



Divine Mercy Sunday~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  *Week*

Saturday, April 7th

4:30pm~For the intentions of Barbara Fleet by
the James family

Sunday, April 8th~Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am~ For the repose of the soul of Arturo
Nuesca Lopez by the Dupuis family

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

Tuesday, April 10th

7:00 pm~Mass cancelled

Wednesday, April 11th~St. Stanislaus

8:20am at STA~Mass cancelled

9:30am at OLM~Mass cancelled

Thursday, April 12th

9:00 am~Mass cancelled

Friday, April 13th

9:00 am~For the repose of the souls of George
Hendley, family members and friends

Saturday, April 14th

4:30 pm~For the repose of the souls of Felix and
Alice McLaughlin by John and Ann Jackson

Sunday, April 15th~Third Sunday of Easter

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

10:45 am~For the intentions of Diny
Achtereeke on the occasion of her 90th birthday
by the Adult choir

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends
especially:

Alice Lavigne, Melanie Joannette,
& Marie Kirkham

OUR OFFERINGS FOR

April 1st, 2018~\$3,877.60

Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL:

That economists may have the courage to reject any
economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths

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Gospel Reflection

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to His disciples after His Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that He appeared to His disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize Him until He spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until He broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in His resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; He appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of His Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets His disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions His disciples to continue the work that He has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends His disciples. He gives His disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to His disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to His disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to His disciples after His death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

Blessings,
Have a great week!

April 8th, 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

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

- Wed. April 11th, ~Bible study~7:00pm~hall
- Thurs. April 12th, ~CWL general meeting~7:00pm~hall
- Thurs. April 12th, ~KoC Exe. Meeting~7:30pm~kitchen

Catholic Education Week 2018 begins on Sunday,

May 6. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Renewing the Promise."

The theme for CEW 2018 draws upon previous documents on Ontario Catholic education, namely, "This Moment of Promise" (1989), "Fulfilling the Promise" (1993) and "Our Catholic Schools" (2006-2007). These three documents, while several years apart from each other, all speak of the unique mission of Ontario Catholic education, the importance of its shared leadership by all those involved in Catholic education and the critical role of Catholic education in contemporary society.

Catholic Education Week 2018 combines the themes of reconciliation, solidarity, love, justice and ecology. The CEW biblical quote is "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." Acts 2:39

SICK CALLS: Please call the Parish Office if a parishioner is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, Reconciliation or Holy Communion. Hospitals or other facilities often do not contact us regarding spiritual needs.

The New Evangelization Summit: Join Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization, April 27 - 28, 2018. At the Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, and webcast to host sites across Canada and the US. World-class Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, George Weigel, Patrick Madrid, Curtis Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, Archbishop Pendergast and Christy Dupuis. Fee: \$95. Register online: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/>.

CWL Bursary 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 contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-496-1170, or email:marycarol12@hotmail.com. Deadline for completed applications is April 30, 2018

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.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2018: The Church will mark the 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, 22 April 2018. The Holy Father has released a Message entitled "Listening, discerning and living". Pope Francis refers to three aspects of a vocation: "In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to listen, discern and live this Word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness."

Divine Mercy Sunday

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday: "...I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow, are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to me will contemplate my love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary 699)