Third Sunday Of Lent ~Year B

Diocesan Theme "Whoever does the will of God, is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3.35) "THE CHURCH IS GOD'S FAMILY: LOVE IS OUR MISSION" Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"



Saturday, March 7th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Leo Bouwhuis by the Bouwhuis family

Sunday, March 8th

9:00 am For the birthday intentions of Mark Lalonde by the Urlocker/Lalonde family **10:45 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, March 10th

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Sandra Sweeney by the Sweeney family

Wednesday, March 11th at STA School

9:00 am For the intentions and health of Tom Drummond by the staff and students of STA

Thursday, March 12th

9:00 am

Friday, March 13th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Ann Henry by Chantal Batchilder

Saturday, March 14th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Leo Bouwhuis by Dale and Lorraine Harper

Sunday, March 15th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of CeferinaDel Rosario by the Guilbault family10:45 am For the health and wellness of MichaelMaidment by the adult choir

~<u>IN OUR PRAYERS</u>~

For the sick among our families and friends especially: Marcel Sirois, Maddy Nichol, Lucille Nichol, Stephen Williams, Rachel Godsmark, Sandy Geerts, and Pat Crawford.

<u>YOUR OFFERINGS FOR</u> March 1st, 2015=\$3,467.00 Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR March: That those involved in scientific research may serve the wellbeing of the whole human person. That the unique contribution of women to the life of the church may be recognized always.

Pastor's Corner

For those who believe and live by faith, the cross is a powerful sign of God's love and generosity.

We Glory in the Cross of Christ

Before the time of Christ, the cross was associated with shame; it was an instrument of the cruelest type of punishment and a symbol of horror. After His passion, death and resurrection, the cross became the sign of victory of good over evil and life over death; it also became a powerful reminder of the immense love of God for humanity. Today we no longer see the cross as a symbol of horror but a source of happiness and joy, of grace and mercy. Thanks to the incarnate Son of God, Jesus Christ!

Reflecting on the glory of the cross, Pope Francis says: "Jesus identifies Himself with this symbol: out of love the Father "has given" His only begotten Son so that men and women might have eternal life (cf. Jn 3:13-17). Such immense love of the Father spurs the Son to become man, to become a servant and to die for us upon a cross. Out of such love, the Father raises up His son, giving Him dominion over the entire universe. This is expressed by Saint Paul in his hymn in the Letter to the Philippians (cf. 2:6-11): "Whoever entrusts himself to Jesus crucified receives the mercy of God and finds healing from the deadly poison of sin."

A Question

This deeply moving sign of the love of God cannot leave us indifferent; we have to make a decision, we have to respond. Our Lenten journey is an invitation to action. Some will respond to love, with love but some will remain deep-rooted in their sins. What concrete and practical steps should you take during this 40 days' journey to better order your life so as to respond with love?

May the Lord continue to strengthen us as we show His love and kindness to those in need! Fr Paul

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at <u>www.olmm.ca</u> Email: <u>admin@olmm.ca</u>

March 8th, 2015

Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish? WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office. You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, March 10th ~R.C.I.A~7:30~kitchen ~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church ~Confirmation parish class~5:55~kitchen Wednesday, March 11th ~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm~hall Thursday, March 12th ~1st Communion parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall Friday, March 13th ~Stations of the Cross~7:00pm~led by the Edge group

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, March 17th ~R.C.I.A~7:30~kitchen ~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church ~Confirmation Parish class~5:55~kitchen Wednesday, March 18th ~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm~hall Thursday, March 19th ~1st Communion parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall Friday, March 20th ~Stations of the Cross~7:00pm~led by the Edge group

<u>Gone to the Father</u>

* Mary Groot-Lipman Tom Mascaro Ken Woods Leo Bouwhuis Diane Godwin

Income tax receipts for 2014 are available for pickup in the foyer.

🕆 Ann Henry

The parish is looking for a caretaker to perform various tasks around the church such as: shoveling snow from stairs, cutting grass, painting and minor repairs to church. The job pays 15 dollars/hour for 10-15 hours per month.

For more information, please contact the parish office.



Stations of The Cross~7:00pm Friday, March 13th (led by the Edge group) Friday, March 20th (led by the Parish Mission Team)) Friday, March 27th (led by the K of C)

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation.

Applications are now available to any graduating grade 12 student of our parish for the annual CWL Student Bursary Award of \$300.00. Please contact Mary Payment, Bursary Award Committee Chairperson at 613-822-1170 for more information or to obtain an application. The deadline for completed applications is April 30, 2015.

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE

MIRACULOUS MEDAL is available to go home with a family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for one week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, welcome to our Parish. Please take a moment to fill in the registration form found on the table in the Church foyer. Say "hello" to Fr. Paul and share fellowship with parishioners at one of our events.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast next Sunday, March 15th after both masses downstairs in the church hall. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, or \$24 for families. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CODE FOR THE LOCKBOX WILL BE CHANGED ON FRIDAY MARCH 20TH. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR THE NEW CODE.