



First Sunday Of Advent -Year C

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.



Saturday, Dec. 1

4:30 pm- For the repose of the soul of Laurel Cowan Lafferty by the James family

Sunday, Dec. 2- First Sunday of Advent

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

10:45am- For the repose of the soul of Norm Duhamel by Linda and family

Tuesday, Dec. 4

7:00 pm- For the repose of the soul of Jeannine Larocque by Deirdre Larocque

Wednesday, Dec. 5

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM-

Thursday, Dec. 6

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Lorette Waddle (Parenteau) by Denise Parenteau

Friday, Dec.7-St. Ambrose

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Madeleine Guillet by Connie St. Clair

Saturday, Dec. 8-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am

4:30 pm- For the repose of the souls of Harriette Nahri and Elias Saba by the Nahri family

Sunday, Dec. 9-Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Bruce Helliker by the CWL members

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

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:
Pam Latour, Genny Detillieux, Alice Lavigne,
Melanie Joannette, & Marie Kirkham

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

November 25th, 2018-\$4,479.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:

Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith
That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Sunday Reflection

The church year begins again today. Today is the first day of a new church (ecclesiastical and liturgical) year. Our Gospel readings for this new year will primarily be from the Gospel of Luke. This is the season of Advent. The Latin word *adventus* means "coming." We are preparing for the coming of the Lord Jesus. There are two parts to this season of Advent. From now until December 16, we prepare for the second coming of the Lord Jesus at the end of time. From December 17 to December 24 we focus on preparing for the celebration of the first coming of Jesus when He was born of Mary in a stable in Bethlehem. It is fitting for Christians to prepare and celebrate both of the comings of Jesus. It can be hard to stay in step with the liturgical season of Advent while everyone else has already begun to celebrate the holidays, starting mid-November (or before). Yet our readings and our church decorations proclaim that this is a time of preparation and anticipation of the Comings of Jesus. The next two weeks should be a time for reflecting on our preparations for the Lord Jesus' return at the end of time, or at least at the moment of our own deaths. The tone of our liturgies are more subdued. We do not recite or sing the hymn of glory ("Glory to GOD in the highest"). The liturgical color is bluish purple – a sign of repentance and expectation. We are asked to look at our lives, as St. Paul urges the Thessalonians, and see how we are conducting ourselves – that is, is it in a manner which is pleasing to GOD? I know it is hard to be reflective and meditative at this time of year when everyone else is already partying and celebrating the "holidays." Yet we are asked to make this a time of renewal and rededication.

May you keep your focus on the true meaning of this season as you await the coming of the Lord Jesus and may your life be a proclamation of your belief in Jesus' life and ministry of justice and peace.

Blessings,
Have a great week!

Parish Advent Activities

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, Dec. 8th, 10:00am

The CHRISTmas Tree

(children's Christmas Pageant)

Sunday Dec. 9th at 2:00 pm

Advent Scripture, Reflection and song

Sunday, Dec. 16th at 2:00pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DECEMBER 2, 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

Mon.-Dec. 3 -Bible Study-7:00pm-hall
Tues.-Dec. 4 - CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
Tues.-Dec. 4- Light up for Christ-7:30pm
Tues. -Dec. 4 -Adult choir-7:30-church

First Friday Adoration~ Friday, December 7, 4:00 pm to Saturday, December 8, 4:00pm. (During the night hours of adoration we ask everyone to please use the side doors as the front doors will remain locked. Thank you.)

Children's Christmas Pageant: For all children interested in taking part in this years Christmas pageant please note there will be rehearsals on Saturday December 1 at 2:00pm, Wednesday, December 5th at 6:00pm and Saturday, December 8th at 6:00pm. All children of the parish are welcome. The date of our performance will be Sunday December 9th at 2:00pm followed by hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.

CHURCH DECORATIONS & FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Christmas by making a donation for church flowers and decorations 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 Christmas. If you have a loved one you would like to honor in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Deadline for envelopes to be in is December 16. Thank you!

Advent scripture, reflection and song

Please join the CWL as we lead the parish in scripture, reflection and song on Gaudete Sunday the afternoon of December 16th at 2pm followed by hot drinks and Christmas baking. All parishioners are welcome.

The CWL wants to thank you for supporting our "More than a bake sale Bazaar". We are blessed to be part of such a generous parish and community! Thank you to all our CWL members who contributed in anyway to make this fundraiser a terrific success. We could not do this without many hands! God is real good!

In support of Campaign Life Coalition, Christmas treats and other items made by the monks of Val Notre Dame Abbey will be available for purchase after all masses, on the weekends of December 1st and December 8th.

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

**WAUPOOS FAMILY FARM
CHRISTMAS HAMPER CONTRIBUTIONS**

For the past 5 years, our parish has generously provided Christmas Hampers for families in need through Waupoos Family Farm (<http://waupoos.com/>). If you would like to buy gifts or gift cards to help these families enjoy a special Christmas, please use the sign up sheet to indicate which items you wish to contribute. Please bring your unwrapped donation to the church on or before December 14th. We hope to include the following items and other creative ideas in hampers for 2 families.

Gift cards for groceries, Walmart, Winners etc., Ladies' hats, gloves, scarves, socks Childrens mittens, hats, neck warmers/scarves, socks Men's hats, gloves, scarves, socks, Tea towels, oven mitts Kitchen gadgets, Bath towels and washcloths Craft supplies, Drawing paper, Colouring books - adults and children, Pencil crayons, markers, Note paper, pens, pencils, Flashlights, Candles, Christmas movies, books, Family game, Gingerbread house kit, Cozy fleece blanket Magazines for ladies, men kids, teens, Decorations, Tree ornaments, "Christmas party crackers" for the table Wrapping paper, tape, Bows/ribbon, gift tags Festive napkins, Hot chocolate, Coffee, Tea, Fancy crackers, cookies, Boxed/bagged chocolates Small gifts or any other creative ideas you may have Thank you for your generosity in considering this cause! Have a Blessed Advent. Carolyn Cogan - 613-608-9502 Karen Urlocker - 613-445-2962

Light up for Christ; Everyone is invited to join the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday, December 4th, after the 7:00pm mass for the blessing and lighting of the creche.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Penitential Service

Thursday, December 20th -7:00pm

Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th -4:30pm-(STA)

-7:00pm (OLMM)

-9:00pm-(OLMM)

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25th -10:00am-(OLMM)

New Years Eve

Monday, December 31st -4:30pm

New Years Day

Tuesday, January 1st, -10:00am