

## First Sunday of Lent ~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 13<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

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

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

#### Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

**7:00pm** For the repose of the soul of Angie  
Sorbara/Lalonde

#### Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at STA

**9:00 am**

#### Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am**

#### Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am**

#### Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

**4:30pm** For the repose of the soul of Tom  
Mascaro by the James family

#### Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00am** For the repose of the soul of Ron  
Payment by Mary and family

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

### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

**February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 = \$3,029.75**

***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, Michel Charbonneau and  
Linda O'Donnell

The temptation narrative is the most secret of stories, for, as He was alone throughout His forty days in the wilderness, no one other than Jesus Himself could have known what went on in His heart. The whole point of the temptation story is how He struggled within Himself to find the most effective way to bring people to God. We humans are hardly tempted to try turning stones into bread, for such a thing is quite impossible for us. It could only be a temptation for a man of unique power. Jesus, in the first temptation, seems to toy with the possibility of winning followers by miracles, providing a limitless supply of free bread for people. Jesus saw how material wealth easily can lead to an erosion of religious values, as he was to say later.

Next, being taken up to the mountain-top and being shown all the kingdoms of the world — this temptation for Christ was to become a secular messiah, who would use political means to make people turn to God. He dismisses this too, knowing that people will enter into a true union with God, if, and only if, they are drawn by the Holy Spirit. The third and final temptation was to become a messiah of a sensational kind, the kind that so many people wanted – since throughout His public life they kept asking for signs. What if He were to throw Himself from off the pinnacle of the Temple and rise unscathed. But Jesus saw quite clearly that this had no genuine value, so He said, "You must not put the Lord your God to the test!" as a warning to Himself not to be rash and superficial.

The conviction formed in His mind that his final and fullest way of service to mankind, the effective one that would endure, would be through suffering and the Cross, after which would come the crown. Without His crucifixion Jesus Christ would long since be forgotten. In every event of Christ's earthly life, God is saying something to us too. The story of the Temptations is surely a warning to us not to allow purely selfish considerations to govern our lives. We must try and be guided by the Holy Spirit, who continues to speak to us in our conscience throughout our stay on this earth. Imitate Christ by taking up the Cross everyday, not with an air of gloomy resignation, but with a cheerful acceptance of what the daily round may bring. Try and make Jesus a dominating influence in our lives, reflect upon His words and actions with reverence and affection, so as to bring about an inner purification of our minds and wills.

## February 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>**

~ Adult choir~7:30~Church

~RCIA~7:30~Kitchen

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm~hall

~First reconciliation~6:30~church

**Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

~1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall

### **NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S**

**Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~Church

~RCIA~7:30~Kitchen

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

~Edge youth group~6:30-8:00pm~hall

**Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

~1<sup>st</sup> Communion Parish class~6:00-7:00pm~ hall

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS will be handing out paper bags** after all masses next weekend for the Township of Russell Good Neighbours Food Bank. Our local Food Bank needs your help. If you can, pick up a bag, and when you bring it home, please remember to fill it. These bags will be collected downstairs in the Church hall before all masses on the weekend of Feb 28/29<sup>th</sup>. Items needed are canned meals (soups, chili, stews, etc.), canned meats, peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruits, cereals, fruit juices in single serving boxes and other non-perishable items. To learn more about the Township of Russell Good Neighbours Food Bank, visit [www.babv-gnfb.ca](http://www.babv-gnfb.ca).

**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

**COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN & MISSIONARY WORKS IS THIS WEEKEND FEB. 13/14.** This collection enables the Archdiocese of Ottawa to respond to requests for assistance from Canadian and foreign dioceses, as well as from various groups such as: Campaign Life, National March for Life, Canadian Catholic Campus Ministry and more.

**Please note –Tuesday night adoration before mass resumes on Tuesday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>**



### **Stations of The Cross Friday evenings~7:00pm**

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> (led by the RCIA/RCIT)

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> (led by the CWL)

March 4<sup>th</sup> (led by the EDGE group)

March 11<sup>th</sup> (led by the Altar Servers)

March 18<sup>th</sup> (Led by the K of C)

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

**Thank you.**

### **Development & Peace 2016 Share Lent Campaign**

On Ash Wednesday, February 10, D & P launched its annual Share Lent campaign. This year for Lent, D & P invites us to join a Climate of Change journey. During the first week of Lent, we meet Adonis Medjine from Haiti. A survivor of the devastating 2010 earthquake, Adonis & her family benefit from a D & P income-generating program, raising chickens. "I have a husband, & 2 children", Adonis explains, "With this project, I feed my family, send my children to school, & take on new projects to earn income." Money raised through our Share Lent campaign support projects like this in Haiti. Our parish D & P Share Lent 2016 campaign collection takes place Sunday, March 13, during both Mass celebrations following the introduction of the Share Lent 2016 campaign Symbols of Solidarity. Please pick up one of the Share Lent Solidarity Calendars in the foyer so that you & your family members can actively participate. Thank you. Janyce Elser-Ethier 613-656-1644 or [janyceelser93@yahoo.com](mailto:janyceelser93@yahoo.com)

**This year the World day of Prayer** service will be held at the Russell United Church (on mill street), on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>, Fellowship at 9:00am and the service at 10:00am. Everyone is welcome

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