



Baptism of the Lord-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.

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, Jan. 11

4:30 pm-For the Salvatorian Fathers

Sunday, Jan. 12-Baptism of the Lord

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

10:45 am- For the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Brewer by the KOC members

Tuesday, Jan. 14

7:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 15

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM-

Thursday, Jan. 16-

9:00 am

Friday, Jan. 17-St. Anthony

9:00 am

Saturday, Jan. 18

4:30 pm

Sunday, Jan. 20-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:45 am-For the healing intentions of Mark Brewer by the Adult choir

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

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

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

January 5th, - \$ 3,298.00

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY:

Prayer Intention for Evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. And, as we are still in New Year's resolution season, today's feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism, and how we might live them out more fully in the year ahead.

At the moment of our Baptism, whether in infancy or later in life, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of His holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

Our first reading from the Book of Isaiah describes some of the infinitely wonderful characteristics of Christ that we, as His disciples, are called to imitate. Through the prophet, the Father calls His Son "my Servant whom I uphold, my Chosen One with whom I am pleased."

In our second reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter reminds us that God has no favorites; Jesus is "Lord of all" and all are equally wanted and cherished by the Father. Peter gives us yet another glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. "He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." Again, by virtue of our Baptism, God is with us, too.

Finally, in the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as He humbly stands before John to be baptized by Him. Imagine, the Son of God waiting His turn in line with sinners seeking baptism. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples. And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that our we, too, are God's "beloved" sons and daughters "with whom He is well-pleased."

There is no greater honor, no greater satisfaction than living well this stewardship way of life. Let's resolve in the year ahead to use our time, talents, and treasure in ways that allow us to walk more closely in the footsteps of our incredible Lord and Savior.

Blessings!

JANUARY 12, 2020

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. Jan. 13-Choir -9:00 am-church
Tues.-Jan. 14 - CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. We will begin an eleven-week Bible study *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* on February 3rd at 7pm. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history. Cost for booklet and on-line access to videos is \$40. (Assistance available if needed)

For more information or to register contact Joyce Vincelette at 613-445-0536 or Brenda Sliva at 613-443-9469 or sliva@live.ca.

Get set for Kindergarten!

Kindergarten registration week takes place January 13th to 17th, 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 for a complete list of dates and times.

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Email: admin@olmm.ca

Have you moved or changed your phone number in the past two years? If so please contact the office with your updated information so we can input the information for the upcoming tax receipts. Thank you.

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.

The parish Women's Group Ministry is inviting all women of the parish to join us on Friday mornings after the 9am mass for formation and fellowship. Moms may bring their children. The format is drop-in. We use the Abiding Together podcast material which covers various Spiritual Life topics under Catholic light. We begin again on January 17.

Choose l'École élémentaire catholique Saint-Joseph to provide your child with a bilingual education! École Saint-Joseph is the **only French school in Russell**. Children, whose mother tongue is not French, will be **taught exclusively in French** and will also participate in a program using the Accelerated Integrated Method (AIM). It prepares the student with efficient tools to help him/her learn the French language and to apply that knowledge in the regular classroom setting and to improve on oral communication skills. If your child is of the required age (will be 4 years old by December 31, 2020), please contact École Saint-Joseph at (613) 445-2947 **as soon as possible** to register him/her in the full time Jr. Kindergarten. Parents are invited to attend with their child to one of our registration sessions. **Thursday, January 30th, 2020, 7pm; Friday, January 31st, 2020, 9 am.**

Thank you for contacting our school's main office to confirm your participation and the name of your child.

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GONE TO THE FATHER

**Mr. Johannes Ruiters &
Kurt Sigurd Johanson**

