



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B

Diocesan Theme: **Christ is Everything for Us!** "Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith" (Galatians 6.10b).

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



Saturday, Sept. 15-Our Lady of Sorrows

4:30pm-For the repose of the soul of Allan Green by the James family

Sunday, Sept. 16-Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Bernard Chan by the Kwok family

10:45am-For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, Sept. 18

8:20am-STA-For the repose of the soul of Madelyn Doucette by the staff & students of STA

9:50am-STA-For the repose of the soul of Theresa Drummond by Kathy Mack

7:00 pm-For the repose of the soul of Stella Hudder by the Marsolais family

Wednesday, Sept. 19

8:30am-STA

9:30am-OLMM

Thursday, Sept. 20-St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Kelly Kenalley by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

Friday, Sept. 21-St. Matthew

9:00 am-For the birthday intentions of Riley Grace Hamilton by Grandma and Grandpa

Saturday, Sept. 22

4:30 pm- For the intentions of the Salvatorian Fathers

Sunday, Sept. 23- Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SEPTEMBER 9th, 2018-\$3,342.10

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER:

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Gospel Reflection

Sometimes, the Sunday readings bring peace and consolation. Other times, they come as a swift kick in the pants. Today's readings definitely fall in the latter category.

In the Gospel from St. Mark, Jesus begins to instruct the Apostles in what was ahead for Him – and for them if they wished to follow Him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Peter's immediate reaction to Jesus's words probably resonate with many, if not all of us, when we are faced with the prospect of self-denial. He pulls Jesus aside to try to talk Him out of this craziness. In Peter's worldly way of thinking, Jesus should not have to suffer (and for that matter, neither should Peter!).

But rather than agreeing with him or trying to soften His words, Jesus seems to double down on His message, rebuking Peter with this strong language: "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." It seems Jesus meant exactly what He said earlier. What's more, He was inviting Peter, and all of us, to join Him in this way of life that is costly and self-sacrificing.

Why? Isn't Jesus all about love? Of course He is. He is love. And Jesus shows us by His example that real love requires toughness as much as tenderness. Real faith in Him is displayed through actions, not words.

The second reading, from the letter of St. James, helps us to know that our faith and our love are real and not mere words. "If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

This passage makes it clear that faith and love are not alive in us until they are demonstrated through works. "Works" of any kind will involve some self-denial. Making a sacrificial gift each week to the offertory means I have to give up some dinners out or the newest tech product. But when I do these costly works and embrace the self-denial they require, I have the joy of knowing my faith and love are real. I attain the peace of soul that only comes from imitating Jesus' way of life. By laying down my life for Him, I gain a life that is really worth living.

Blessings-Have a great day!

September 16th, 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 OLMM

Tues. Sept. 18-Adult choir-7:30-church

A reminder to all parents with children wishing to make their first communion during the 2019 Easter season. A parent information meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00pm in the Church hall.

Parents and Candidates, in grade 6 or above, who wish to receive the sacrament of confirmation, are asked to attend an information night Wednesday, September 26th, at 6:30pm in the OLMM parish hall. For more information regarding this important evening please contact the parish office at 613-445-3054.

Life Chain

On Sunday Sept. 30th, Life Chain is asking you to join the pro-life movement as a witness that abortion is in fact, the killing of an innocent life. These little ones cannot speak for themselves and so we will stand peacefully and prayerfully to raise awareness of the atrocity of abortion. Join your friends, family and neighbors as we attempt to protect the vulnerability of those waiting to be born. Meet on Sunday, September 30th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the corner of Castor and Concession St.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power to end abortion. Our parish will be participating in the Ottawa 40 days for life campaign by covering 12 hours of the prayer and peaceful vigil. The location of the prayer vigil will be slightly different this year because there is a new law which restricts our prayerful presence in a daily prayer vigil across the street from the Bank Street abortuary, so we will gather at Bank and Queen streets. This will take place on Sunday October 21st, between the hours of 7AM and 7 PM. We encourage everyone to volunteer for 1 hour. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Please contact Robert Desmarais at r.desmarais@hotmail.ca for more information.

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.

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

HONDURAS: Anyone wishing to donate new or gently used clothing and footwear for children aged 6 to 16 at Santa Teresa school in Honduras should bring them to church and place them in the specially marked bins located in the foyer. Sunday September 23rd is the last day on which donations can be made. For more info. contact Marc Lalonde.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT, will be postponed until a later date to be determined. Since Fr. Robert will be going in to the hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd for his knee surgery we will wait until he is back and healed.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE: TOGETHER FOR PEACE
2018 CAMPAIGN**

Together for Peace is the theme of this year's D&P campaign, which really speaks to people. Because we all wish for peace to reign in the world, our world. Because it is an appeal that resonates with the events happening in our world today and is a rallying cry that brings hope to the generations of to-day and tomorrow. Together for Peace invites us to promote dialogue as the primary way to build peace. Dialogue between you and me and between peoples. Intergenerational, intercommunal, and interreligious dialogue. Dialogue for conflict prevention and resolution. Dialogue for forgiveness, reconciliation, and to live more harmoniously together. We all need to ask ourselves, how am I, on a daily basis, an instrument of peace for myself, for the people I'm in contact with, whether it be those in my family, my community, or my workplace, and for my sisters and brothers in the Global South? Being a peace maker is a vocation that requires commitment, passion, patience, and perseverance, and must be lived out daily through our gestures of welcome, compassion, service, dialogue, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Peace on a global scale begins by first growing in our hearts, minds, and attitudes. It is through our small everyday actions that world peace is made possible. Development and Peace partners take such fruitful actions. They are instruments of peace and beacons of hope in our world. These partnerships and the work achieved through them are made possible thanks to our solidarity, our donations, and our generosity.

An altar server workshop will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 12 noon till 1pm. All servers, current and new, are encouraged to attend this workshop with Fr. Robert. Once the workshop is complete we will send out a schedule.