

Twenty-Fifth 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. 22

4:30pm- For the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Salvatorian fathers especially Father Gino Mattia

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

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

Tuesday, Sept. 25

7:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 26-St. John De Brebeuf and St. Issac

Jogues

8:30am-STA

9:30am-OLMM

Thursday, Sept. 27-St. Vincent De Paul

9:00 am

Friday, Sept. 28

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

Saturday, Sept. 29-St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael

4:30 pm-For the intentions of Richard James by his family

Sunday, Sept. 30-Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45 am-For the repose of the soul of Luc Chenard by the Doyle family

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Alice Lavigne, Melanie Joannette, &

Marie Kirkham

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

SEPTEMBER 16th, 2018-\$7,607.93

Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER:

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

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Gospel Reflection

Our first reading comes from the Book of Wisdom, written about 50 years before the coming of Christ. It predicts the reaction some would have to our Savior's life, saying that many would find His goodness and teachings "obnoxious" — particularly when He calls them out for their own violations of God's ways.

The second reading, once again from the letter of St. James, also details the contrast between human nature versus "wisdom from above." When we give in to our natural inclinations to jealousy and selfish ambition, we can expect the negative consequences they bring — "disorder and every foul practice."

So how do we fight our tendency toward egotism and selfishness? How can we live not as the world advises but in the wisdom from above? What can we do to lead a Christ-like life?

Jesus shows us one way in today's Gospel. "Taking a child, He placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it, He said to them, 'Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but the One who sent Me.'"

In this context Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all "little ones," those who are vulnerable or needy in any way — through poverty, physical or mental illness, advanced age, difficult family situations.

They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our community and channel some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them.

Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. But in reaching out to little ones in Jesus' name, it is Jesus Himself we are touching. And that is a most privileged way of life.

This week ask the Lord for the wisdom from above to notice the little ones in your neighborhood, community, or this parish and to show you concretely how you can reach out to them. Take at least one step. You will be stepping closer to Jesus Christ Himself.

Blessings,
Have a great week!

September 23rd, 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**

What's Happening This Week Sept. 24-Sept. 30

- Tues. Sept. 25-Adult choir-7:30-church
- Tues. Sept. 25-CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
- Tues. Sept. 25- First communion parents info-7:00pm-hall
- Wed. Sept. 26-Confirmation info-parents and candidates-6:30pm-hall
- Thurs. Sept. 27-KOC-general meeting-7:30pm-hall
- Sat. Sept. 29-Altar servers workshop-noon-1:00pm

A special thank-you to Nicole Croskery for being the PPC chair for the past 3 years. Your dedication and love of the Parish was evident at every meeting. You handled all the meetings with such compassion, patience and faith. Thank you for all you did for our Parish.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. This will take place on Sunday October 21st, between the hours of 7AM and 7 PM. The location of the prayer vigil will be slightly different this year so we will gather at Bank and Queen streets. 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.

St. Thomas Aquinas Mission Team - Guatemala and Sandy Lake

This year six students from STA will be doing mission work in rural Guatemala and the northern Ontario reserve of Sandy Lake. The mission team travellers will be leading the masses on September 29th and September 30th. The mission team will be available to talk about their upcoming work with members of the parish and will accept any monetary donations that you wish to share. During the mission trips, the travellers will be doing various projects in the communities to help improve living conditions and strengthen community connections. Students will be working with members of each community to learn about their culture and customs, as well as hardships that the communities are facing. Any money raised through donations at OLMM will be going directly to the communities that the students will be working in. The STA mission team looks forward to talking with the parish and sharing their journey with you as they embark on this life changing opportunity within the global community and in their relationship with Christ. Thank you for your support.

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

Before the challenges of contemporary movements of migration, the only reasonable response is one of solidarity and mercy. – Pope Francis Homily, July 6, 2018 This campaign invites us to share the journey with those living the painful reality of forced migration. Together, let's walk in solidarity with forced migrants to make their voices heard loud and clear. Let's reach out to meet them, listen to their stories, and try to understand what drove them to flee. Let's open our hearts to their suffering and dreams, and offer them our compassion.

Beyond the chill of numbers and statistics, let's focus on the human face of forced migration. Numbers don't reveal the depth of pain faced by forced migrants as they confront the heartbreaking and terrifying plight to stay in their homes or die. What we give through prayers and financial donations for forced migrants speaks of the love we bear those struggling with this fear and loss. Thank you on behalf of those who have so little.

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. 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.