



## Twenty-Sixth 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!** Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal parish through the liturgy, faith formation and sacramental life, provides opportunities for members to develop their faith and service to others.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

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

**4:30pm-** 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

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

Doyle family

#### Tuesday, Oct. 2-The Holy Guardian Angels

**7:00 pm**

#### Wednesday, Oct. 3

**8:30am-STA-mass cancelled**

**9:30am-OLMM-mass cancelled**

#### Thursday, Oct. 4-St Francis of Assisi

**9:00 am-mass cancelled**

#### Friday, Oct. 5

**9:00 am-mass cancelled**

#### Saturday, Oct. 6

**4:30 pm-**For the repose of the souls of Bernard and Jeanette Mascaro by the James family

#### Sunday, Oct. 7-Twenty-Seventh 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 Yolande Lefleck by

Linda Duhamal

#### ~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Alice Lavigne, Melanie Joannette, &

Marie Kirkham

#### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018-\$2,632.25

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#### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR OCTOBER:

##### Evangelization – The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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Email: [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)

#### Gospel Reflection

Sometimes stewardship messages are sprinkled subtly within the Sunday readings; other times they hit us like a Mack truck. This week's readings contain a bit of both. The "Mack truck" message is contained in the second reading, once again from the letter of St. James. He gives a chilling description of the outcome of a life based on materialism and pleasure-seeking. St. James is not condemning people for having wealth. His harsh words are for those who acquire wealth and luxuries as if these things are the ultimate purpose in life. When we hold onto possessions too tightly, they come to possess us. The "stuff" can easily become the focus of our energy and attention. Attachment to material things slowly and steadily corrupts.

In the Gospel today, Jesus is anything but subtle about the need to detach from everything that keeps us from loving Him. "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off... If your foot causes you to sin, cut it off... And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out." The urgency of our need to detach from all that is not God, is clear. We come to understand that all that we have is a gift from our loving Father and we use it to bless others and glorify Him. What wonderful freedom there is in living this way! Also, in today's Gospel Jesus warns, "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck." Whether we are aware of it or not, we are always serving as a witness of our Catholic faith and an example of Catholic living in modern society. We have a serious obligation to examine our lives to see if the example we give in the use of our gifts leads others to Christ... or away from Him.

Lastly, in the Gospel, the disciples of Jesus complain that "outsiders" are preaching the Good News and Jesus essentially responds, "Good for them!" Again we must examine our lives. Do we in this parish have an attitude of openness to others? Do we welcome all, even those who are not the "insiders" here, to join us in sharing the Good News of the Gospel?

What powerful challenges we have before us this week. Let's pray for each other as we set out to embrace them.

Blessings,

Have a great week!

**September 30th, 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.**

- Tues. Oct. 2-Adult choir-7:30-church
- Tues. Oct. 2- CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
- Fri. Oct. 5-4:00 pm-Sat. Oct. 6-4:00 pm Adoration

**OLMM Spiritual Library**

The stories of Guadalupe, Lourdes and Fatima are well documented, but discover the lesser known Marian apparitions in France, Ireland, Belgium, Japan, Rwanda, Argentina, Venezuela. The Spiritual Library has a new book - Those Who Saw Her - Apparitions of Mary by Catherine M. Odell - category B19. Through her miraculous appearances, Mary has inspired and comforted many with her prophetic messages of hope. Excellent read.

**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.

**First Friday Adoration~ Friday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> , 4:00 pm to Saturday, Oct. 6th, 4:00pm.**

**Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays?** If so please feel free to sign up and host an up-coming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted just outside the kitchen. Thank you all in advance.

**Healing Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 13, at 9:30am preceded by the rosary at 9:00am.**

**There will be a Eucharistic Ministers workshop on Monday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. All Eucharistic Ministers (old and new) are encouraged to attend**

**MASS CANCELLATIONS**

**Wednesday, Oct. 3**

**Thursday, Oct. 4**

**Friday, Oct. 5**

**Tuesday, Oct. 9**

**Wednesday, Oct. 10**

**Thursday, Oct. 11**

**New Bible Study Coming: Matthew: The King and His Kingdom starting Mon 22 Oct.**

**Registration begins 6-7 Oct. See Brenda Sliva or Dn. Allan for details.**

**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**

The numbers of those forced to leave their homes due to war & lethal climate change will never tell you that fleeing your home, community, & often your country is the beginning of a series of setbacks and challenges for which no human being is prepared. They also don't speak of the kilometres traveled, the wail of empty stomachs, the thirst and weakening legs, or of the risks incurred. Nor do they honour the incredible inner strength that makes it possible to continue the journey. Forced migrants are first and foremost human beings. They are children, women, and men who have a story of their own. They have lost what was most important to them: their families, homes, land, and roots. The life that had taken them years to build no longer exists. They have nothing left, except perhaps the hope of being welcomed somewhere by someone with a loving heart, who will listen and support their struggles to survive. It's up to us to take the first step, to open our hearts to them, and to cultivate the hope that dwells within them. Look into the faces of the thousands of migrant refugee children, mothers, & fathers & see the suffering Christ within. Christ's compassion calls us to care for those who have nothing. How will you share the journey?