

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C

Diocesan Theme: **Christ is Everything for Us!** "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life". (John 6.68).

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.



### Gospel Summary

Read the Gospel: **Luke 19:1-10**

Children may know just how Zacchaeus felt in today's Gospel story. Have you ever lifted your children to your shoulders so they might see over the crowds at a parade, waiting in a long line, or at a local sporting event? Zacchaeus was short and climbed a tree to get a better look at Jesus. Something surely stirred in his heart because it seems that he may have already given some thought to changing. Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus in friendship, and Zacchaeus responded with generosity and true remorse.

### Reflection For Families

Among our children's playmates we may find some who try our patience. It may be that they come from different backgrounds or circumstances than our own family, and we may hold similar reservations regarding their parents. Perhaps today's Gospel challenges us to encounter those who may be outcasts in a more loving way—as Jesus did.

### Bringing The Gospel Into Your Family

Imagine that Jesus has joined your family (you may even want to set an extra place for Him at the table). What kinds of things would you want to talk about with Jesus? Do you have some questions to ask Him? Are there some things that you would be willing to change about yourself or your family in order to respond to Jesus as Zacchaeus did? In your discussion, think of some occupations in our own time that would be hard to have and still live the way Jesus wants us to.

### Discussion Starters

I need to forgive . . .  
Someone I know of repaid a debt like Zacchaeus when ....  
Someone I need to reach out to even though he/she is different from me is . . .

Blessings,  
Have a great week!

### Saturday, Nov. 2-All Souls' Day

**4:30 pm**-For all souls in Purgatory by Donna McKlusky

### Sunday, Nov. 3-Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 am**-For the repose of the soul of Linda O'Donnell by the KOC council 12401

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 5

**7:00 pm**-For the repose of the soul of Jakob Remska by John and Lisa Serjak

### Wednesday, Nov. 6

**8:30 am**-STA

**9:30 am**-OLMM

### Thursday, Nov. 7

**9:00 am**-For the intentions and in thanksgiving on the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Pete and Cathy Gambell

### Friday, Nov. 8

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

### Saturday, Nov. 9-The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

**4:30 pm**-For the intentions of Marcella Woods on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

### Sunday, Nov. 10-Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 am**- For the repose of the soul of Linda O'Donnell by the CWL members

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

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Genny Detillieux, Marie Kirkman, Theresa Harps, John O'Donnell, Alia M., and Theadora Papot

### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

**October 27<sup>th</sup>**, -\$ 4,769.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER:

#### Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

November 3, 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.-Nov. 4 -Adult choir-9:00am-church  
Mon.-Nov. 4 -Bible Study-7:00pm-hall  
Tues.-Nov. 5- CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall  
Friday Nov. 6-Women's group ministry-9:30am-hall

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

**CWL More than a Bake Sale Bazaar  
Nov. 16, 2019, 11am-2pm OLMM Parish.  
Lunch, Craft Vendors, Silent Auction and Bake sale  
Nov. 17 Baked goods will be for sale after the Sunday  
Masses**

**A special thank you to the CWL for hosting a very  
informative afternoon for Environmental awareness.**

The 3 guest speakers were extremely knowledgeable in their fields. John Dorner presented- On Care for Our Common Home - Building Hope for the Future focusing on the water and the environment. Ann Jackson- one use plastic and alternatives and the difference that one person can make. The power of one, and reducing plastic unit. Theresa James- Some truths behind the fashion industry. All speakers included the Catholic teaching background in their presentations.

**The OLMM fund raising committee** is excited to announce that tickets for the upcoming spaghetti dinner will be on sale this weekend after all masses. The dinner will be held on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at STA. Ticket prices are: Adults-\$20.00, Children (5-12)-\$10.00, Family pack-\$60.00 Get you tickets now!! Tickets are also available through the 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.

**Please note on Tuesday, November 12 the 7:00 pm mass and adoration will be cancelled and moved to 9:00am.**

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

**PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS:** Throughout this month of November, let us remember to pray for all our beloved dead and all the souls in Purgatory. As a sign of our prayers, we are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the book of remembrance in front of the altar.

**Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead?**

On November 2 the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls, when we remember all who have died. During the month of November, Catholics continue to pray for the deceased, trusting them to God's loving mercy. For most Catholics, the idea of praying for the deceased is really second nature. We have blessing prayers for the body of someone who's just died, we have wake services, funeral masses, graveside services, and often memorial masses on the anniversary of someone's death. To some people, this doesn't appear to make much sense. Once someone has passed on, they're in God's hands, so what's the point in all that prayer? They're facing God's judgment, so what can our prayers accomplish anyway? Well, we believe they can accomplish a lot. First of all, Catholics believe in purgatory. Without going into too much detail, this means that some of us aren't ready for heaven when we die, and aren't evil enough to face eternal damnation. So, some period of purification is necessary before we're ready to face God's glory. In part, our prayers for the deceased ask God to show mercy to those souls.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"THE FINAL PURIFICATION, OR PURGATORY" - (1030)  
All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

But our prayers for the deceased are not only prayers of supplication. They are also prayers of praise, which remind us of God's goodness and mercy. If you listen closely to the prayers at a Catholic funeral, you'll hear a clear expression of our hope in the resurrection.