



Divine Mercy

A Jesuit Parish in St. John's



To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 4, 2026

Mass Intention Week of October 4

Monday, October 5

9:30am Denis Lawlor +
Charlie Walsh +
Catherine Lawlor +
Special Intention (EM)

7:00pm Shirley Kennedy +
Gerald Kelly +
Gordon Dunphy +
Sara Sexton +

Tuesday, October 6

9:30am Jacqueline Power +
Patrick Boland +
Sr. Monica Fagan +
Muriel Webber +

Wednesday, October 7

9:30am Deceased Members of the Walsh Family +
Deceased Members of the Power Family +
Selwyn Manning +
George & Annie Smith +

7:00pm Len Mooney +
Susan Nightingale +
Maureen Connolly +
John, Isabella & John Jr. Dunne +

Thursday, October 8

9:30am Special Intention (EC)
Patrick Boland +
Rosa Murphy +
Al Hatch +

Friday, October 9

9:30am Muriel Webber +
Special Intention (MM)
Gerald Dwyer +
Genieve Cadigan +

7:00pm Theresa Lundrigan +
Ken Edwards +
Patricia Whalen +
Mary Doyle +

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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 27

Offertory	\$ 4,216
Dues	\$ 910
Food Bank	\$ 295
Needs of the Cdn Church	\$ 493

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

I had a professor when I was studying Theology. He was likely the most brilliant person I've ever met. At the same time, he was also humble and patient with his students. What appeared straight forward to him caused us confusion. Rather than losing his temper, he slowly re-presented the material hoping for greater clarity. Only once did I see him become a little curt in class. A student commented that some Church teaching looked good on paper but "in the real world" it didn't work because it couldn't be easily followed. It was the use of "in the real world" that caused impatience from the teacher. If our faith is not integrated in our lives or liveable "in the real world," then our faith is more fantasy than truth. Faith isn't a construction so that we may avoid difficulties or complexities. It isn't a type of "blindness" meant to make us feel better. On the contrary, it is the way. It is the truth. It is the life. In other words, it is "the real world." Saint Paul teaches us "not to worry about anything." Such advice could lead one to think, "Easy for you to say!" It could likewise make us think that our faith is indeed an opiate, living a life of pretend. For Paul and for us, these and similar thoughts could not be more wrong.

St. Paul tells us that we are not to "worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." When Paul uses "in everything" he means every circumstance – the good and the difficult. This is not wearing "blindness" nor wishful thinking. It is based in reality; on the real relationship we have with the Lord Jesus Christ. In Christ, we know we are in relationship with a God we can trust, a God who will see, be moved by and respond to our needs. If we look back in our past, we remember times of enormous suffering, fear, loss. And yet, here we are. He has cared for us and sustained us even if we were unaware. He has saved me before; he will do it again. So, when we pray our petitions, we do so with thanksgiving and joy. It is yet another moment in which we will witness God's goodness and love. Petitionary prayer is not a type of prayer we ever stop or grow-out of. It is a prayer that St. Paul encourages us to use and it helps to place peace in our hearts. A peace given by knowing and experiencing the Father's fidelity, love and mercy, and action in our lives. This is the "real world."

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, Reyann 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, Annmarie Mills

Saints Speak

'Spiritual dryness should not deject us nor consolation make us proud; in the first case we must remember the favors we have already received; and in the second not forget that it is a favor from God, which we have not merited.'

St. Ignatius of Loyola

To See ✠ To Love ✠ To Serve

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:

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 Parish

2026 50/50 Raffle

4,000 tickets printed

\$5.00 per ticket

Possible Jackpot of \$10,000 to the winner

Get your tickets and get ready for a thrilling prize draw experience.

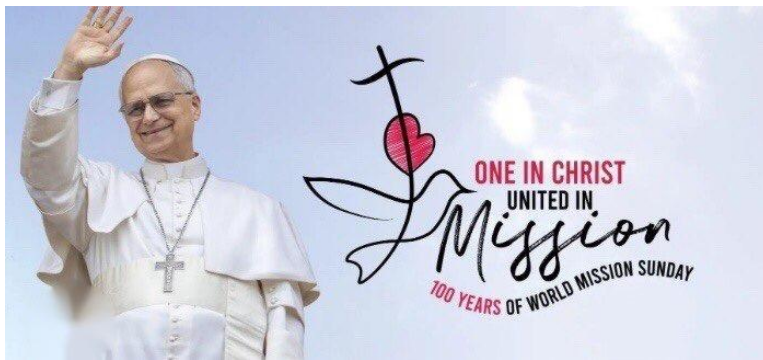
Draw: Sunday, December 13, 2026

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

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 update everyone as the jackpot grows. Thank you.

Divine Mercy Ministry Fair: Postponed

Our Ministry Fair which was scheduled for this weekend has been postponed. We appreciate all the work that has been done by ministries and groups in preparation and look forward to new date. Watch upcoming bulletins for a new date.



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.

Notes from the CWL:

A Sincere Thank You to all Members and Parishioners for your generous support of the CWL Bake and Craft Sale that took place last weekend. Thanks to you, it was a great success!!

On September 3rd, Auditor General, Denise Hanrahan, released her latest Auditor General's Report on Long Term Care Facilities in the Province. Her report contains significant deficiencies in quality care and services to meet the needs of the most vulnerable sector of the population. CWL encourages Parishioners to write the Honourable Joedy Wall, Minister of Health and Community Services to express their opinion on this very important topic. A draft letter will be available this weekend.

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.
