Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord ~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, April 8th **4:30 pm** For the repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends Sunday, April 9th~Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord **9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Ovila Boucher by the Kupferschmidt family **10:45 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor Tuesday, April 11th 7:00 pm Mass Cancelled due to the **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral** Wednesday, April 12th 8:30 am~at STA Thursday, April 13th~Holy Thursday of the **Lords Supper 7:00 pm** For the intentions of Stuart Mulholland by the James family Friday, April 14th~Good Friday~Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm Saturday, April 15th ~ Holy Saturday **8:00pm** For the repose of the soul of Harriette Nahri by her family Sunday, April 16th ~The Resurrection of the Lord **9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of **Claudette Pare by Bruce and Margaret** Helliker 10:45 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

> <u>YOUR OFFERINGS FOR</u> April 2nd, 2017~\$ 3,443.00 Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL:

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

~<u>IN OUR PRAYERS</u>~

For the sick among our families and friends especially: Margaret Robertson, Addie Pittman, Marthe Lepine, Alyssa Gauthier, Melanie Joanette and Catharina Crouzat.

Pastor's Corner

Today, Jesus enters Jerusalem as Messiah and king and desires to enter into our lives as the shepherd of our souls leading us to the father.

He Humbled Himself

Jesus' earthly life was characterized by His humility and total obedience to the Father! In today's second reading, St. Paul sang His praises beautifully. Paul invites us to have the same attitude as Christ. As Christians, we are called to imitate Jesus, His love and humility. His humility and lowliness as a model of conduct should also characterize our lives in our parish family and our entire community.

Greater Love

Jesus entered Jerusalem to suffer and to die. His passion and death is a powerful sign of God's immense love for each one of us. When He was lifted up on the cross, He manifested His divine glory. His death is our ransom from sin and death. This is the great mystery that we are celebrating today and indeed the whole of this week. God loves us and He wants us to be saved and be happy. It is for this reason that He gave up His only begotten Son to die on the cross; with Him, He has given us all things. Today and during Holy Week, we contemplate the obedience of a man destined to be rejected, to suffer the death of a criminal all because of the love He has for us. I hope you can arrange your family schedule to make yourselves available to all of this week's liturgies.

May God continue to strengthen us day by day in our faith and in our resolve to imitate His love!

Fr. Paul



April 9th, 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. April 10th ~Rosary making group ~7:00 -8:30pm in the hall Tues. April 11th ~Adult choir~7:30~church Tues. April 11th ~First communion class~6:00-7:00 pm~hall Wed. April 12th~Edge youth group~6:30-8:30pm~hall

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2017: Featuring 8 worldclass Catholic speakers including: Bishop Robert Barron, Patrick Sullivan, Tom Corcoran and more. **May 12 & 13** at the Infinity Conference Centre in Ottawa with live-stream video to host sites across Canada, the US and beyond. Limited seating. Register online today (<u>https://www.newevangelization.ca/</u>).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, **Sun., May 14, 2:30 p.m.** For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2016. Families & friends are most welcome. Registration details now available in parishes. Forms must be returned before May 3rd, 2017-03-22 Registration forms are available on the bulletin board beside the side entrance.

CHRISM MASS: All are invited to participate in the Chrism Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Tuesday, April 11th, 7:30 p.m.**

The Novena to Divine Mercy starts on Good Friday, April 14 and ends on Saturday, April 22. Please join us on Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 pm here in our parish for the celebration of this great feast of the mercy of our God. Please, join us!



Holy Thursday April 13th~7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Good Friday April 14th~Outdoor "Way of the Cross"(meet at the arena at 10:00am) Passion Service~3:00pm Easter Vigil April 15th~8:00pm Easter Sunday April 16th~ 9:00am. 10:45am

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at <u>www.olmm.</u>ca Email: admin@olmm.ca In the month of April, we are going to be diving into

the mysterious ways that God speaks to us. We have invited a guest speaker for each day that will share with us how God has been working in their lives. How does God speak to them? What does God's voice sound like? What kind of amazing and miraculous things is God doing in these people? **APRIL 12th**, Carol Reaume, the manager of the bookstore at St. Patrick Cathedral, will be joining us and sharing about how God speaks to her through holy books. She will tell you about how God has used reading to reveal to her the vocation He has for her life

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE SHARE LENT 2017 CAMPAIGN 50 YEARS OF CARING

This Sunday, we will be presenting the Lenten campaign Solidarity Symbols during the 9:00 am & 10:45 am Masses, with each of the 4 symbols, being explained as they are processed to the Altar. This year's campaign centers on the role of women in making changes in worldwide societies, from the education of children, to more climate friendly agricultural methods. Since it is women, who oversee the education of the family's children and perform the majority of the family's subsistence, small-scale farming, D & P is highlighting the unique contributions women make around the world in every culture. Your contributions support the ministry's efforts to ensure that women and girls can access education, safe public water sources, and exercise their voting rights in countries where women are often harassed for attempting to do so. Many thanks to all for carrying up each of the 4 symbols to the Altar during Mass today.

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

FISH FRY-Russell United Church, Friday April 21st 4:30-7:00pm. Dinner includes; Fresh fried fish & chips, coleslaw, beans, homemade desserts, coffee, tea and lemonade. Get your tickets today!! Adults \$16/\$18 at door, Child 5-12, \$7/\$9 at door. 4 and under free. Contact 613-445-5335 for tickets.