



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 18, 2026

Mass Intention Week of October 18

Monday, October 19

9:30am Helen & Joe Coady +
Bob Moran +
John Wheeler +
Special Intention (EM)

7:00pm Mary McDonald +
Catherine Vaughan +
Shung Won & Joyce Cho +
Michael Brazil +

Tuesday, October 20

9:30am Josephine Furlong +
Genieve Cadigan +
Fran Boland & Deceased Family +
Elsie Lacey +

Wednesday, October 21

9:30am Special Intention (DC)
Deceased Members of the Sargent Family +
Deceased Members of the Philpott Family +
Deceased Members of the Finn Family +

7:00pm Sr. Patricia Maher +
Donald Callahan +
Gerald Skanes +
Alice Miles +

Thursday, October 22

9:30am Greg Thorne +
Mary Ryan +
Margaret Bowdring +
Lolita Battcock +

Friday, October 23

9:30am Clarence & Ann Woodford +
Wayne & Greg Morris +
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: 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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www.divinemercynl.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

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Tel. 416-417-1513

Associate Pastor: Fr. Joe Mroz, S.J. email: ej_mroz@yahoo.ca

Offertory Collection Week of October 11

Offertory	\$ 5,020
Dues	\$ 440
New Years	\$ 5
Food Bank	\$ 397
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 5
Students for the Priesthood	\$ 150
World Missions	\$ 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!

29th Sunday

Fr. John is Away until October 27

Fr. John will be away until October 27. He will be giving a retreat at the Jesuit Retreat House in Pickering this weekend. This will be followed up by several Jesuit meetings in Montreal. While away, he assures everyone of his prayers for us and asks for our prayers.

As Fr. John is Away, we offer this short Gospel Reflection:

“Render to Caesar what is Caesar’s” is a well-known quote that appears in [Matthew 22:21](#) and is part of Jesus’ response to a joint attempt by the Herodians and Pharisees to make Jesus stumble in front of His own people.

The Herodians were a non-religious Jewish party who supported the dynasty of Herod and the general policy of the Roman government. They perceived that Christ’s pure and spiritual teaching and influence were antagonistic to their interests. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were members of an ancient Jewish sect who believed in the strict observance of oral traditions and the written Law of Moses. Herodians and Pharisees were at opposite ends of the political spectrum, but their shared antipathy towards Jesus led them to join forces.

Here is the context of Jesus’ command to “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s”: in Matthew 22 Jesus had just returned to Jerusalem for the final time and recently finished sharing several parables with the crowd. Jesus’ enemies saw an opportunity to put Jesus on the spot in front of His followers. In verse 17, they say to Jesus, “Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

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

It was a trick question, and they knew it. If Jesus answered, “No,” the Herodians would charge Him with treason against Rome. If He said, “Yes,” the Pharisees would accuse Him of disloyalty to the Jewish nation, and He would lose the support of the crowds. To pay taxes or not to pay taxes? The question was designed as a Catch-22. But Jesus responded in a way that avoided the entrapment. Jesus asked to see the coin used to pay the tax, which was a denarius that had the image of Tiberius Caesar, the Roman emperor at the time, stamped into it. Jesus used the term *image* as a word play here. Because the coin had Caesar’s image on it, he pointed out it already belonged to Caesar.

Therefore, there was no religious compromise in giving back to Caesar what already belonged to him. In this, Jesus affirmed that our highest and primary duty is to serve God and give Him what is due. By using the term image and saying we are to repay to God what belongs to God, Jesus revealed that we owe God everything. We are made in the image of God and, thus, belong completely to God. Therefore, we are called to offer our entire selves to God.

Taking it Home:

- Jesus calls us in today’s Gospel to offer our entire lives to God because we are made in His image. Yet, our temptation is often to compartmentalize our lives, separating our faith from everything else we do. Reflect on how your faith can impact the way you live your everyday life, and think about what specific areas of your life you need to let God come in.

Saints Speak

“Certainly the Christian vision leads to the expectation of “new heavens” and “a new earth” (Rev 21:1), but this increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today. I wish to reaffirm this forcefully at the beginning of the new millennium, so that Christians will feel more obliged than ever not to neglect their duties as citizens in this world. Theirs is the task of contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God’s plan.” –St. John Paul II

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!

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:

- Sorting and pricing of items (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- Set-up in the gym on the Saturday evening
- Clean-up on Sunday
- Assisting at tables and more.

We would also gladly receive donations:

- Items for our Silent Auction
- Christmas crafts
- Items for over \$ 10 table
- Items for less than \$10 table
- Baked goods for Bake Sale table
- International Food Table donations
- Donations for our Tea Room.

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.

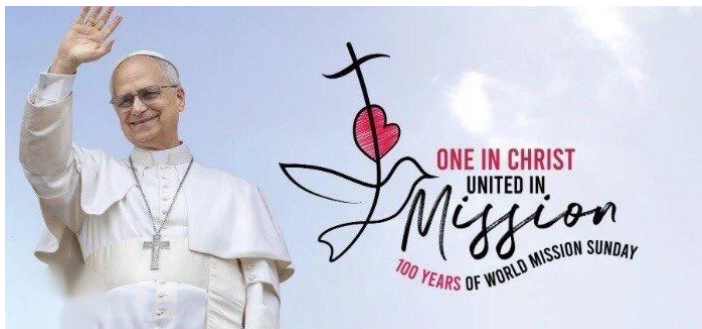
We have sold about 35%

(we have received back almost 1500 ticket stubs with the accompanying funds.)

The jackpot currently stands at approximately \$3,600

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.

Knights of Columbus E.P Roche 4th degree Assembly will be holding its monthly meeting at Divine Mercy Parish, in the foyer, on Thursday October 22 at 7:00 PM. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

A Multifaith Service of Peace

On October 27th 1986, Pope John Paul II and religious leaders from across the world gathered in Assisi to fast and pray for peace. The *Spirit of Assisi* expresses the commitment of believers of different faiths to come together in prayer, mutual respect, and dialogue. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the *Assisi Gathering*. On Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's is hosting a Multifaith Service of Peace at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Other faith communities of the area will join us in a spirit of prayer, and mutual respect to collectively pray for peace for our troubled world. All are welcome to attend. A reception will follow. (For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed at: Cathedral Basilica Foundation- YouTube.)

Knights Of Columbus State Scholarships

Visit www.kofcni.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

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.

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.