



Divine Mercy Sunday -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, April 27

4:30 pm-For the intentions of Barbara Fleet by the James family

Sunday, April 28-Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am-For the intentions of the Kupferschmidt family by Juanita Boucher

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

Tuesday, April 30-St. Marie De L'Incarnation

7:00 pm-For the repose of the soul of Thomas Fells

Wednesday, May 1

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM

Thursday, May 2-St. Athanasius

9:00 am-For the healing intentions of Joan Benoit by the staff and students of STA

Friday, May 3-St. Philip & St. James

9:00 am- For the healing intentions of Bev Plunkett by Deirdre Larocque

Saturday, May 4

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of John Robert Bailey by the Gambell family

Sunday, May 5-Third Sunday Of Easter

9:00 am- For the intentions of the Doyle family by Juanita Boucher

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,
Beverly Plunkett, Marie Kirkham & Theresa Harps.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

April 21, -\$3,429.00

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY:

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

First Friday Adoration~ Friday, May 3rd, 4:00 pm to Saturday, May 4th, 4:00pm.

Faith In Practice

As we take part in our Sunday Mass we are here not just to remember the historical Jesus but to meet the risen Christ in person. Sharing in the Eucharist is a statement of loyalty, both of personal and shared faith. In praying together we also help each other to stay faithful; it strengthens our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met so regularly in public that the number of people who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

No-one else can do our believing for us. This is powerfully illustrated in the story of the disciples who had hidden in an attic in Jerusalem. After the execution of Jesus just two days before, they could not dare go out for fear of their lives. But Jesus suddenly came among them, and His greeting was **Peace to you**. Their response was utter joy. The gift of the Spirit was the breath of the Risen Christ. When the disciples inhaled that life-giving Spirit it took over their lives. Soon they left the Upper Room as changed characters, full of missionary purpose. They go out animated, fired and propelled by the Holy Spirit.

Thomas the Twin was missing that day and so did not share that experience. Though he was an apostle of Jesus, he was an independent individual, suspicious and skeptical. He could not believe just on the word of the others. For him, honesty was more important than group think or loyalty. So when the others said they have seen the Lord, Thomas demanded definite proof for himself. For this he was ever afterwards called 'Doubting Thomas'.

Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection like the other disciples, when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. The story ends with a message for all who have not seen the Lord, but who are called to believe in Him just the same. We are among the later generations of believers to whom this message applies: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

Our faith is a great gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that can we lock away like some precious jewel. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say "My Lord and my God!"

Blessings,

Have a great week!

April 28th, 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 29 -Bible Study-7:00pm-hall
- Tues.-April 30- CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
- Tues. -April 30-Adult choir-7:30-church

Parish Clean-up Day is Saturday May 11th from 9:00-12:00. Volunteers are needed for this year's parish spring clean-up. We need to clean, sweep and rake in and around our parish including the parking lot. We would also like to do a cleaning in the church to give everything a fresh look. Those who wish to volunteer are encouraged to sign up. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Remember that students in high school can earn volunteer hours for this.

Canadas National 2019 March for Life will take place on parliament hill on Thursday, May 9th. Those who wish to take part in this public witness to the sanctity of human life may join the bus leaving OLMM parish parking lot at 8:30 am. The bus will drop us at St. Patrick's Basilica for mass at 10:00 am. Following mass we will walk to parliament hill for the march and prayer. The bus will leave St. Patrick's Basilica at 3:30pm to return to OLMM parish. Please join us! Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

LET'S FILL THAT BUS!

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.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast next Sunday, May 5, 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.

Dying, Healed Workshop: Education on end-of-life issues and preliminary training for pastoral care volunteers. For those wishing to provide compassion and support to those in need, particularly at end of life. Registration required/limited. St. Augustine Parish, 1060 Baseline Rd., Fri., May 10, 6:30-8:30 pm & Sat., May 11, 9:30-3:30 pm. Cost: \$20 incl. Saturday lunch. Info: Anastasia Bowles: 613-722-1552 x2;

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday: "...I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of my mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow, are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of my most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to me will contemplate my love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary 699)

On May 22, 23, 24 and 25 we will be producing a parish pictorial directory in order to help us acquaint ourselves with one another and strengthen the bond of our faith community. Every photographed family will receive a free directory and a free 8X10 color portrait. All photography and viewing is done in one convenient appointment at our church. Please see our parish rep in the foyer to sign up or answer any other questions you may have. You are all members of our church family, our directory is not complete without you.

Catholic Education Week: Join the Ottawa Catholic School Board community to celebrate Catholic Education Week, Sun., May 5 – Fri., May 10. This year the board's spiritual theme is Seek Justice, and the provincial theme is Living as Joyful Disciples. Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on Tues., May 7, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Fresco - Madonna and Child over Ottawa: Painted by Ugo Chryurlia. At Notre Dame Cathedral, May 1-5. The fresco was originally painted for St-Vincent de Paul Church, Ottawa, and is on loan from the Canadian Museum of History. Notre Dame Cathedral is open to the public during regular hours; free admission.

Thank you for your generous support of Share Lent 2019: These funds support development projects in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East. It is still possible to donate at the parish or at www.devp.org/give. On April 6, a Walk in Solidarity with Forced Migrants and Refugees took place on the streets of Ottawa and Gatineau. More than 500 km were travelled by over 100 walkers.