

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -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, Feb. 23-St. Polycarp

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Jared Oldford by the James family

Sunday, Feb. 24-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Xavier Plaus by the Cogan family

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

Tuesday, Feb. 26

7:00 pm-For the repose of the soul Seibert Brownrigg by the Brownrigg family

Wednesday, Feb. 27

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM

Thursday, Feb. 28

9:00 am

Friday, March 1

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Ron Lacroix by the Kolman family

Saturday, March 2

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Sr. Patty Bodendistel by the James family

Sunday, March 3- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Geraldine Coffey by her 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:
Pam Latour, Genny Detillieux, Melanie Joannette,
& Natasha Baechler

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

Feb. 17th, -\$5,058.15

Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY;

Human Trafficking: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Forgiving All The Way

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." Luke 6:37

Do you judge others? Judging another is an easy thing to do. Sometimes we can meet a person and immediately arrive at some form of judgment. Perhaps they are not as friendly as we think they should be at first and, as a result, we offer a judgment of them right away. Or, it can also happen in relationships that we've had for a long time.

Do you condemn others? Condemnation comes in two forms. First, either we have formed a false judgment of another and this results in a false condemnation. Second, we can judge a situation correctly, that this person is guilty of some sin, and we act as though we have a right to condemn.

Both judging and condemning are far from Christian virtues. So, the way they are overcome is through mercy and forgiveness.

Do you forgive? Forgiveness is hard to do most of the time. First of all, forgiveness cures the tendency to condemn because it acknowledges a fault and forgives it. Forgiveness does not mean that the offense was OK or nonexistent. On the contrary, forgiveness in this case clearly sees a sin for what it is. But once acknowledged, it forgives that sin. When it comes to judgment, forgiveness goes even further than forgiving a sin. Forgiveness must also move us to a point where we do not even form a judgment as to another's fault. We suspend judgment. This is especially seen in the statement of Jesus on the Cross when He said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." He didn't even allow Himself to arrive at the judgment of those who were condemning Him to death. He did not hold anything against them and presumed the best in regard to their intentions. "They know not what they do." This requires a great depth of love and mercy.

Reflect, today, upon your own ability to forgive completely. Start by letting go of the condemnation of another's sin. Then try to let our Lord bring you one step closer to His perfect merciful heart by letting go even of judgment. Let God be the judge. For your part, seek only to forgive. Lord, help me to forgive all who have offended me and all with whom I am angry. Free me from the burdens of condemnation and judgment and replace these tendencies with Your merciful heart. May I imitate Your perfect forgiveness in my life. Jesus, I trust in You. Blessings!
Have a great week.

February 24th, 2019

**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. Feb. 25-Bible Study-7:00pm-hall
- Tues. Feb. 26 - CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
- Tues. Feb. 26 -Adult choir-7:30-church
- Wed. Feb. 27-Confirmation Class-7:00pm-Hall
- Thurs. Feb. 28- KOC general meeting-7:30pm-hall
- Fri. March 1-Social committee meeting-7:00pm-hall

Our sincere thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the cost of the new English version of the Stations of the Cross which were designed and constructed by parishioner John Jackson.

Please join us at our next Social Committee meeting on Friday, March 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be planning our Parish's St. Patrick's Day Social.

World Day of Prayer 2019 will take place next Saturday, March 2nd, at the Russell United Church. The service will begin at 11:00am with a luncheon to follow in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!!



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Come Spend an Hour With Jesus

**First Friday Adoration~ Friday, March 1st
4:00 pm to Saturday, March 2nd, 4:00pm.**

Ash Wednesday

Our Lenten journey begins on Wednesday, March 6th with the imposition of ashes. I invite you to do all you can to make this year's Lent a truly life-changing experience. Lent helps us to draw closer to God and rediscover who we are through acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are reminded that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. However, I also encourage you to observe other Fridays in Lent as a day of abstinence for your own spiritual good and that of your loved ones. Our Ash Wednesday liturgy in which ashes will be distributed starts at 7:00pm in the church. Please join us. (Please note that the 9:30 am mass will be cancelled on Ash Wednesday)

Just a reminder to the confirmation candidates and at least one parent or their sponsor that there will be a confirmation class on Wednesday, February 27th at 7:00 pm in the hall.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca

Email: admin@olmm.ca

Academia Stella Maris Open House: Come meet teachers, some parents and students and learn about the 2019-2020 5 days a week full-time program as well as the 4 different hybrid programs: the Investigation, the Artistic, the Exploration and the Critical Thinking Programs. March 7, 6:30pm. Registrations now open for Sept. 2019. Info: www.academiastellamaris.ca; 343-883-6600.

Unbound Five Keys Conference: Miriam Wright, international speaker for Unbound and Fr. Rob Arsenault CC, present The Father's Blessing. Sat., Mar. 30, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata. Mass at 8:00 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Christian Riesbeck CC. Info & registration: unboundottawaregister@gmail.com by Mar. 20. Cost: \$25 payable on the day of the conference. Lunch not provided.

The Middle Coming of Jesus - Now is Our Time of Merit : Mass on Wed., Feb. 27, 9:00 a.m. at St. Isidore Parish, Kanata. Homily by Fr. Dan Dubroy. Five first-class relics from the John Paul II Centre will be venerated. Q & A will follow. All welcome. Info: 613-592-1961.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast next Sunday, March 3, after both Masses downstairs in the church hall. In addition to our traditional breakfast, our menu will include delicious omelets and best ever homemade waffles topped with fresh whipped cream. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, or \$24 for families. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.



Please join us on Sunday, March 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for our Parish's St. Patrick's Day Social. Enjoy entertainment, snacks and drinks including Irish stew. There will also be a Luck of the Irish 50/50 draw. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

2019 Journey of Hope – for Separated and Divorced Catholics: Led from the perspective of the Catholic faith; designed to help participants find reconciliation, peace and healing. Women's session Tues., Mar. 19; men's session Thurs., Mar. 21. Sessions run 6 weeks, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish hall, 20 Grant St. Cost: \$25. Info & registration: www.journeyofhopeottawa.com; Mary Jane Manley (613-294-1308).