Fourth Sunday Of Lent (Laetare Sunday) ~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 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 Ceferina Del Rosario by the Guilbault family
10:45 am For the health and wellness of Michael Maidment by the adult choir

Tuesday, March 17th

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Joseph Sladic by John Serjak

Wednesday, March 18th At OLMM Parish 9:00 am

Thursday, March 19th ~St. Joseph

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of George Hendley by Marion Hendley and family

Friday, March 20th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Ann Henry by Donna McKlusky

Saturday, March 21st

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Mary Groot-Lipman by the Groot-Lipman family

Sunday, March 22nd

9:00 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Ken Woods by the CWL

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

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

<u>YOUR OFFERINGS FOR</u> March 8th, 2015=\$3,860.00 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

Rejoice, Jerusalem...and be joyful." (Is. 66:10-11)

The above invitation, picked from the entrance antiphon, sets the tone for today's liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Lent is usually called "Laetare Sunday". Laetare means "Rejoice" in Latin. Therefore, this day is a day of rejoicing, of celebration; a day on which the austerity of Lent is lessoned. "Be joyful all who are in mourning."

Hope in the Lord

Life can be a real challenge. We sometimes are faced with difficult situations either in our relationships, economic hardships, struggling to make ends meet, or it could be the loss of a loved one. In the face of these challenging situations, we are certain of one thing: the love of God, which is poured out to us in Christ Jesus. It is not the will of God that we perish, for "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him." In our tribulations, in our sorrow, in our brokenness, let us think of today's gospel passage. God loves us even more than we love ourselves!

Rich in Mercy

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminded us that it is only through the grace of God that we receive salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ, whom God raised from the dead and is now seated at His right hand. "The Paschal Mystery" writes Pope St JP II in his encyclical Dives in Misericordia (Rich in Mercy) "is the culmination of this revealing and effecting of mercy, which is able to justify man, to restore justice in the sense of that salvific order which God willed from the beginning in man and, through man, in the world. The suffering Christ speaks in a special way to man, and not only to the believer." May our lives be filled with the love and peace of Christ! May we always put our faith in the Lord Jesus and allow Him to transform us.

Have a good week! Fr. Paul

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March 15th, 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 17th ~R.C.I.A~7:30~kitchen \sim Adult choir \sim 7:30 \sim Church Wednesday, March 18th ~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm~hall Thursday, March 19th ~K of C general meeting~7:30~hall Friday, March 20th ~Stations of the Cross~7:00pm~led by the Parish **Mission Team**

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, March 24th ~R.C.I.A~7:30~kitchen ~ Adult choir ~ 7:30 ~ Church ~Confirmation Parish class~5:55~kitchen Wednesday, March 25th ~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm~hall Thursday, March 26th ~1st Communion parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall Friday, March 27th ~Stations of the Cross~7:00pm~led by the K of C

> **Gone to the Father** 常Leo Bouwhuis TDiane Godwin 🕆 Ann Henry

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

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

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.



Stations of The Cross~7:00pm 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. Deadline is March 29th.

Miriam Centre - Pregnancy Help Centre

We offer emotional and practical support to anyone facing a difficult pregnancy. Follow-up is provided after the birth of the baby. We also reach out with compassion to those suffering from the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion or infant death. We share their pain and help them experience healing and peace. Free and confidential 613-830-8623,

info@miriamottawa.org, www.miriamottawa.org

JOB OPPORTUNITY WITH NET - NET Canada is sad to say goodbye to staff members this year in the Administration department, and are now accepting applications for the Administration Coordinator and the Administration Assistant, an intern position. Interested? Contact Robin Daniels (robin@netcanada.ca/ 613-841-4141/toll-free <u>1-877-521-4426</u>)

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Tuesday, March $31^{st} \sim Chrism$ Mass at the Cathedral~7:30pm Holy Thursday~ April 2nd ~7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Good Friday~April 3rd Outdoor "Way of the Cross" (meet at the arena at 10:00am) Passion Service~3:00pm Easter Vigil~April 4th~8:00pm Easter Sunday~April 5th~9:00am, 10:45am