

The Solemnity of Mary -Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-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, January 1-The Solemnity of Mary

10:00 am-For the repose of the soul of Annie Bouwhuis by the OLMM Catholic Women's League members

Sunday, January 2- Epiphany of The Lord

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

10:45am-For the repose of the soul of Gerard Ouellette by Dale and Lorraine Harper

Tuesday, January 4

7:00pm-Mass cancelled

Wednesday, January 5

9:30am-Mass cancelled

Thursday, January 6

9:00am-Mass cancelled

Friday, January 7-St. Andre Bessette

9:00am-Mass cancelled

Saturday, January 8

4:30pm-For the intentions of the Lehman family by the James family

Sunday, January 9-The Baptism of The Lord

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

10:45am-For the repose of the soul of Jackie Sisk by Pat and Gerry Redsell

Tuesday, January 11

7:00pm

Wednesday, January 12-St Marguerite Bourgeoys

9:30am- In thanksgiving for Fr. Anthony by Gary Plant

Thursday, January 13

9:00am

Friday, January 14

9:00am

Saturday, January 15

4:30pm-For the intentions of the OLMM, CWL members by Mary Ellen James

Sunday, January 16-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:00am- For the intentions of the OLMM, CWL members by Mary Ellen James

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

Tuesday, January 18

7:00pm

Wednesday, January 19

9:30am

Thursday, January 20

9:00am

Friday, January 21-St. Agnes

9:00am

Saturday, January 22

4:30pm-For the intentions of the Wolfert family by the James family

Sunday, January 23-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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

10:45am- For the intentions of the OLMM, CWL members by Mary Ellen James

January 2, 2022-Epiphany of the Lord

Being a Visible Witness- As we continue along in this wondrous season of Christmas, we are invited to reflect on the Epiphany of the Lord this Sunday. The word epiphany means "to make manifest" or "to make known." So on this feast day we are celebrating how God made himself known to all the nations, which is symbolized through the visit of the foreign Magi. As stewards, we are called to help the Church in her efforts to continue to make Christ known to the ends of the earth. The way of stewardship is essentially a call to evangelization. The greatest gift we can share with others is not money or food, but the knowledge and love of Christ. Pope Francis says that "we cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel!" We must go out of our comfort zone to bring others to Jesus. One way we can evangelize others is by simply living as visible Catholic disciples in our world. Let us strive to be a sign of our faith to the world.

January 9, 2022-The Baptism of the Lord

Becoming Role Models -This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Catechism says that the sacrament of "baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons and daughters of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." Let us reflect on how Jesus' baptism can teach us more about our own baptism. Firstly, Jesus didn't need to get baptized because he was already without sin. However, in doing so, He became a model for how we should be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins. Similarly, as stewards we are called to be authentic models of the faith to others. When people see us, do they see what it means to be a disciple? We should be examples of how to live a holy and virtuous life so that others may be inspired by our lives of stewardship. Moreover, not only is it important to do good, but we must also consciously try to avoid anything that may scandal others. All of the baptized, especially stewards, represent Christ and the Church. If we perform actions that are negative or hurtful, people who observe us may be turned away from the faith. Of course, we are all human and are bound to make mistakes, but we should strive to avoid anything that may significantly hinder others from accepting the faith. Let us always turn to Jesus for help, our true model of holiness and stewardship,

January 2- January 23, 2022

**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**

January 16, 2022-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lessons from Cana-In the Gospel this Sunday we hear about Jesus' first miracle. Jesus was with His mother and disciples at a wedding in Cana when the wine had run out. Mary asked Jesus to help and He in turn changed six large jars of water into delicious fine wine. Let us take some time to reflect on this extraordinary event and see how it can influence us in our life of stewardship. Firstly, we can learn a beautiful lesson about the role of Mary in our lives from this scene. It was our Blessed Mother who noticed that the wine was running out and she was quick to intervene. Mary has a true mother's heart and is very in tune with the needs of all her children. Whenever we are in a time of trial we should run to Mary and trust that she will console us as a mother consoles her young. Perhaps the next time we experience a moment of difficulty, let us take a moment to stop, consider the loving embrace of Our Lady and say a Hail Mary. Additionally, from this episode we can learn a great deal about trust and obedience from the servants whom Jesus instructed. The Gospel says that the servants had "drawn the water" from the jars. The servants saw the cup filled with water, yet they still trusted that something remarkable would happen when they handed the cup to the chief steward. Sometimes from our perspective nothing remarkable is happening in our good works of stewardship. However, let us strive to trust that God can take our simple acts and bring about great miracles through them.

THANK-YOU

A special thank you to our team who have been checking everyone in at masses and diligently cleaning the pews etc. after all masses. Without our volunteers we wouldn't be as efficient getting things done. Thank you to everyone who has been so patient and understanding with the reservation system for masses. We are so blessed to have each and everyone of you in our Parish family.

Happy New Year

The beginning of a new calendar year brings us a special joy and hope. It is a reminder that time is a gift of God, given to us from His eternity, for us to use to prepare for eternity. The passing of each year and each day is meant to be an exchange with God; He gives us time, and we give our days and years back to Him in service and love, bringing as much good as possible into the world and into the lives of others. The New Year is an opportunity to resolve, above all, to serve God faithfully, to believe more firmly, to hope more ardently, to love more generously. That is what makes a new year "happy," and that is what leads us to the happiness that never ends.

Thank you - A very special heartfelt thank you to the parishioners of OLMM for the Christmas and New Years hampers for the Waupoos farm cottagers. Your love and generosity was deeply appreciated.

Despite delays, the parish is still actively receiving donations for our renovation and building project. Envelopes are available in the foyer for this purpose. Also, we can accept donations via etransfer by using the email address admin@olmm.ca. All donations to our renovation project are eligible for a charitable donation tax receipt. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

**First Friday Adoration~ Friday, January 7th, 4:00 pm to Saturday, January 8th, 4:00pm.
Come spend some time with Jesus.**

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who in one-way or the other helped the parish this Christmas. A special thanks to all our readers, musicians, decorating committee, indeed everyone! Your hard work and dedication is quite appreciated and will never go unrewarded by God.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and gifts over the Christmas season. I am so very grateful for your love and support! I wish you and your loved ones God's choicest blessings in the New Year and beyond.

Fr. Anthony

Weekday masses from Tuesday January, 4 to Friday January 7 will be cancelled.

The office will be closed from Tuesday January 4 to Thursday January 6. Office will be open on Friday January 7 for reservations for the weekend masses.

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. 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>

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

Intentions of The Holy Father for January:

For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.