

## First Sunday of Advent -Third Sunday of Advent-Year C

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

#### **Saturday, November 27**

**4:30pm-** In thanksgiving to Christ the King

#### **Sunday, November 28-First Sunday of Advent**

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

**10:45am-** For the repose of the soul of Roly Brault by Mariette Brault

#### **Tuesday, November 30-St Andrew**

**7:00pm-** For the healing intentions of Kveta Kaplan

#### **Wednesday, December 1**

**9:30am-** For the repose of the soul of Albin Jordan by John and Lisa Serjak

#### **Thursday, December 2**

**9:00am-**

#### **Friday, December 3-St. Frances Xavier**

**9:00am-** For the healing intentions of Kveta Kaplan

#### **Saturday, December 4**

**4:30 pm-** For the repose of the soul of Simone Sullivan by the KOC council 12401

#### **Sunday, December 5-Second Sunday of Advent**

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

**10:45am-**For the repose of the soul of Jackie Sisk by the KOC council 12401

#### **Tuesday, December 7-St. Ambrose**

**7:00pm-** For the repose of the soul of Diane Tremblay by Dale and Lorraine Harper

#### **Wednesday, December 8-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**9:30am-**For the repose of the soul of Berengere Chapdelaine by Mariette Brault

#### **Thursday, December 9**

**9:00am-**For the intentions of Veronique Tanguay on the occasion of her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by her loving family

#### **Friday, December 10**

**9:00am-**For the intentions of Stella Ifedi by Cathy Gambell

#### **Saturday, December 11**

**4:30 pm-**For the repose of the soul of Marty Chesser by the Oldford family

#### **Sunday, December 12-Third Sunday of Advent**

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

**10:45am-**For the birthday intentions of Brianna Hamilton by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

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#### **Intentions of The Holy Father for December: Catechists**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Gospel reflection for Sunday, November 28-First Sunday of Advent**

Advent begins with a call to vigilance as reflected in the Gospel. There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord's coming. Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realizing that you forgot to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course you wouldn't allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts. The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendor and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming. As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus' coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc.? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis? If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you'd like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

*Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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**Calling all youth in Grades 8 to 12!** Come join OLMM's new Youth Group! It's time to connect with each other and rebuild our sense of community. It's also time to nurture our faith and deepen our relationship with God. What better way to do this than through fun social events and monthly praise and worship evenings. Come and be part of something meaningful, something that has the potential to change you...for the better. OLMM's Youth Group will meet regularly on the second and fourth Friday of each month. For more information, please contact the office 613-445-3054 or email [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca).

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**Knights of Columbus 50/50** Charity Lottery with early bird prizes – Proceeds from this lottery benefit both our local council and provincial charities. Please visit <https://bit.ly/KofC-50-50> to purchase tickets.

**November 28 - December 12, 2021 (revised)**  
**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**

**Gospel reflection for Sunday, December 5- Second Sunday of Advent**

On this, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are given the person of St. John the Baptist to ponder. What a gift he is! Jesus Himself stated that "among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist. What a compliment! What is it that made John so great? We can point to two things in particular. The first has to do with his calling and the second has to do with his virtue. First of all, John was great because he was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared for the new life to come. His unique mission makes him truly great. But John was great not only because of his unique calling, he was also great because of the virtue he had in his life. And it is this gift that is worth pondering for our own inspiration more than any other. The particular virtue that John had was that of humility. He saw himself as nothing other than a "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the Word he spoke was Jesus. John acknowledged that he was not even worthy to stoop down and untie the sandal straps of Jesus. He was praised by many and followed by many and yet he continuously said of Jesus that "He must increase and I must decrease". John was not in it for praise and honor; rather, his mission was to point everyone to the Savior of the World. He could have sought the honor and praise of many and he would have certainly received it. They may have even made him king. But John was more than willing to fulfill his mission and then submit himself to the cruel sword of his executioner. His humility was such that he was focused only on Jesus and desired only to point to Him. Reflect, today, upon this humility in your own life. Do you tend to point to yourself or to Christ? Do you seek the praise of others or do you humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility is the path that St. John the Baptist took and it's the path we must strive for each and every day.  
*Lord, thank You for the gift of St. John the Baptist. May his witness of humility inspire me in my Christian walk. Help me, Lord, to always point others to You rather than to myself. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES**

**Light up for Christ**  
**Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, - 7:30pm**  
**Feast of the immaculate Conception**  
**Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am**  
**Advent Reconciliation Service**  
**Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm**  
**Mark your Calendars!!**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
4:30pm, 6:45pm and 9:00pm  
(all at OLMM, the regular Friday 9:00am mass will be cancelled)

**Christmas Day**

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, -10:00am  
(the regular 4:30pm Saturday mass will be cancelled)

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Sunday masses at 9:00 and 10:45 am

**New Years Eve**

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, - 4:30pm  
(the regular Friday 9:00am mass will be cancelled)

**New Years Day**

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, - 10:00am  
(the regular 4:30pm Saturday mass will be cancelled)

**Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Regular Sunday masses at 9:00 and 10:45 am

**FOOD DRIVE** "The Knights of Columbus Food Drive has been postponed until the New Year."

**RENOVATION FUND**-To make your donation to the OLMM Renovation Fund go even further, the Knights of Columbus will match donations made between November 19 and December 31, up to a maximum total of \$5000.00. Please give generously!

**Waupoos Family Farm Christmas Hampers:**

We are sponsoring a family of 8 this year Please see the donation idea list as well as the sign up list in the foyer. Deadline for drop off at church is Sun. Dec. 12th. Contact info: Carolyn Cogan 613-608-9502 or Karen Urlocker 613-445-2962. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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