

Eighth 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.



Gospel Summary

Today's Gospel reading could be viewed as a collection of mini-teachings and practical discipleship reminders. At its conclusion, Jesus says, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart, produces good, but an evil person, out of a store of evil, produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks".

Reflection For Parents

The beginning of today's Gospel reading contains much food for thought for parents and all teachers of the faith. Jesus asks, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? and He says, "... When fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher". Today, take time to think about what you are doing to grow in your knowledge of the Catholic faith and in your relationship with God. Realize the importance of your role as the primary teacher of the faith to your child. Ask for the help and wisdom of the Holy Spirit in fulfilling this valuable ministry.

Bringing The Good News Into Your Family

Focus your family on the last portion of today's Gospel reading. Invite family members to give examples of what it means to bear good fruit. For example, "Bearing good fruit means telling the truth" or "Bearing good fruit means sharing God's love with others." Explain that the Bible names nine fruits of the Holy Spirit that are examples of good fruit. Invite your family members to listen as you read Galatians 5:22-23. Review the Fruits of the Holy Spirit as they are named in the Galatians passage: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Discussion Starters

in place of discussion starter questions, work together to create a Fruits of the Holy Spirit poster or mobile. Invite everyone to take part in cutting out a total of nine fruit shapes from various colors of construction paper. On each shape write one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Either create a poster of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit or use hangers and yarn or string to create a mobile for display near your family prayer table or in a place where family members will see it. Then pray together, "Holy Spirit, help us always to bear good fruit!"

Blessings!
Have a Great Week.

Saturday, March 2

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Sister 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

Tuesday, March 5

7:00 pm-For the repose of the soul of Rene Parenteau by Denise Parenteau

Wednesday, March 6-Ash Wednesday

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM-(mass cancelled)

7:00 pm-ash Wednesday mass

Thursday, March 7

9:00 am-For the birthday intentions of Marc Lalonde by his loving family

Friday, March 8

9:00 am- For the intentions of Onagh Dooley by Heather Sisk

Saturday, March 9

4:30 pm-For the repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

Sunday, March 10

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Bruce Helliker by the Cogan 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. 24th, -\$2,997.00

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH;

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities
That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

March 3, 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.- March 4-Bible Study-7:00pm-hall
Tues.-March 5 - CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
Tues. -March 5 -Adult choir-7:30-church
Wed. March 6-7:00 pm-Ash Wednesday mass

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 fasting 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)

Have you noticed the fresh clean look of the foyer? A special thanks to Ronald our painter who did such a fantastic job. Also thanks to the TAC members for getting everything moved and ready for the painter.

There will be an Ash Wednesday mass at Mother Theresa on Wednesday March 6 at 12:45pm. Parents and family members are welcome.

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.

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

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.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE/SOCIAL JUSTICE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 10th. COME & PLAY CATHOLIC SOCIAL ACTION TRIVIA WITH ME AFTER MASS Janyce Elser-Ethier
This is an invitation to join me after Mass on Sunday, March 10th to see how much we know about the Church's teaching on the principles of Catholic Social Action by choosing the correct answers from among simple multiple choice options, ranging from the patently ridiculous to the clearly correct. As the parish D&P/Social Justice representative, it is my duty & joy to share the principles, which guide the ministries with which I have been entrusted. Come downstairs after Mass, enjoy a coffee & treat & celebrate the great & beautiful wisdom of our Catholic faith with me!

**LENT STARTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6TH**

**PLEASE JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, AT 6:45 PM
FOLLOWED BY MASS**

March 8th -Led by Deacon Allan

March 15th - Led by Deacon Tom

March 22nd -Led by the KOC

March 29th - Led by the CGS

April 5th -Led by Fr. Robert

April 12th -Led by the CWL



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. We have some very special entertainment for you, plus a mouth watering good old Irish dinner of Irish stew, soda bread, drinks and snacks. There will be a Luck of the Irish 50/50 draw. A wonderful evening of laughs, food and fellowship all for the low price of \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 for larger families. Tickets will be available next weekend after all masses or in the office. We look forward to seeing you there!

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And also our Facebook page

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