

## Thirty-Third 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.



### Today's Reflection

As we get older we grow more aware of how short life is and that before very long we will be faced with the key moment of death. Last Sunday, our readings spoke about the after-life and urged us to entrust ourselves into God's hands, for He is the God of the living. But how literally should we take what Jesus says today, about the end of time? Our Liturgy says that He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. But it is still impossible to know the details about the end of time. There are sects and groups who claim to know the exact date of the Lord's coming, and the failure of previous predictions never seems to discourage them from settling on another date for Armageddon. More alarmingly, we live today under the twin threats of nuclear destruction and of global warming, with glaciers melting, ocean levels rising and some species becoming extinct through climate change.

Some street-corner orators delight in warning us about catastrophes about to befall the sinful world. Jesus warns against believing such vivid predictions. Even though He Himself used the idea of the judgement day as a motive to turn people's hearts back to God, He admitted that "no man knows the date, not even the Son, but the Father only."

There are too many references to the Final Judgement in our Scriptures to dismiss it as merely a figure of speech. Many believers find it helpful to keep the judgement-day as part of their spiritual horizon. It is a way of keeping some balance amid our daily activity. Seeing our problems and our successes in the light of eternity helps us see everything as relative, and that God is the ultimate judge of all.

An advice much favoured by preachers was "Live as though each day may be your last." Most people feel disinclined to think about the last things. But it is spiritually purifying on occasion, especially in November, the month for remembering our dead. Most days, like Martha in the Gospel we are fully occupied with what needs to be done in the immediate here and now, busy with many things. We can appreciate the practical advice given by St. Paul to people who were looking out excitedly for the Lord's return and neglecting to earn their living. "Go on quietly minding your own affairs," he says, "and if anyone will not work, neither let him eat!" This is tough love, but it makes perfect sense for the life of the community.

Blessings,  
Have a great week!

### Saturday, Nov. 16

**4:30 pm-** For the repose of the soul of Beverly Plunkett by Marty & Joan Chesser

### Sunday, Nov. 17-Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**10:45 am-** For the deceased members of the KOC council 12401 by the KOC members

### Tuesday, Nov. 19

**9:00 am**

### Wednesday, Nov. 20

**8:30 am-STA**

**9:30 am-OLMM-**For the healing intentions of Lily Gambell by Cathy Gambell

### Thursday, Nov. 21-The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**9:00 am**

### Friday, Nov. 22-St. Cecilia

**9:00 am**

### Saturday, Nov. 23

**4:30 pm-**For the repose of the soul of Sean James by the James family

### Sunday, Nov. 24-Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**9:00 am-**For the repose of the souls of Tom, Terry and Susan Drummond by Kathy Mack

**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, and Alia M.

### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

November 10-\$3,548.00

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 17, 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. 18-Adult choir-9:00am-church  
Tues.-Nov. 19- CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall  
Friday Nov. 22 -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.**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be serving breakfast next Sunday, Nov. 24, after both Masses downstairs in the church hall. Menu includes: omelets, scrambled eggs, sausages, hash browns, beans, pancakes, waffles, coffee, tea, and juice. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, or \$30 for families. Children under 4 are free. **All proceeds will be donated to our parish addition and renovation project.** Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

**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.

**Mark your calendars:**

**On Wednesday Nov. 27 we will be celebrating our feast day and an appreciation of our many volunteers with mass at 7:00pm and a reception to follow. Please note that the 9:30am mass has been moved to 7:00pm.**

**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.

**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.

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

**At Pastoral Day, a new Diocesan initiative was introduced** - taking part in the Flourishing Congregations research project; a national survey of Canadian congregations/parishes. The Archdiocese asks that all parishes take part in this. It is a simple survey process but it will generate a comprehensive parish report which can help our parish identify its needs and ways to grow. Imagine if all churches could be strengthened across Canada, ours included. Our parish has partnered with the Flourishing Congregations Institute to be part of this transformation, and we would like your help! Please take a few minutes to fill out an anonymous national online survey at <https://tinyurl.com/fc429c>. We hope for 50% or more of our adult attenders to fill out the survey. With strong survey involvement, we will access data unique to our parish. To learn more about the survey, the larger project, and many of the anticipated benefits to arise, visit [www.flourishingcongregations.org/national-survey](http://www.flourishingcongregations.org/national-survey). Thanks, in advance, for completing this survey!

**The OLMM Parish Women's Group Ministry** is inviting all women of the parish to join us on Friday mornings after the 9am mass for formation & fellowship. Children are welcome. The format is drop-in. We will be using the Abiding Together Podcast material that covers various Spiritual Life topics under Catholic light. The scheduled topics until we break for Advent are:  
Nov. 22-How to begin dreaming  
Nov. 29- The power of story  
For more information please contact the office

**The OLMM fund raising committee** will be selling tickets for the upcoming spaghetti dinner 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 your tickets now!! Tickets are also available through the office.