



Third 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 Intentions  for the Week

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

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM

Thursday, March 19-St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am-For special intentions

Friday, March 20

9:00 am

Saturday, March 21

4:30 pm-For the healing intentions of a parishioner by Fr Robert

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am-For the healing intentions of Kiffinnie Dunne by the Doyle 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 8-\$ 3,472.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

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

Today's readings on this third Sunday of Lent present us with the theme of "thirst" and show us that a stewardship way of life can both satisfy our spiritual thirst for Christ and help us to satisfy Christ's thirst for souls.

Our first reading, from the book of Exodus, begins with the words, "In their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses." What little faith and lack of trust they show after all God has done to free them from slavery. But Moses cried out to God for help, and sure enough God provided generously to satisfy thirst. He continues to provide generously for us these many centuries later.

Our Gospel passage from John recounts the life-changing encounter Christ has with the Samaritan woman at the well beginning with His words to her, "Give me a drink." Then, He adds, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

Christ is speaking the very same words to us to us today. These two verses encapsulate the call to stewardship. Christ asks us to "give Him a drink" by sharing what we have with Him and with others for His sake. Yet, it is Christ Himself who provides the water — the living water that is His grace.

God has chosen to include us in His plan for bringing all people to salvation through Him. We live out our part in His plan through a stewardship way of life. This Lent, let us resolve to respond to His call with passion and commitment. Let us do our part to quench His thirst.

Blessings!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca and our Facebook page

Email: admin@olmm.ca

MARCH 15, 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 16 -Choir -9:00 am-church
- Mon. March 16- Bible Study-7:00pm- Hall
- Tues. March 17- CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm- hall

Our Lenten retreat will begin on the weekend of March 21/22 during the masses. Please see the insert for complete details.

At the Archdiocese, we have been asked to have disinfectants available at the entrance to our churches and in the sacristy; to suspend the greeting of peace by the shaking of hands and the reception of Holy Communion from the chalice. Let's follow these precautions, until other decisions are taken.

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 the OLMM Women's Group Ministry
- April 3rd - Led by the CWL

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

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Cut-off date is Sunday April 5.

Loneliness and social isolation are a serious health and quality of life issue among our growing senior population. If you know seniors in our community who are living alone, and you think could benefit from a friendly phone call every week, please let us know. Even just a few minutes on the phone can make someone feel wanted, connected, and alive! Contact Leslie Joiner, a member of our parish council, at 613-443-3017, lesliejoiner4@gmail.com.

Wedding Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving: For those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2020. Info and online registration for the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun., May 3 at Notre Dame Cathedral is available at catholiccottawa.ca/wedding-anniversary-mass.

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.

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.

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