

## Fifth 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, March 12<sup>th</sup>

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Laurette Boulanger by Linda Duhamel and family

#### Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Ron Payment by Gladys and Stuart McDonald

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

#### Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 pm** For the healing intentions of John, Emma and Laura Lalonde by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

#### Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> ~at OLMM

**9:00 am**

#### Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am**

#### Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

**9:00 am**

#### Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> ~St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members, and friends

#### Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> ~Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**9:00 am** For the repose of the souls of Evelyn, Bernard and Larry Bedard by the family

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

### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 = \$4,823.05**

***Thank you for your generosity and support***

### **~IN OUR PRAYERS~**

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Trish McNulty, Claudette Pare, Ashley Egan, Margaret Robertson, Jacques Charbonneau, Michel Charbonneau, Linda O'Donnell and Brian Haist.

### Pastor's Corner

For the third week in a row the gospel teaches about forgiveness. Today we encounter Jesus, who is slow to condemn but quick to pardon, to forgive! The story of the woman caught in the very act of committing adultery once again highlights God's infinite goodness and mercy. During this Holy Year of Mercy, we are called to rediscover the merciful face of our God. Jesus is the face of God; He is the visible image of the invisible God.

#### **"Go Your Way And Sin No More"**

Today's gospel presents the magnificent story of the mercy and compassion of Jesus as He forgives the woman caught in the very act of adultery. With such great love Jesus sent the woman home to the consternation of her accusers who themselves had all sorts of skeletons in their cupboards. That is how easily God forgives! Yes, He is slow to condemn but quick to forgive as He said to the woman: "Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more." The gospel challenges us to be quick to forgive as Jesus forgives.

#### **Shared Lent**

This weekend we have our annual Share Lent collection for the Development and Peace. I encourage everyone to be part of this social action. Poverty and hunger abound in our world and are spreading at such alarming rate. And this will persist as long as we neglect our duty of caring for God's creation. As Pope Francis reminds us, the earth is our common home and as such all hands must be on deck to protect it for ourselves and for our children and children's children. Please, let us be generous as your contribution to this project will go a long way to ease the pain and suffering of our brothers and sisters who suffer from hunger and degradation. Projects that are funded by D&P no doubt will help these people move from poverty to a more dignified life. Thank you for your generosity.

May we become more compassionate and merciful to all our sisters and brothers!

Fr. Paul

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## March 13<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, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

~ Adult choir~7:30~church

~RCIA~7:30~kitchen

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

### NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

~ Adult choir~ 7:30~church

~RCIA~7:30~kitchen

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Chrism Mass at the  
Cathedral~7:30**

**Stations of the Cross  
Friday evenings~7:00pm  
March 18<sup>th</sup> (led by the K of C)**

**Applications are available** to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within one year of graduating from grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$400.00. For more information and/or to obtain an application form please refer to the parish web site or contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at [613-822-1170](tel:613-822-1170). Deadline for completed applications is April 30.



Holy Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>~7:00pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>~Outdoor "Way of the  
Cross"(meet at the arena at 10:00am)  
Passion Service~3:00pm  
Easter Vigil March 26<sup>th</sup>~8:00pm  
Easter Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>~ 9:00am, 10:45am

### **OLMM Mercy in Action**

**March - Instruct the Ignorant & Admonish  
Sinners**

**Pray:** Lord, give me the strength and the zeal to explain the faith to those who are confused, don't fully understand, or have misconceptions. Give me the words to share your truth with great love. Amen.

#### **Take Action:**

- commit yourself to learning about the Catholic faith and share your understanding of the faith with others.
- share your insights, knowledge, and skills with others.
- read a book from the OLMM Spiritual Library and then recommend it to a friend.
- be courageous yet compassionate in calling people and institutions to be faithful to Gospel values.
- intervene in situations in which people are clearly doing harm to themselves or others.
- respond to negative and prejudicial comments with positive statements.
- put an end to gossip by walking away; set a good example for others.
- invite friends, family, and others to join you in going to the Sacrament of Confession.

**Today is Solidarity Sunday**, the day we take up the parish Share Lent collection. Thank you for your contributions. Every gift helps our sisters and brothers around the world. Your contributions make a difference in people's daily lives. We end our Share Lent campaign with our Holy Father's reminder that, "mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills courage to look to the future with hope". Pope Francis calls us to share the mercy that God has showered on us with those who depend on our help to feed & educate their children in places where families have so little. Thank you.

**INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH:** That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments. That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.