

Sixth Sunday Of Easter-The Ascension Of The Lord-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.



Background On The Gospel Reading

This portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing His disciples in advance for His absence so that they will continue to believe in Him and not feel all alone after His return to the Father. After the initial excitement of His Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with His followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

Blessings,
Have a great week!

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

The weekend of June 1-2 we will have with us a special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted. May God Bless you for your generosity, for help, and for your prayers." www.HolylandChristians.ca

Reminder to all candidates for confirmation that there will be a meeting and a practice for confirmation on Wednesday, May 29th, at 7:00pm

Saturday, May 25

4:30 pm-For God's blessings and direction over Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence by Nellie Nahri

Sunday, May 26-Sixth Sunday Of Easter

9:00 am- For the birthday intentions of Faith Urlocker/Lalonde by her loving family

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

Tuesday, May 28

7:00 pm-For the repose of the soul of Fr. Brian Hennessey by Deirdre Larocque

Wednesday, May 29

8:30 am-STA-For the thanksgiving intentions of the staff and students of STA by the CWL members

9:30 am-OLMM

Thursday, May 30

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Gus Lebrun by the staff and students of STA

Friday, May 31-The Visitation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of John Barker by Lorraine and Bill

Saturday, June 1-St. Justin

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Kathleen Stephenson by Faith and Tom Stephenson

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:
Pam Latour, Genny Detillieux, Natasha Baechler,
Beverly Plunkett, Marie Kirkham & Theresa Harps.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JUNE

The Mode of Life of Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

What's Happening This Week

Tues. May 28th - Adult Choir-7:30 pm-Church

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and our Facebook page
Email: admin@olmm.ca

May 26, June 2, 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**



Sunday, June 2-The Ascension Of The Lord

9:00 am- For the intentions of Marc and Karen on the occasion of their wedding anniversary

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

Tuesday, June 4

7:00 pm-For the intentions of Fran Roseler on her birthday by Marthe Lepine

Wednesday, June 5-St. Boniface

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM-For the healing intentions of Dawn and Theresa by Marthe Lepine

Thursday, June 6

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Elias Saba by Nellie Nahri

Friday, June 7

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

Saturday, June 8

4:30 pm-For the intentions of Adam and Stephanie McMillan on the occasion of their first wedding anniversary

Sunday, June 9-Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am- For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45 am- For the repose of the soul of Lori Knox by friends of her sister Pat Gates

Diocesan Feast Day Mass: We gather around our archbishop to celebrate and give thanks for the foundation of the diocese of Bytown in June 1847 and the anniversary of its elevation to an archdiocese in 1886. The celebration this year at Notre Dame Cathedral on Thurs., June 6, 7:30 p.m. will have a youth character. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. In recognition of the insights gained through the recent Synod on Youth on this occasion we wish to affirm the dynamism and engagement of young people active in their in the parish.

PARISH PASTORAL CALENDAR 2019/2020

Any organization within the parish that needs events placed into our upcoming Pastoral Calendar (Sept. 2019-July 2020) should provide that information to the office by June 30, 2019. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please consider giving generously to our parish addition and renovation project. Please also pray for the success of the much needed up-grades.

Background On The Gospel Reading

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the 40th day after Easter. In Cycle C, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Luke.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each account, Jesus assigns His disciples the task of proclaiming the Gospel to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize as well as to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, this commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of His promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with His disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' Ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after His death and Resurrection.

Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus Himself has done. Already in Mark's Gospel, during His ministry, Jesus sent His disciples out to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now, they are sent again to do these things and more. From His place with God in heaven, Jesus helped His disciples, and He continues to help us as we try to live as His followers.

Blessings,
Have a great week!

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.

SICK CALLS: Please call the Parish Office if a parishioner is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, Reconciliation or Holy Communion. Hospitals or other facilities often do not contact us regarding spiritual needs.