

## Twenty-Fourth 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.



### **Saturday, Sept. 14-The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**4:30 pm**-For the repose of the soul of Wilhemina Langens by the CWL members

### **Sunday, Sept. 15-Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 am**-For the repose of the souls of Craig & Betty Watson by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

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

### **Tuesday, Sept. 17**

**7:00 pm**-For the intentions of Shannon Mulholland by the James family

### **Wednesday, Sept. 18**

**8:30 am-STA**

**9:30 am-OLMM**-For the repose of the soul of Berengere Chapdelaine by Mariette Brault

### **Thursday, Sept. 19**

**9:00 am**

### **Friday, Sept. 20-St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang-and Companions**

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

### **Saturday, Sept. 21-St. Matthew**

**4:30 pm**-For the repose of the soul of Don Leclair by the Lommens

### **Sunday, Sept. 22-Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**10:45 am**- For the repose of the soul of Claire Fortier by Charlene and Paul Chenard

#### **~ IN OUR PRAYERS~**

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Pam Latour, Genny Detillieux, Natasha Baechler, Beverley Plunkett, Marie Kirkman, Theresa Harps, and John O'Donnell.

#### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:**

September 8<sup>th</sup>. - \$4,122.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

#### **INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER:**

##### **The Protection of the Oceans**

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

#### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what He has to say. In Luke's Gospel, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and Scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about Him associating with sinners. So He tells them these three parables.

In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and Scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and Scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

Blessings

Have a great week!

**September 15, 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**

Monday, Sept 15-Social committee-7:00pm-hall

Tuesday Sept.16-choir-7:00pm-church

Thursday, Sept. 19-7:00pm-hall

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

**SEASON OF CREATION**

**SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 4/2019**

If it's true that one person can't change the world, how do we explain the following individuals, who didn't change the world, but influenced those around them for the common good?

Mother Theresa; Maximilian Kolbe; Helen Keller; Sojourner Truth; Harriet Tubman; Martin Luther King Jr.; Dorothy Day; Elisabeth Bruyere; Rosa Parks; Juan Diego; & Mahatma Gandhi

These are all people who took action to make a change & influenced, if not the world, then, at least, their corner of it. One person, with an idea & the desire to make change, can influence others. As part of this Season of Creation, Pope Francis is urging us to take personal action for the common good of God's Creation. He is calling all of us to change our personal lifestyles, household & workplace practices in order to turn our planet away from the adverse imminent climate changes global scientists say we are now facing. With only 1 decade left to achieve this, we no longer have a choice. The best scientific minds tell us that doing nothing will ensure that countries & parts of continents will disappear underwater; coast lines will disappear; our grandchildren's children will inherit a nightmare of routine catastrophic natural disasters in a world where water is scarce, food is inaccessible, & whole species no longer exist. Pope Francis' environmental teaching counsels us that we have a moral duty to preserve the health & safety of God's creation, which each generation holds in trust for the next. Looking into the eyes of a child may be all it takes for you to begin.

**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

If you are new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, welcome to our Parish. Please take a moment to fill in the registration form found on the table in the Church foyer. Say "hello" to Fr. Robert and share fellowship with parishioners at one of our events.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE** at [www.olmm.ca](http://www.olmm.ca) and our Facebook page  
Email: [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)

**Please join us** on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for our **Parish's Polish BBQ**. This event will take place at Mother Teresa Catholic school. We will have some very special entertainment for you (Polish Dancers), plus a delicious BBQ of Polish sausage, salads, desserts, drinks and snacks. You are welcome to B.Y.O.B. There will also be a 50/50 draw. A wonderful evening of entertainment, food and fellowship all for the low price of \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children 12 and under or \$40.00 for families of 6 or more. Tickets are available after all masses or in the office. Limited tickets are available for this event. Cut off date for ticket sales will be Sept. 29. We look forward to seeing you there!

**The Honduras mission team** is once again collecting new clothing and footwear for the children attending Santa Teresa school. Please help us fill the containers located in the church foyer. The deadline for donations is Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>. Your continued support for these children is greatly appreciated. For more information contact Marc Lalonde at 613-407-2962.

**This fall, OLMM is offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** (CGS) Level 1 for children aged 3-5 years old (born in 2014- 2016), Level 2 for 6-8 years old (born in 2011-2013) and Level 3 for 9-11years old (born in 2008-2010). CGS is a Montessori approach to sharing the Christian faith with children. Together with trained catechists, children will listen to and wonder about scripture, and be engaged in elements of the Church in a space called the atrium. The cost is \$200.00 for one child, \$100 for each additional child in the family. Payment plan options available upon request. Please pick up registration forms in the foyer or at the parish office. Space is limited. Drop off completed forms to the parish office.

**COFFEE SUNDAY** 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.