

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time~Year C

Diocesan Theme: THE FAMILY: HOME OF LOVE, MERCY AND JOY.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..."(Galatians 5.22)

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10th

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

Sunday, September 11th~Twenty-Fourth Sunday in ordinary time

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Betty Watson by the Cogan family

10:45 am For the repose of the souls of Marjorie and Edward Thomas by the Baechler family

Tuesday, September 13th ~St. John Chrysostom

7:00 pm -

Wednesday, September 14th ~at STA~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:20 am

Thursday, September 15th ~Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 am

Friday, September 16th ~ St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

9:00 am

Saturday, September 17th

4:30 pm For the intentions of Annie Bouwhuis on her 90th birthday by the CWL

Sunday, September 18th ~Twenty-Fifth Sunday in ordinary time

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Claude Anderson by Bruce and Margaret Helliker

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

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

Sept. 4th, 2016~\$2,531.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

Pastor's Corner

"This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." How true! Our Lord does not give up on us; He is always ready and willing to welcome us back each time we approach Him asking for His mercy!

The Prodigal Father

Some Biblical commentators have suggested that this parable might better be called "The Story of the Prodigal Father", because in the real sense of the word it was the father who lavished his love, welcome and forgiveness on his son. In this powerful story contains the essence, indeed the heart of Jesus' message. It is the "Good News" par excellence. It reminds us that "God loves each one of us, as if there were only one of us to love", and that when we go astray, He goes all out in search of us and that when eventually He finds us, nothing can stop Him from showing mercy and forgiveness.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

In his Pastoral letter for the 2006 year of Reconciliation, Bishop Pfeifer, OMI of San Angelo, Texas, wrote: "In the sacrament of confession, we are the prodigal sons and daughters who have already accepted the grace to admit our sin and to return to our heavenly Father, the merciful Father of the parable, who is always willing and ready to forgive us, to welcome us with a loving embrace when we have strayed from home. When we humbly admit our guilt and are sorry and confess our sins, God embraces us in mercy and love as we celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation and pardon." May we humbly go to meet Him at His throne of mercy!

Praying the Rosary!

Please join us Thursdays and Fridays for rosary in the church at 8:30 am. When we pray the rosary, we not only contemplate on the earthly life of Jesus and Mary, we also ask for Mary's special favour and great graces. Oh! Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you!
Peace to all!

Fr. Paul

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER:

That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center. That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

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September 11th, 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

Mon. Sept. 12th ~ Rosary making group ~
7:00 -9:00 pm in the hall
Tues. Sept. 13th ~ Adult choir~7:30~church

A HUGE thank you to all OLMM parishioners and CWL members who supported the CWL's "Backpacks of Mercy" Campaign. The overwhelming response we had enabled us not only to supply backpacks, school and other supplies to Mother Teresa School but to École St. Joseph as well. We are truly blessed to belong to such a generous and caring parish. God bless.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Renewal of marriage vows will take place on Saturday, October 8th at the 4:30 pm mass for couples whose anniversary this year is a multiple of 5 - 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 etc. If this is a special anniversary year for you and you would like to participate, please contact the parish office at 613-445-3054 to register by September 30th.

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Claudette Pare, Jean Lalonde,
Emma Lalonde, Ruby Urlocker,
Margaret Robertson, Eleanor Kelly,
Alyssa Gauthier and Lorette Waddel .

Bring the children to me Jesus has said, starting the first Sunday of October and every **first Sunday of the month to follow, the 9 am mass will be a Children's mass.** This means children participating in the reading of The Word (Grade 6 confirmation class); bringing up the gifts (Grade 1 and up); greeting at the Church doors (any age – younger children require parent participation); performing collection (Grade 4 and up); handing out bulletins (Grade 2 and up); and joining in the final song with youthful joy (all ages). Father Paul will also give a homily geared to the children's level of understanding. Starting next week September 18th we will have sign-up sheets for the different duties please discuss with your child what they may like to do. Please remember not everyone will be able to participate in the first mass but we will ensure all children who have signed up will get a chance during the year.

OLMM Mercy in Action

September – Counsel the Doubtful

Pray: Lord, give me your wisdom so that I can speak words of comfort and courage to those in doubt and despair. Let me be your instrument of love, encouragement, strength, and hope. Amen.

Take Action:

- Reflect on who around you is in doubt or despair and share your experience of God's presence and power in your life.
- Work at being optimistic and avoiding cynicism; respond to cynicism, skepticism, and doubt with hope.
- Pray that people would have faith and trust in God.
- Encourage someone in crisis to talk to an expert like a priest or a counsellor.
- Pray for those who are struggling with mental health issue such as depression or suicide.
- Become an advocate for increased mental health funding in Canada through the *Canadian Mental Health Association*.

Our Rosary meeting group will begin once again starting Mon Sept 12th, from 7:00pm. to 9:00 pm. We will continue this Ministry every Monday night. All are welcome both new people as well as our established group.

On behalf of the staff and the students at École élémentaire catholique Saint-Joseph, I would like to thank the Catholic Women's League for their generous donation of school supplies. Please know how much you've helped our students and how much we all appreciate it. Monique Rondeau Principal

Gone to the Father

✠ Ben Baechler
✠ Wilhelmus (Bill) Melenhorst

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast next Sunday, September 18th after both Masses downstairs in the church hall. In addition to our traditional breakfast, our menu will include delicious omelets and best ever homemade waffles topped with fresh whipped cream. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, or \$24 for families. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.