



### Third Sunday of Advent -Year A

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.



#### A Brief Examination of Conscience Based on the Ten Commandments

#### Saturday, Dec. 14-St. John of the Cross

**4:30 pm-** For the repose of the soul of Jack Tyo by Pauline and family

#### Sunday, Dec. 15-Third Sunday of Advent

**9:00 am-** For the intentions of Brianna Hamilton on the occasion of her birthday by her loving family

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

#### Tuesday, Dec. 17

**7:00 pm-**For the intentions of the Quinton family by Theresa James

#### Wednesday, Dec. 18

**8:30 am-STA**

**9:30 am-OLMM-**For the repose of the soul of Roger Pare by June Pare

#### Thursday, Dec. 19

**9:00 am-**For a successful surgery for Anna

#### Friday, Dec. 20

**9:00 am-**For the intentions of Louis Ethier by Marthe Lepine

#### Saturday, Dec. 21

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

#### Sunday, Dec. 22- Fourth Sunday of Advent

**9:00 am-**For the repose of the souls of all the departed from the Christmas flower list

**10:45 am-** For the repose of the soul of Jonathon Pitre by Memere, Andre and Noemy

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Genny Detillieux, Marie Kirkman, Theresa Harps, and Alia M.

#### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

December 8<sup>th</sup> -\$4,311.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

#### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:

##### The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before Me.** Have I treated people, events, or things more important than God?

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.** Have my words, actively or passively, put down God, the Church, or people?

**Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.** Do I go to Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov. 1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

**Honor your father and your mother.** Do I show my parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good communication with my parents where possible? Do I criticize them for lacking skills I think they should have?

**You shall not kill.** Have I harmed another through physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip or manipulation of any kind?

**You shall not commit adultery.** Have I respected the physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

**You shall not steal.** Have I taken or wasted time or resources that belonged to another?

**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.** Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

**You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse.** Have I honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive love?

**You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.** Am I content with my own means and needs, or do I compare myself to others unnecessarily?

#### Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives us two Commandments: He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.

Blessings!

Have a great week.

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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**

**No plans for New Years Eve???**

**Join us as we usher in a new decade!**

**Where:** Parish Hall

**When:** Tuesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

**How much?** \$15 per person (Limited tickets 80 -adult only & BYOB too)

**What does the cost include?** DJ, cold and hot Hors d'oeuvres, complimentary glass of Champagne, Door Prizes

**Why attend?** Dancing, great food, drinks and fellowship.

**Don't drive? Can't drive at night?** We can help. Just sign up when you buy your ticket. (Russell, Embrun only)

**Tickets on sale now in the foyer or the office.**

*Hosted by your Parish's Social Committee*

**WAUPOOS FAMILY FARM CHRISTMAS HAMPER**

**CONTRIBUTIONS** For the past 6 years, our parish has generously provided Christmas Hampers for families in need through Waupoos Family Farm (<http://waupoos.com/>). If you would like to buy gifts or gift cards to help a family enjoy a special Christmas, please use the sign up sheet in the foyer to indicate which items you wish to contribute. Please bring your **unwrapped** donation to the church on or before December 22<sup>nd</sup>. A list of items needed is in the foyer. Small gifts or any other creative ideas you may have.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Have a Blessed Advent.**

**Carolyn Cogan - 613-608-9502**

**Karen Urlocker - 613-445-2962**

**Advent Penance Service**

Advent is a time to "make straight the way of the Lord." The best way of preparing the way of the Lord, therefore, is to rid our hearts, through the sacrament of reconciliation, of those clutters that may impede Christ from coming into our hearts, so as to make room for Him. So please join us this Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm for our Parish Advent Penance Service.

**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.

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**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.

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

**Get set for Kindergarten!**

Kindergarten registration week takes place January 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 for students beginning Kindergarten in September 2020. All schools will be hosting open house events to give prospective students and parents/guardians an opportunity to tour the school, learn about the kindergarten program, and meet staff! Please visit [www.cdsbeo.on.ca](http://www.cdsbeo.on.ca) for a complete list of dates and times.

**If you have not done so yet please take a few minutes and fill out the 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. Thanks, in advance, for completing this survey!

**THANK YOU** to the Fundraising committee, The KOC, the CWL, STA our many generous sponsors, and everyone who attended the spaghetti dinner. Our first but not last fund raiser.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

Tuesday, December 24 -4:30 pm-(STA)  
-7:00 pm-(OLMM)  
-9:00 pm-(OLMM)

**Christmas Day**

Wednesday, December 25 -10:00 am

**New Years Eve**

Tuesday, December 31- 4:30 pm

**New Years Day**

Wednesday, January 1-11:00 am

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