

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-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.



Saturday, Jan. 18

4:30 pm-For the Salvatorian Fathers

Sunday, Jan. 19- 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

Tuesday, Jan. 21-St. Agnes

7:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 22

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM

Thursday, Jan. 23

9:00 am

Friday, Jan. 24- St. Francis De Sales

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Noreen Plant by Gary Plant

Saturday, Jan. 25-The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

4:30 pm-For the repose of the souls of Tom & Bea Mascaro by the James family

Sunday, Jan. 26- Third 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 Liz 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 12th, -\$ 3,196.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

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's readings provide clear and inspiring reminders of the most fundamental aspect of our identity — that of servants of our most high and holy God, His modern-day disciples and stewards.

In the first reading, from Isaiah, we hear the voice of the “Suffering Servant” — prophetic words of Jesus Christ. “Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as His servant from the womb.” How beautiful! Even from the first moment of His conception in the womb of our Blessed Mother, Jesus’ saving mission had begun. This is true for each one of us. The Father has called each of us from the moment of our conception for a unique mission to further His kingdom on the earth. Each one of us can truly say the Father has “formed me as His servant from the womb.”

To be His servant is all that truly matters in this life, for ourselves and for our children. Do our daily lives reflect this high calling? Do we use the gifts of our time, talents and treasure in service of God’s kingdom, and do we guide our children to do the same, for that is why God has entrusted these things to us?

Our second reading, from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians, gives us another reminder of our true identity as God’s servants and the high calling we have as Christian stewards. St. Paul greets the Corinthians, and us as well, with this description: “To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy...” We are called to nothing less than holiness. After all, only the holy can enter heaven.

John the Baptist recognized the holiness of Jesus and the response due to Him when he encountered Christ in person on the day they met at the Jordan River. His response, which we read in our Gospel passage from St. John was, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the Sin of the world... He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because He existed before me.’”

What a powerful description of our Lord and the place He should rightfully have in each of our lives. He is truly our Savior, the only one who can free us from our sinfulness. We are utterly and completely dependent on His power, love and mercy. Therefore, He truly does “rank ahead” of us; He deserves to be first, above all other priorities and plans in our lives. Again, let us examine our daily lives, and encourage our children to do the same.

Does the way I spend my time reflect that God comes first? Do prayer and weekly Mass, regular confession and time with my family “rank ahead” of everything else on my calendar? Do I use my talents, skills and energy to serve my family, parish and community in thanksgiving and recognition that God’s kingdom ranks ahead of any other goals or ambitions? Do I spend my money and use my material possessions so as to glorify God?

Challenging questions, to be sure. But questions worthy of our high calling as Christian stewards offered a glorious mission in service of our Lord and His kingdom. What will our response be?

Blessings!

JANUARY 19, 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. 21-Choir -9:00 am-church
- Tues.-Jan. 22 - CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
- Fri.-Jan. 24-Womens Group Ministry-9:30 am-hall

OLMM would like to thank Leah McIntosh, Lexi Fawcett, Madeleine Marier, Abby McNair, Grace Panagapko, Maeve Gernon, Eden Baker, Norah Kwok, Catherine Rogerson, Ava Bradley, Hannah Bax, Maria Thompson, Emma Reid, and several parishioners who graciously donated baked goods and time to the STA grade 7 MEGA Bake sale held in December. \$306.00 dollars was raised for the addition and renovation project.

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. *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. 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.

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.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca and our Facebook page
Email: admin@olmm.ca

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.

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.

Financial Peace

Thursdays 5-7pm

Join us for a meal and let us take care of your kids! Come to STA for 5 Thursday evenings from 5-7pm and learn how to get rid of debt, spend and save wisely, and invest in your future. Inspired by Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University*, you will learn the 7 steps to financial peace.

Dates: Jan 30 – Mar 5 ***no session Feb 20
Time: 5-7pm
Location: St. Thomas Aquinas CHS (Atrium)
Included: Supper, childcare
Cost: Free

Register before Jan 23!

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