

Fifth 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.



Family Connection

There are few people that we know better than the members of our own family. We know one another's strengths and abilities, and we also know one another's limitations and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on the faults and sins that familiarity with one another can sometimes reveal. As family members, however, we also have the ability to see one another's faults and sins within the context of the whole person. When we can keep this perspective, we are more likely to look upon one another with compassion. Family life, then, presents us the opportunity to see one another as God sees us, not with judgment and condemnation for our weaknesses and failings, but with mercy and compassion. When we learn to withhold judgment for the faults we know are there and seek the best in one another, we help one another to experience the depths of God's compassion, mercy, and love.

As you gather as a family, observe that when we know people well we know their faults as well as their strengths. At times, we can be tempted to focus on the faults we see in others. Discuss what your family life would be like if you always focused on one another's faults. Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus refuses to focus on the sin of the woman brought to Him for judgment.

Read aloud today's Gospel, John 8:2-11.

Ask: **What did the people who focused on the woman's sin want to do?** (stone the woman) **What does Jesus say to the people who accused the woman caught in adultery?** (that the person with no sin should throw the first stone) **Are any of us without sin?** (No.) Observe that we can help each other to grow in God's love by refusing to focus on one another's faults and sins. In this way, we can help one another to see ourselves as God sees us: with understanding and compassion.

Conclude in prayer together asking God to forgive our sins by praying the **Act of Contrition**.

Prayer for forgiveness: Father, bless me with the wonderful power of forgiveness, give me the grace to unconditionally forgive those who have done me wrong. Give me the strength to let go of ill-will, the strength to forgive myself of my own failings and sins, knowing that You have already forgiven me. Free me of all anger, bitterness, hate, and unforgiveness. In the Lord's name I pray, Amen.

Blessings,
Have a great week!

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

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 pm-For the healing intentions of Theresa Harps by the Harps family

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM-For the repose of the soul of Arturo Nuesca Lopez by the Dupuis family

Thursday, April 11

9:00 am

Friday, April 12

9:00 am- For the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Cavanaugh and LeBlanc families by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

Saturday, April 13

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Andrew Barretto by the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario

Sunday, April 14-Palm Sunday

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Mary Payment by Len and Ann Rondeau

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, Natasha Baechler,
Beverley Plunkett, Marie Kirkham & Theresa Harps

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

March 31st - \$3,704.00

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL:

Universal – Workers in War Zones

For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

April 7th, 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 8-Bible Study-7:00pm-hall
Tues. April 9-CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
Tues. April 9-Adult choir-7:30-church
Thurs. April 11-CWL general meeting-7:00 pm-hall
Thurs. April 11-KOC executive meeting-7:30 pm-kitchen

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 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.

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.

CARE FOR CREATION Ottawa Faith Communities Energy Gathering: The interfaith network Greening Sacred Spaces invites you to join with diverse Ottawa faith communities in discussing past and present energy projects so that we can share and learn from each other. Join us on Mon., April 29, 7 pm at Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Dr. Registration: www.faithcommongood.org/ottawa_energy. Info: Charlie Scromeda (greeningsacredspacesottawa@gmail.com; 1-866- 231-1877 x 107).

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

April 12th Led by the CGS



**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca
And also our Facebook page
Email: admin@olmm.ca**

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.)

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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.

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL is available to go home with a family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for one week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Chrism Mass Invitation to All: At Notre Dame Cathedral, Tues., April 16, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

New Evangelization Summit: North America's premier conference on the New Evangelization. Webcast to host sites around the world. Featuring Catholic speakers: Michael Dopp, Fr. James Mallon, Cardinal Gerald Lacroix, Michelle Moran, and more. Register for free online to be Inspired, Formed, & Connected with like-minded Catholics. Infinity Convention Centre, Ottawa, May 4, 2019. Info: www.newevangelization.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