to God speaking through passages from Scripture, the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the lives of the Saints

Opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance throughout the day.

Coffee and fellowship at 9:30 am
Retreat begins at 10am

A light lunch will be provided.

No cost for the retreat but good will offerings are graciously accepted.

Please register though flocknote:
<https://divinemercyparish12.flocknote.com/signup/278034>
or by email: apaolo@rcsj.org

Notes & Upcoming Events

Divine Mercy Parish

2026 50/50 Raffle

4,000 tickets printed

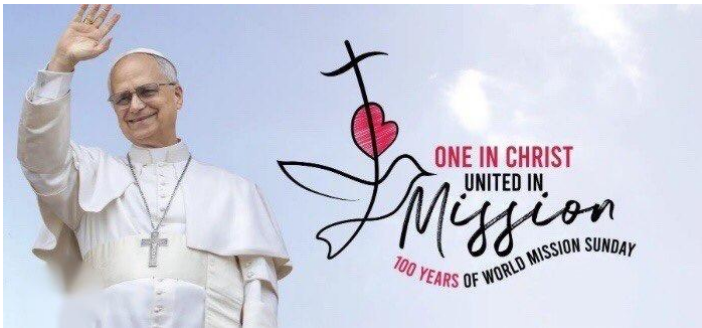
\$5.00 per ticket

Possible Jackpot of \$10,000 to the winner

Draw: Sunday, December 13, 2026

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

We are off to a great start. Most tickets have been distributed, and we have sold about 25% (we have received back almost 1000 ticket stubs with the accompanying funds. If you have sold your tickets, please return the ticket stubs and money to the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can everyone updated everyone as the jackpot grows. If you haven't picked up your tickets yet, stop by and get yours today! Thank you.



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 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)

Remembrance Day Mass – November 11

11am at St. Francis of Assisi in Outer Cove. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

Red Island: Resettlement Girl Concert – Revised Date

Thursday, Oct. 29, 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.

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Service

The Father John B. Kent Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Service at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on October 14 starting at 6:30pm. The Service will be held at the Monument to Still Born and Miscarried Children installed in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in December 2018. All are welcome to come and join in prayer and, if you so wish, to lay a flower/ornament at the monument.

Knights Of Columbus State Scholarships

Visit www.kofcnl.org for applications and details. For grads with Honours in June 2026 and who are currently at a post-secondary institution.

Jubilee Scholarship: For all students, 4 at \$500 each.

Channing Scholarship: Children of members or grandchildren (of deceased) members. 1 at \$1,000.

State Scholarship Children of members or grandchildren (of deceased) members. 4 at \$1,000 each

Application deadline is OCTOBER 31, 2026. Send application to Maurice Lewis (see application forms) e-mail: mglewis54@eastlink.ca

Join the Catholic Women's League of Canada

Are you looking for a way to connect with other women in your parish and make a difference in your community? The Catholic Women's League of Canada has 56,000 members and invites you to join.

We are a grass roots, parish-based organization that serves God and Canada through Faith, Service, and Social Justice. We work locally, Provincially, Nationally, and Internationally, and our core purpose is to unite Catholic women to grow in Faith and promote Social Justice through Service to the Church, Canada and the World. Membership provides opportunities for spiritual growth, social connection, and to make your voice heard on important issues.

We believe in the indispensable role of women in our Church and society, and we welcome every woman in the parish, 16 years of age and older, to join us.

For more information contact: Rhona Hynes, Provincial President, at: hynesrhona@gmail.com or 709-727-7943, or Marie Raymond, Life Member/Task Force, at: mebraymond@gmail.com or 709-682-2303.

Centre for Life's fall online auction is October 21st - October 26th. Your donation of any new item, gift card, or service would be greatly appreciated to make this fundraiser a success. If you have an item to donate on or before October 19th, please contact the office at 709-579-1500 or by email at centreforlife@centreforlife.ca.