

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time~Year C

Diocesan Theme "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6.36)

The family, home of love and mercy.

Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 6th ~St. Paul Miki & Companions

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Raymond Dolan by the Garvin/Dolan family

Sunday, February 7th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Ron Payment by Andre and June Pare

10:45 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Wednesday, February 10th ~Ash Wednesday

7:00pm For the intentions of Barbara Fleet by the James family

Saturday, February 13th

4:30pm For the intentions of the McPike/Nugent families

Sunday, February 14th ~First Sunday of Lent

9:00am For the repose of the soul of Rick Greleau by the staff and students of STA

10:45am For the intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

January 31st, 2016 = \$3,083.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY:

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations. That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Trish McNulty, Claudette Pare, Ashley Egan, Margaret Robertson, Jacques Charbonneau and Michel Charbonneau

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Email: admin@olmm.ca

Archbishop's Lenten Letter 2016 TO GROW IN MERCY THIS LENT

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Lent is about my call as a disciple of Jesus to renew my dying to sin and rising to newness of life with Christ that took place when I was baptized.

We Catholics do this as we accompany, in prayer and with other gestures of support the "Elect", who will celebrate the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

As Lent approaches you may, like me, wonder how to develop that relationship with Jesus. Particularly in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, I ponder how to "be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful" (Luke 6.36).

Of course, we do have some practices in common to help in this process.

The Church asks me to fast on Ash Wednesday, to mark the beginning of my pilgrimage with Christ. And also on Good Friday, in gratitude for Jesus' death on the Cross that, out of God's merciful love, took away my sins. To remind me of this each week, the Church asks me to abstain from meat on the other Fridays of Lent.

I am encouraged to make sacrifices—of my own choosing—on the weekdays of Lent. When I cut back on food or other legitimate pleasures, I can give the money I save to the poor, showing them mercy as some of my fellow Catholics are doing to support refugee families.

On Solidarity Sunday—March 13—I can make a sacrificial offering to assist the poor countries of the world through "Development and Peace", Canada's member in the worldwide Caritas network of Catholic aid agencies.

A traditional act of Lenten piety is to make a good confession, to experience God's mercy and forgiveness. Our priests want to share this grace with the faithful, particularly on the Day of Confessions that will be held in a number of our parish churches. Extended hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on Friday, March 4.

To grow in merciful compassion as Pope Francis encourages us, I invite you, dear brothers and sisters, to join with me in carrying out one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy, such as visiting the elderly in hospital or a nursing home.

Finally, I encourage you to read as I will in Lent, the message of merciful compassion that we find in the Gospel of Luke. A good way to begin is to focus on the gospel readings for each Sunday that are taken from Luke's gospel. As we meditate on a passage from Scripture day by day, we can more and more identify with the compassionate heart of Jesus and his merciful gaze on those in need.

I wish you all an experience of God's mercy that you can pass on to others. Please pray for me as I do for you.

Terrence Prendergast, SJ
Archbishop of Ottawa

February 7th, 2016

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, February 9th

~ Adult choir~7:30~Church

~RCIA~7:30~Kitchen

Wednesday Feb. 10th ~ Edge is cancelled

Thursday, February 11th

~1st Communion Parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall

~CWL general meeting~7:00~hall

~K of C executive meeting~7:30~kitchen

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tuesday, February 16th

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church

~RCIA~7:30~Kitchen

Wednesday, February 17th

~First reconciliation~6:30

Thursday, February 18th

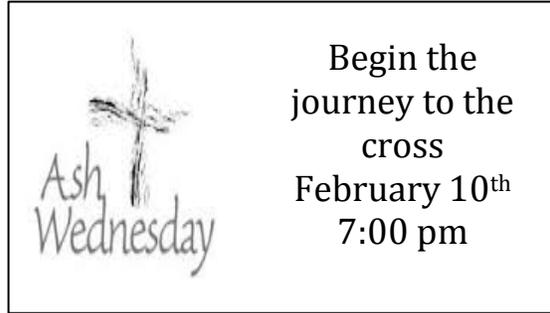
~1st Communion Parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall

"JOURNEY OF HOPE" FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS

This ministry is for separated and divorced Catholics. We will be offering separate sessions for women and men at Holy Rosary Parish. The women's session begins on Tuesday March 29, 2016 and the men's session begins on Thursday March 31, 2016. Sessions are 6 weeks in length and run from 7 to 8:30 pm. The program, led from a Catholic faith exploration perspective, is designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing by taking positive steps in their daily spiritual life. For further information and registration, please contact Elaine Simpson at (613) 290-1577 or email: JourneyofHopeOttawa@gmail.com. The cost is \$25.

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.

Income tax receipts for 2015 are available for pickup in the foyer.



Begin the
journey to the
cross
February 10th
7:00 pm

Pastoral Code of Conduct—All volunteers are requested to return the signed Code of Conduct to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

The office will be closed from Friday February 11th and will reopen on Tuesday March 1st. Phone messages will be checked.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THE DOOR OF MERCY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA: The Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral is the left front door closest to Guigues St. The Door of Mercy will be accessible Monday, 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Tuesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday & Sunday for the Masses. Mass time details and contact info: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca>). Info about making a pilgrimage to the Jubilee Door of Mercy at Notre Dame Cathedral and gaining an indulgence: (<http://www.catholicottawa.ca/year-of-mercy>).



Stations of The Cross
Friday evenings~7:00pm

Feb. 12th (led by Deacon Allan)
Feb. 19th (led by the RCIA)
Feb. 26th (led by the CWL)
March 4th (led by the EDGE group)
March 11th (led by the Altar Servers)
March 18th (Led by the K of C)