

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time~Year A

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, January 14th

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

Sunday, January 15th, Second Sunday in ordinary time

9:00 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Nyala Lynch by Emer Kelly Rombough

Tuesday, January 17th~St. Anthony

7:00 pm For God's blessing and favor upon Quinn Plant and her siblings By Fr. Anthony Mary Ibeazor

Wednesday, January 18th

9:00 am

Thursday, January 19th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Angie Sorbara/Lalonde by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

Friday, January 20th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Harriett Nahri by her family

Saturday, January 21st ~St. Agnes

4:30 pm For the intentions of the Quinton family by the James family

Sunday, January 22nd Third Sunday in ordinary time

9:00 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Bibiana Dodd by the CWL members

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

January 8th, 2017~\$3,085.00

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY:

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice. That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

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Reflection

Despite the fact that we have now re-entered the 'ordinary time' of the liturgical year, there is something of a reluctance to leave the Christmas season behind. The first reading, just like last Sunday, is taken from the 'songs of the servant' in the book of Isaiah. This time we hear that the servant is to bring light and salvation 'to the ends of the earth'. There is a clear echo here of the feast of the Epiphany and the people of the earth seeking the light of God.

Furthermore, the gospel reading today is taken from the first chapter of John. We shall have to wait until next week to begin listening to the account of Jesus' ministry found in the Gospel of Matthew, the gospel laid down to be read this year.

The Gospel of John, known also as the 'Fourth Gospel', contains in its first chapter the magnificent 'prologue', read at Christmas, which begins with the mighty words 'In the beginning was the Word.' There follows a portrayal of John the Baptist, which differs in many ways from his presentation in other gospels. As shown in today's gospel, for this evangelist John the Baptist is above all a witness. There is no detailed presentation of the baptism of Christ. Rather, the Baptist proclaims the abiding presence of the Spirit with Jesus. This evangelist is not interested in the self-abasement of Jesus in accepting baptism from John, but focuses on the witness to Jesus given by the Baptist.

In this gospel reading John points out Jesus with the words: 'There is the Lamb of God!' These words recall the Passover lamb, slaughtered at the exodus from Egypt and year by year in the Jewish Passover feast. As the blood of the lamb was a sign of salvation for the Jews in Egypt, so the blood of Christ brings God's salvation and freedom to those who accept Him.

Do I accept Jesus as 'the Chosen One of God'?

How does the Fourth Evangelist present John the Baptist?

We pray with the Church: 'Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.'

We pray for a united witness from Christians to the truth, which Christ brings.

Have a great week!

January 15th, 2017

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. Jan. 16th ~Rosary making group
~7:00 -8:30 pm in the hall
Tues. Jan. 17th ~Adult choir~7:30~church
Tues. Jan. 17th ~First communion class~6:00-7:00
pm~hall
Wed. Jan. 18th~Edge youth group ~6:30-8:30pm~hall
Thurs. Jan. 19th ~Confirmation class~6:00pm-
7:00pm~hall

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon. Jan. 23rd ~Rosary making group
~7:00 -8:30 pm in the hall
Tues. Jan.24th~Adult choir~7:30~church
Tues. Jan.24th ~First communion class~6:00-7:00
pm~hall
Wed. Jan. 25th~Edge youth group ~6:30-8:30pm~hall
Thurs. Jan. 26th~Confirmation class~6:00pm-
7:00pm~hall
Thurs. Jan. 26th~K Of C~general meeting7:30pm-
hall

"CDSBEO schools are now accepting new student registrations for September 2017! We invite parents to call the school to make an appointment to visit during Kindergarten Registration Week, which begins Monday, January 16. Please visit the CDSBEO website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca for information on how to register your child. We look forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten!"

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.

During the flu season, it is acceptable to omit the handshake at the "Sign of Peace". Please note that there are hand sanitizers available at both entrances to the Church.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION TO OUR ADVERTISERS
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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast next Sunday, January 22nd, after both masses downstairs in the church hall. Our traditional breakfast menu will include delicious omelets, scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, beans and hash browns. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, or \$24 for families. The proceeds from the breakfast will be given to the parish council to assist in the purchase of a defibrillator. Since these units cost \$1500.00 a basket will be available for donations should you wish to assist with this purchase.

Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

'MAN OF THE SHROUD' EXHIBIT: The "Man of the Shroud" exhibit is coming to St. Isidore Roman Catholic Church, Kanata, **April 4-11**. This is a scholastic exhibit, with a dramatic actual-size digital authentic reproduction of "The Shroud of Turin" printed on linen. Guest speakers: Mr. Barrie Schwartz, official photographer for the "Shroud of Turin Research Project" and Dr. Phillip Wiebe, Professor of Philosophy at Trinity Western University. A great educational field trip opportunity, with student and adult seminars provided during the exhibit. Free event is made possible by The Vancouver Shroud Association and the Archdiocese of Ottawa; donations accepted. Everyone is welcome. Info: (<http://www.theshroud.org/>); follow on Twitter @TheShroudOrg.

HOMELANDS MASS: Celebrated at Notre Dame Cathedral a week after the *World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, **Sun., Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m.** Please confirm group attendance and the name of the person responsible for your group to Deacon Gilles Ouellette at the Diocesan Centre (613-738-5025, ext. 238) before Jan. 17. Traditional dishes to share at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Mass will be welcomed and should be brought to the hall before 2:15 p.m. Those in national dress are asked to be in the hall before 2:00 p.m., to be ready for the opening procession. All welcome!

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Margaret Robertson, Eleanor Kelly,
Addie Pittman, Marthe Lepine,
Alyssa Gauthier and
Melanie Joannette.