

## Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time -Second Sunday Of Lent-Year B

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.



### **Tuesday, Feb. 2-The Presentation Of The Lord**

**7:00 pm**-In thanksgiving to Christ by Nellie Nahri

### **Wednesday, Feb. 3**

**9:30 am**- For the intentions of my family members by Mariette Chapdelaine

### **Thursday, Feb. 4**

**9:00 am**-For the healing and birthday intentions of Helene Savignac by T&R McEvoy

### **Friday, Feb. 5-St. Agatha**

**9:00 am**-For the birthday intentions of Jaelyn Kwok by June Pare

### **Saturday, Feb. 6-St. Paul Miki And Companions**

**4:30 pm**-For the repose of the soul of Shirley Seguin by the Murphy family

### **Sunday, Feb. 7-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**10:45 am**- For the intentions of Cornelia Peterson by the adult choir

### **Tuesday, Feb. 9**

**7:00 pm**-For all students, teachers, administrators and government officials by the James family

### **Wednesday, Feb. 10-St. Scholastica**

**9:30 am**-For the repose of the souls of Jean & Jeanne Latino by the Tanguay family

### **Thursday, Feb. 11**

**9:00 am**- For the repose of the soul of Jacob Lommen by his loving family

### **Friday, Feb. 12**

**9:00 am**-For the intentions of Xavrya, Zackary & Jessika by T & R McEvoy

### **Saturday, Feb. 13**

**4:30 pm**-For the repose of the soul of Murray Fleet by the James family

### **Sunday, Feb. 14-Sixth 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 Jacob Lommen by John & Lisa Serjak

### **Tuesday, Feb. 16**

**7:00 pm**-In thanksgiving for our priests and deacons by the James family

### **Wednesday, Feb. 17-Ash Wednesday**

**9:30 am**-For the repose of the souls of Mary & Walter McEvoy by T & R McEvoy

### **Thursday, Feb. 18**

**9:00 am**-For the healing intentions of Pauline Stanciu & her family by the Tanguay family

### **Friday, Feb. 19**

**9:00 am**- For the repose of the soul of Berengere Chapdelaine by Mariette Chapdelaine

### **Saturday, Feb. 20**

**4:30 pm**- For the repose of the soul of Jacob Lommen by Karl and Barbara Van Hagen

### **Sunday, Feb. 21-First Sunday Of Lent**

**9:00 am**- For the repose of the soul of Guilherme de Medeiros by the Fortier family

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

### **Tuesday, Feb. 23**

**7:00 pm**-For an end to the pandemic by the James family

### **Wednesday, Feb. 24**

**9:30 am**- For the intentions of my family members by Mariette Chapdelaine

### **Thursday, Feb. 25**

**9:00 am**-

### **Friday, Feb. 26**

**9:00 am**-For the healing intentions of Gilles Tanguay by the Tanguay family

### **Saturday, Feb. 27**

**4:30 pm**-For the personal intentions of the McEvoy & Ilott families by T & R McEvoy

### **Sunday, Feb. 28-Second Sunday Of Lent**

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

**10:45 am**-For the repose of the soul of Laurier Dupelle by Mariette Dupelle

### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:**

January 26, \$2598.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

### **INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY:**

Violence Against Women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

**February 7-February 28, 2021**  
**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**

**ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE**

**January 29**

Vaccination: yes or no? For several weeks now, I have been receiving requests for clarification on the subject of vaccination. I have taken my time to answer these questions because it is a complex reality and it is important, in my position, to offer the faithful of our Diocesan Church statements that are truthful and clear. It is important to note that there is a lot of information circulating in social networks on this subject. Experts in the field of health seem to contradict each other on different aspects of the question. In addition, there are positions based on conspiracies, both political and religious. There is enough material in the media to confuse even the most learned. My message today does not seek to enter the debate and argue one side or the other. I have, however, taken the time to consult with a few reputable, local Catholic doctors to shed some light on the situation and to help me formulate a directive that might unite us as a Church rather than divide us. I already see too many messages that sow fear and doubt and consequently division and judgment. On the issue of the two vaccines being proposed by public health authorities, they are safe and necessary to control the threat of the coronavirus. Might there be side effects for some? Possibly yes. But the vaccines are deemed efficacious by our authorities who have the expertise to make a judgment. It is necessary for us, as a Church and as a society, to cooperate to reduce the spread of the virus. I thank all those in our parishes who have followed the protocols put in place by the archdiocese. These new procedures have made our churches as safe an environment as we can to provide us the opportunity to practice our faith in this time of crisis; being able to go to Mass is essential. As for the moral issue of receiving the vaccines, I believe it is important to say something. Vaccines are sometimes developed and/or tested using cell lines derived from either aborted fetal tissue or destroyed human embryos. Knowing this, many ask me if we can in good conscience receive a vaccine developed and produced from this unethical research. This is a serious dilemma. The short answer to a complex question is that in this particular circumstance, it is morally permissible to be vaccinated. We are in a global pandemic that has caused the deaths of over two million people worldwide and which has left many others with lingering adverse affects. Since we do not have completely licit (morally pure) alternatives at this time, we can receive the vaccines we have available to us in Canada. To add context to the short answer, I will let the experts shed some light on the subject. I recognize there is a diversity of opinion within our Catholic Church. I refer you, to two resources that summarize the thinking of specialists in moral theology upon which I base my decision: a document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican (<https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/CDFNote-on-COVID-19-vaccines.pdf>) and a letter written by the Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories ([https://www.cccb.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2020/12/2020\\_12\\_02\\_Letter-to-the-faithful-onVaccines.pdf\\_English.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2020/12/2020_12_02_Letter-to-the-faithful-onVaccines.pdf_English.pdf)) In both documents they explain that the current vaccine situation is not ideal and that we must advocate for future vaccines that are derived or tested in a more ethical manner. In our situation, it is morally permissible to be vaccinated and this is not a compromise with regard to our conviction of the sanctity of human life.

**ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE (continued)**

I encourage you to read one or both of these documents for a more complete answer. This being said, I will not force anyone to receive the vaccine if they are not willing. However, in the spirit of helping one another to fight this pandemic with a limited number of accessible vaccines, I encourage you to receive the vaccine. In conclusion, we must not forget the power of prayer and the sacraments. Let us implore God, through the intercession of the saints, to put an end to this pandemic and to give us patience and perseverance in order to stand firm in charity and hope. Please continue to pray for me, as I do for you. Marcel

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**This Lent there will be an opportunity to use a parish Lenten guide called, *Growing in Grace - Stories and Reflections for Lent*; this resource will help you pray and reflect each day of Lent on a piece of scripture and an uplifting story. Once a week on Thursday evenings during Lent, a group will meet by Zoom to discuss and share reflections from the readings for that week. If you are interested in being part of this Lenten faith journey group, then please contact Deacon Allan at [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca) by Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 to register.**  
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**Greetings parish family!** During Covid it is amazing how quickly circumstances change. At this time, we are able to pay the regular parish expenses, but support for our building project has almost completely disappeared. At this time, the diocese has extended our request for fundraising until the end of 2021. Our ability to fundraise is greatly impacted at this time, so we hope that you will remember the importance of our building project and donate today. All donations can be e-transferred to [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca), ( be sure to include in the message that it is for the Building project), mailed or dropped off at the parish. The parish needs your support more than ever and we hope you can give to this much needed and worthwhile project. All the best in the new year and thank you for your generous support now and in the future.

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**Did you know that we are putting the Sunday 9:00am mass live on zoom every week?** The link for zoom is posted every Friday to our website and Facebook page. We post the link for it on You Tube on Sunday morning on our website and Facebook page after the mass is over so you can watch it at your convenience. Please join us on Sundays for mass. The link to the Parish Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/olmmrussell>  
The link to the Parish Website is: <http://olmm.ca>  
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