

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Fifth 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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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 repose of the soul of Barbara Pozarkowska

10:45 am- For the repose of the soul of Liz Brewer by the Adult Choir

Tuesday, Jan. 28-St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 pm-For the repose of the soul of Marcel Lemery on the 5th anniversary by Jacqueline and family

Wednesday, Jan. 29

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM-For the intentions of Bert Provost & family by Gary Plant

Thursday, Jan. 30

9:00 am

Friday, Jan. 31-St. John Bosco

9:00 am

Sunday, Jan. 26--Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus' public ministry begins after His baptism by John the Baptist and after His retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil. When Jesus returns from the desert, He hears that John has been arrested. When Jesus called His first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave. The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with His work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.

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.

Saturday, Feb. 1

4:30 pm-For the blessings and intentions of the STA mission team by the Wood family

Sunday, Feb. 2- The Presentation 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 Harriett Nahri by her family

Tuesday, Feb. 4

7:00pm

Wednesday, Feb. 5-St. Agatha

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM

Thursday, Feb.6-St. Paul Miki and Companions

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Ann Van Dam by the CWL members

Friday, Feb. 7

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

Saturday, Feb. 8

4:30 pm-For the repose of the souls of Murray and Barbara Fleet by the James family

Sunday, Feb. 9-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am-For the intentions of Connor Sliva on the anniversary of his baptism by Kim Sliva

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

Sunday, Feb. 2--Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when Mary and Joseph brought their infant Son to the temple in obedience to the laws of their Jewish faith. This is a beautiful, and in many ways, mysterious feast — and one that is filled with lessons for a stewardship way of life. The Holy Parents were good stewards of their child, teaching Him to live in obedience to the practices of their faith from His infancy and throughout His “growing up” years.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY:

Universal prayer intention - Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

January 26-February 9, 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**



Come Spend an Hour With Jesus

**First Friday Adoration~
Friday, February 7th, 4:00 pm to
Saturday, February 8th, 4:00pm.**

Please note the following Mass cancellations:

Tuesday Feb. 11, Wednesday Feb. 12, Thursday Feb. 13 and Friday Feb. 14.

The 2019 income tax receipts are ready for pickup in the foyer.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLOMBUS will be handing out paper bags after all masses next weekend (Feb.9/10) for the Township of Russell Good Neighbours Food Bank. Our local Food Bank needs your help. If you can, pick up a bag, and when you bring it home, please remember to fill it. These bags will be collected downstairs in the church hall before all Masses on the weekend of Feb. 15/16. Items needed are canned meals (soups, chili, stews, etc.), canned meats, peanut butter, canned vegetables and fruits, cereals, fruit juices in single serving boxes and other non-perishable items. Cheques payable to "Good Neighbours Food Bank" can also be donated.

Feast of St. Agatha (In Latin means good) will be celebrated on Wed., Feb 5th at the 9:30 am Mass with the blessing of the bread. Please bring a loaf of bread to be blessed and then to be taken home and shared with your family. The bread is a symbol of St. Agatha's goodness and hard work. St. Agatha is the patron Saint who protects us and our homes from fire. When families gather in the center of the home around a fireplace, St Agatha will be there to protect them. She also makes it easier for us when family members are away from home.

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families~ and friends especially:

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

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

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.

Confirmation candidates: There will be an important class for all Confirmation candidates on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:30pm in the parish hall. Candidates should be accompanied by a parent or their sponsor.

First Communion candidates: There will be an important meeting for all First Communion candidates and their parents on Friday, February 21st at 6:30pm in the parish hall.

From Jan. 28 to Feb. 16 there will be a box in the foyer for parishioners to drop off their blessed palms from last year. The palms will be burnt for ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you.

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