

Third Sunday of Lent~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, March 18th

4:30 pm For the special intentions of Yvette Riel and Antoine Barretto-Duval

Sunday, March 19th ~Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Ovila Boucher by the Doyle family

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

Tuesday, March 21st

7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22nd

8:30 am~at STA For the repose of the soul of Rosemary Batchilder by the Batchilder family

Thursday, March 23rd

9:00 am For the birthday intentions of Agnes Tanguay by Deirdre Larocque

Friday, March 24th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Sandy Giordano by the Chesser family

Saturday, March 25th ~The Annunciation of the Lord

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

Sunday, March 26th ~Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Claudette Pare by Gerry and Pat Redsell

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

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

March 12th, 2017~\$3,543.70

Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH:

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Margaret Robertson, Addie Pittman,
Marthe Lepine, Alyssa Gauthier,
Melanie Joannette and Catharina Crouzat.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca

Email: admin@olmm.ca

Pastor's Corner

Come to the Water

Jesus is the Living Water! He said to the Samaritan woman in today's gospel: "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." Like the Samaritan woman, we sometimes miss the mark; we sometimes expend our time, money and energy on useless things while we push Jesus, our source of life on the back burner! During this lent and indeed every day, Jesus is inviting us to come to Him, to change and to grow. This is an invitation we can't afford to miss!

Sacraments

Two weeks ago, 22 children from our parish made their first confession. This is a major step in their faith journey. We would like to congratulate these children, their teachers and parents for their hard work and commitment. And please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their first communion, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. This will be taking place in our parish on the following dates: April 23 (10:45 am mass), April 30 (10:45am mass), May 7 (10:45am mass) and May 14 (10:45am mass).

May we always hunger for Jesus, the True Living Bread and the Water of life. Amen

Fr. Paul



March 19th, 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. March 20th~Rosary making group
~7:00 -8:30pm in the hall
Tues. March 21st~Adult choir~7:30~church
Tues. March 21st~First communion class~6:00-7:00
pm~hall
Wed. March 23rd~Edge youth group~6:30-8:30pm~hall
Thurs. March 24th~Confirmation class~6:00pm-
7:00pm~hall
Thurs. March, ~K of C General meeting~7:30pm~kitchen

MINISTRY SHORTAGE AT 9:00 A.M. MASS

The number of sacristans, ushers and extraordinary ministers of the eucharist at the 9:00 a.m. mass has dwindled. If anyone would like to serve God and your parish by becoming involved in any of these ministries please contact Heather Sisk at heatherasisk@gmail.com or at [613-443-2870](tel:613-443-2870).

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: If you have a family member who is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist please notify the parish.

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Thank you.

Food Drive 26 Feb17: Our Knights delivered approx. 500lbs of food and cash donations to the food bank. We would like to thank our parishioners for their generosity. God Bless.

Please note that next week is the final weekend to make a donation to our child sponsorship program in Honduras. Please make use of the specially marked envelopes available in the foyer.

"Notice - On Sunday, March 26, the church will be CLOSED from 12 noon till 5pm for a Special K of C Event."

**PLEASE JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS~AT
7:00PM**

March 17 – Led by Fr. Paul
March 24 – Led by the CWL
March 31 – Led by the EDGE
April 7 – Led by the KoC



March 22~Calling all Gr. 6 – 8 students, have you ever wondered what you can do to help the poor? What can someone your age actually contribute to the global food issue? Join us as a member of OXFAM Canada comes to lead us in a real-life enactment of what hunger looks like around the world. We will be having a Hunger Meal together and exploring what we can do.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE
SHARE LENT 2017 CAMPAIGN
WOMEN AT THE HEART OF CHANGE**

Everywhere, women care for the world to create better lives for their children. Supporting women's efforts to create opportunities to supplement their low-income families is part of our call to Christian social justice. If we turn our gaze to the Global South, we see the challenges women face. In Afghanistan, only 18% of women can read and write, compared to 45% of men. The United Nations reports that up to 70% of women experience violence in their lives. Development & Peace, Caritas Canada is working to transform the root causes of these injustices. Inspired by Christ's Social Gospel, we walk together in solidarity, calling for reform and shouting down social injustice. Please pick up one of the 3 page Share Lent 2017 campaign Solidarity Calendars from the D&P table in the foyer so that you can share the campaign information with your families. Thank you, as always, for your kindness in sharing with those who have so little.

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 after March 28 contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at [613-496-1170](tel:613-496-1170). Deadline for completed applications is April 30, 2017.

The church is in need of reliable counters for the weekly collections. If you can spare about an hour every second week please call the office. Thank you.