



Fifth Sunday of Lent~Year B

Diocesan Theme: **The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World**

"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience ...above all, clothe yourselves with love!" (*Colossians 3.12, 14*)

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

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

Saturday, March 17th

4:30pm~For the repose of the soul of Eileen Mannion by her daughter Deirdre Larocque

Sunday, March 18th~Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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

Tuesday, March 20th

7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 21st

8:20am at STA

9:30am at OLMM

Thursday, March 22nd

9:00 am

Friday, March 23rd

9:00 am

Saturday, March 24th

4:30 pm~For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

Sunday, March 25th~Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am~For the intentions of Jim Gannon on the occasion of his confirmation by the Kwok family

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

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Alice Lavigne, Melanie Joannette,
& Marie Kirkham

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

March 11th, 2018~\$3,876.60

Thank you for your generosity and support

Reflection

There are only a couple weeks left in Lent, actually somewhat less than that, as there is a Sixth Sunday of Lent next week, but Lent officially ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

As our Lenten season approaches its completion, the readings on this Fifth Sunday of Lent focuses on the salvation offered to us by Jesus and our own need for penance and reconciliation always, but especially at this time.

Jeremiah was one of the longest serving prophets. He was a prophet through the reign of five kings of Judah. One of Jeremiah's most common themes, one that is addressed in our First Reading, was the restoration of God's covenant. He addresses this new covenant in this way: "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

Although the Second Reading taken from the Letter to the Hebrews is brief, it richly fulfills Jeremiah's prophecy and another perspective of our redemption and salvation. We are called to obey the Lord and Lent is a time for us to work on that. Jesus struggled with obedience at times; however, He finally obeyed perfectly.

We may nonetheless misunderstand what Jesus is praying for when He asks that the cup be taken away from Him. In reality His prayer was not to escape God's will, but to accept it — that prayer was definitely heard. Is that our prayer, to appeal to God to relieve us of suffering and to make our lives more ideal? Or is our prayer to accept God's will. Is that not what we pray every time we say the Our Father when we invoke the Lord by saying "Thy will be done?" That is our true challenge, to accept and live with God's will, not to dispute it.

This Gospel is so full of information for us. Just after the Lord announces His hour has come, He also says, "Whoever serves me must follow me." To be a disciple of Jesus we must follow Him. That does not mean you quit your job or abandon your family, but it does mean that everything you do should be as a servant and follower of Jesus.

Blessings,
Have a great week!

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH;

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

March 18th, 2018

**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 First Sunday Of Lent

Lent Penance Service

Lent is a time to "make straight the way of the Lord." The best way of preparing the way of the Lord, therefore, is to rid our hearts, through the sacrament of reconciliation, of those clutters that may impede Christ from coming into our hearts, so as to make room for Him. So please join us this Thursday, March 22nd, at 7 pm for our Parish Lent Penance Service. Visiting priests will be available.

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Our Knights of Columbus council 12401 delivered 59 bags/59lbs food and \$70 cash to the food bank on February 25th. We wish to thank the parish for their generosity.

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Academia Stella Maris' Spring Workshops : Spring semester registrations are now open; register and find more details online at www.academiastellamaris.ca or by phone 343-883-6600 before March 28. Workshops offered this Spring: Ancient Greek Culture and Thought: Piety in Sophocles and Plato; Applied Latin: Aquinas' commentary on the Lord's Prayer; Greek II; Latin IV; Excellence in writing; Logical Fallacies II; French Part III.

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Parishioners wishing to sponsor a child in Honduras or make a general donation are asked to use the specially marked envelopes available in the pews. Please follow the instructions contained in the envelopes. Thank you.

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Chrism Mass: At Notre Dame Cathedral, Tues., Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

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Communion and Liberation - Way of the Cross: On Good Friday, March 30, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Info: David McConkey (clonottawa@gmail.com).

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING: Notre Dame Cathedral, Sun., May 6th, 2:30 p.m. For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2018. Families & friends are most welcome. Forms must be returned before April 20th. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board beside the side entrance.

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca
Email: admin@olmm.ca



Congratulations to all the children who received Confirmation on March 2nd: Tristan, Meagan, Brynn, Trinity, Victoria, Jaynah, Sarah, Samuel, Katelyn, Frederic, Destiny, Sydney, Connor, Addyson, Liam, Cassandra, Ryan, Conor, Valerie, Abby, Isabel, Emily, Jacob, and Teagan.



LENT

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

March 23rd – Led by the KoC



EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers 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. Cutoff date is March 25th.



Holy Thursday March 29th~7:00pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday March 30th~Outdoor "Way of the Cross" (meet at the arena at 10:00am)
Passion Service~3:00pm
Easter Vigil Saturday March 31st~8:00pm
Easter Sunday April 1st, ~9:00am, 10:45am