



Fourth Sunday of Lent-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, March 30

4:30 pm-For the repose of the souls of Peter, Stephie, & Joseph Gazo by Sophie Sediva

Sunday, March 31-Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Mary payment by Marie Durling

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

Tuesday, April 2

7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM

Thursday, April 4

9:00 am

Friday, April 5

9:00 am- For the repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

Saturday, April 6

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Guy Smith by the James family

Sunday, April 7-Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am- For the benefits and intentions of the Montojos Godchildren by Stephanie and John

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, Beverley Plunkett & Marie Kirkham

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

March 24th, -\$3,000,00

Thank you for your generosity and support

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.

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And also our Facebook page

Email: admin@olmm.ca

The Sacrament of Confession (or Reconciliation) is a widely misunderstood part of the Catholic faith - which is unfortunate, because it's also one of the most important!

Here are 5 of the most common myths:

Myth 1: Confession shows Catholics don't really believe Christ's sacrifice was enough

Truth: This objection usually comes from Protestants who wonder why a person needs any more forgiveness if they've already put their faith in Christ. Thus, they see Confession as something separate from and additional to the grace of Jesus.

There are two problems with this objection. First, the power of Confession depends entirely on the sacrifice of Christ. Christ earned infinite grace on the cross, and the Sacrament of Confession is one important way that grace is applied to an individual.

Second, this objection usually comes from a misunderstanding of the Christian life. Some Protestants think that after a person's initial conversion, there is no more additional cooperation and growth in grace needed for salvation.

Myth 2: Confession was invented by the Catholic Church and is not in the Bible

Truth: This might surprise some people, but the core of the Sacrament of Confession is explicitly established by Christ Himself in Scripture. In the Gospel of John, after He has risen from the dead, Jesus appears to His disciples and this happens: "Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'"

Myth 3: Confession is optional

Truth: Confession is definitely not optional for Catholics. It is, in fact, required in two ways:

First, according to the **precepts of the Church**, all Catholics are required to go to Confession at least once each year. Second, the Sacrament of Confession is necessary for salvation for baptized individuals in a state of mortal sin.

So the Sacrament of Confession isn't just a nice, optional form of Catholic counseling if you want it. Rather, it is an essential part of being a practicing Catholic and attaining final salvation.

Myth 4: Confession is only for "really bad people"

Truth: The previous answer to Myth 3 helps to correct this myth. If you are Catholic, you are required to go to Confession once a year anyway. But most importantly, we are all sinners. As Scripture says, "If we say we have not sinned, we make Him [Jesus] a liar, and His word is not in us." So if you don't think you need the grace of Christ's forgiveness, you may need to take a closer look at your spiritual life.

Myth 5: Confession is scary

Truth: If someone has never gone to Confession, or hasn't gone in a long time, they might expect that the priest will be shocked by their sins and react in a cruel or harsh way.

The experience of the vast majority of Catholics today attests that the opposite is the case. If anything, most priests are too easy. Priests have heard everything before (sin is common and boring), and they usually respond with some counsel and encouragement and then assign a very light penance (often simply saying a few prayers). Exceptions to this nowadays are rare.

So if you are a baptized Catholic, and haven't gone to Confession for a while, you should go!

Blessings.

March 31st, 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. April 1st-Bible Study-7:00pm-hall
- Tues. April 2nd, -CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
- Tues. April 2nd, -Adult choir-7:30-church

Lenten Penance Service

Please join us on Monday, April 1 at 7:00 pm. It is a great opportunity for us to prepare ourselves to celebrate our Easter with Joy, Peace and Happiness through the sacrament of reconciliation. So, please take this opportunity to reconcile with God and each other. Visiting priests will be available.

Wedding Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving: For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2019. Information and online registration for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on May 5 at Notre Dame Cathedral is available at: catholicottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass. (registration forms are located on the bulletin board.)

Please join us for a very informative Movie Night on Saturday April 13th, at 6:30 p.m. The movie is Fatal Flaws Legalizing Assisted Death. Following the video there will be a discussion on the video and protection of conscience.

First Friday adoration. Friday, April 5, 4:00pm to Saturday April 6, 4:00pm. We would like to have two adorers per hour. If you would like to become a regular adoror or want more information please call Bernie Ethier at 613-863-2610 or email at bernie.ethier@gmail.com

Diocesan Day of Confessions is Fri., April 5. All parishes in the Ottawa diocese will have a schedule of times for reconciliation which is now available on the home page of CatholicOttawa.ca.



- Holy Thursday April 18th, ~7:00pm
- Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Good Friday April 19th, ~Outdoor "Way of the Cross"
(meet at the arena at 10:00am)
- Passion Service~3:00pm
- Easter Vigil Saturday April 20th, ~8:00pm
- Easter Sunday April 21st, ~9:00am, 10:45am
- Easter Monday April 22nd, ~9:00am

Development & Peace

Share the journey - Share Lent 2019 campaign

My dear sisters & brothers in Christ: I am sharing an excerpt from the recent Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops letter regarding support for this Share Lent campaign, in which Bishop Lionel Gendron, President of the Conference, writes:

In solidarity with the 68.5 million displaced children, women, and men throughout the world, we invite you to embark on a journey of faith, love, and hope. "Hope is the force that drives us to 'share the journey,' because the journey is made jointly: by those who come to our land, and by us, who go towards their heart, to understand them, to understand their culture, their language," stated Pope Francis during a general audience on September 27, 2017. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask you to accept this invitation from the Church and to share the journey with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the official international solidarity organization of the Church in Canada. Do not hesitate to take part in the Share the Journey campaign by spreading the word in your community, actively participating in the actions proposed to you, raising funds for Development and Peace and supporting efforts made by your community to welcome migrants and refugees.

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers 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 Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Cut-off date is April 14th.

CWL Bursary Applications are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within one year of graduating from grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$400.00. For more information and/or to obtain an application form please refer to the parish web site: olmm.ca/groups/catholicwomensleague/bursary info, bursary application or contact June Pare, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-978-9571 or email: admin@olmm.ca

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

**April 5th Led by the STA Mission Team
April 12th Led by the CGS**

