



Second Sunday of Lent-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, March 7

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Donald Potvin by Tom & Leslie Joiner

Sunday, March 8-Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Wesley Moss by the Cogan family

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

Tuesday, March 10

7:00 pm-For the repose of the soul of Ken Larocque by Carol Gaboury

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM-

Thursday, March 12

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Andrew Barretto by Yvette, Riel and Antoine Barretto/Duval

Friday, March 13

9:00 am

Saturday, March 14

4:30 pm

Sunday, March 15-Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Madelyn Caldwell by the Cogan family

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, and Alia M.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

March 1-\$3,735.00

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH: Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Our readings for this second Sunday of Lent offer us Christian stewards motivation to continue on our 40-day journey towards deeper holiness.

The first reading from the book of Genesis describes God's call to Abraham. God instructs Abraham to leave his home and set out to a land that God had chosen for him. Abraham's response is an ancient example of a good stewardship. Instead of clinging to his comfortable way of life, to the only home he has ever known, he recognizes that all he has is gift from God, puts his trust in God and obeys. And God rewards him saying, "I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." To "be a blessing" is the true aim of a stewardship way of life. It is also an excellent way to live out the season of Lent. The sacrifices we take on, the spiritual disciplines we practice, the extra acts of service we perform during this season — all give glory to God and transform our lives into a blessing for others.

St. Paul encourages us on this path in our second reading taken from his letter to Timothy. "Bear your share of hardship for the gospel..." adding this critical phrase, "with the strength that comes from God." On our own we are weak, inclined towards selfishness and comfort seeking. Relying on God's strength, however, we can persevere in the fight to attain holiness. Paul reminds us that, in fact, we were made for this! "God saved us and called us to a holy life."

To be "holy" means to be set apart for God. This means that our lives as Christian stewards will look different from those around us who do not know the Lord — but different in a way that is attractive, that draws them to the Lord as well. It is a way of life that is counter-cultural in our individualistic, "me first" day and age. The generous offering to God of our time, talents and treasure at times can feel like the "hardship" Paul mentions in our second reading. But this way of life is a path to holiness. Lest we grow weary on this path, our Gospel passage today, from Matthew, offers us a powerful image of the great God we serve. It is the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus, when our Lord takes His key apostles up to a high mountain and reveals Himself in His true glory.

Blessings!

MARCH 8, 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. March 9-Choir -9:00 am-church
- Mon. March 9-Bible Study-7:00pm- Hall
- Tues. March 10-CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
- Wed. March 11-Liturgy meeting-7:00pm
- Thurs. March 12-CWL general meeting-7:00 pm-hall
- Thurs. March 12-KOC-exec meeting-7:30-kitchen

Our Lenten retreat will begin on the weekend of March 21/22 during the masses. The retreat will resume on Monday, March 23 at 7:00pm, Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 and Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm followed by reconciliation. More info to follow.

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.

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.

**PLEASE JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, AT 6:45 PM
FOLLOWED BY MASS**

- March 13th - Led by the K of C
- March 20th - Led by the CGS
- March 27th - Led by Fr. Robert
- April 3rd - Led by the CWL

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

ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) FROM ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST

At the Archdiocese, we are being asked how we should prepare in the Church to help our churchgoers feel secure and to avoid panic. The best precautions being recommended are to wash one's hands, to cough into one's sleeve and to avoid touching one's face. We should remind our people that if they are unwell, they should stay home: the Sunday obligation does not bind those who are ill. Other steps that should be taken include: having disinfectants available at the entrance to our churches and in the sacristy; to suspend the greeting of peace and the reception of Holy Communion from the chalice (except for those who are gluten intolerant or have celiac disease); to insist that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion disinfect their hands before carrying out this ministry. Let's follow these precautions throughout Lent, unless and until other decisions are taken.

Please take a look at these new items which are now available in the Spiritual Library:

Adult Fiction DVDs:
Breakthrough - Chrissy Metz, Josh Lucas
I Can Only Imagine - J. Michael Finley, Madeline Carroll, Trace Adkins
The Case for Christ - Mike Vogel, Erika Christensen
Adult Non-Fiction DVD:
Pope Francis: a Man of His Word - Wim Wenders
Adult Books - B15 section:
Francis: Jorge Mario Bergoglio: Pope of a New World - Andrea Tornielli
On Heaven and Earth: on Faith, Family, and the Church in the Twenty-First Century - Jorge Mario Bergoglio, Abraham Skorka

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.

CWL Bursary Applications are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within one year of graduating from grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$400.00. For more information and/or to obtain an application form please refer to the parish web site: olmm.ca/groups/catholicwomensleague/bursary info, bursary application or contact Lorraine Barker, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-445-5779 or PL.Barker@Hotmail.com
Completed application forms must be in by April 30, 2020