

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Sixth 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 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

**Tuesday, January 25-The Conversion of Saint Paul**

**7:00pm-**For the intentions of the James family

**Wednesday, January 26 – St. Timothy and St. Titus**

**9:30am**

**Thursday, January 27**

**9:00am**

**Friday, January 28-St. Thomas Aquinas**

**9:00am**

**Saturday, January 29**

**4:30pm-**For the repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

**Sunday, January 30-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**10:45am-**For the repose of the soul of Diane Tremblay by Dale and Lorraine Harper

**Tuesday, February 1**

**7:00pm**

**Wednesday, February 2-The Presentation of The Lord**

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

**Thursday, February 3**

**9:00am-**for the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Helliker and Coffey families by Margaret Helliker

**Friday, February 4**

**9:00am-** For the repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

**Saturday, February 5-St. Agatha**

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

**Sunday, February 6-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**10:45am-** For the repose of the soul of Seibert Brownrigg by the Brownrigg family

**Tuesday, February 8**

**7:00pm-** For the intentions of the Quinton family by the James family

**Wednesday, February 9**

**9:30am**

**Thursday, February 10-St. Scholastica**

**9:00am**

**Friday, February 11**

**9:00am**

**Saturday, February 12**

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

**Sunday, February 13 -Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

**10:45am-** For the repose of the soul of Diane Tremblay by Dale and Lorraine Harper

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Embracing our Uniqueness**

In today's second reading St. Paul teaches us a great lesson that can enrich our lives of stewardship. He says, "Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." We are made up of many different body parts that each have their own important and distinct role to play in order for the entire body to live. It is the same way in the Church. The Church is made up of many individuals who are all uniquely and wonderfully made. If we tried to change ourselves to become like someone else, we would be robbing the Church of our own unique contributions. St. Therese uses a beautiful image of a garden to express the importance of embracing who God made us to be. She says, "The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness." In our lives of stewardship, these different types of flowers represent how all of us have our own unique set of gifts from God. When we recognize that we each have our own strengths, we are less likely to compare ourselves to others and we begin to rid ourselves of envy and pride. We all have a role to play in our parish communities. Let us gratefully acknowledge the unique gifts God has given us and seek ways to offer them back to the Church

**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.

**Intentions of the Holy Father for February:**

**Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women:**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

**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>

January 23- February 13, 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**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sharing the Love of Christ**

This Sunday we hear St. Paul's famous discourse on love from his first letter to the Corinthians. God is Love. Therefore, love is at the very core of who we are as a Christian people. In order to be faithful disciples of Christ and authentic stewards, we must fully embody what it means to love. Let us take some time to reflect on why love is so important and then on how we can let love infuse every act of our stewardship. St. Paul says that even if we were to serve Christ and do many good works, if we didn't have love we would "be nothing." Love is what makes our stewardship have significance. Without love, our good works can be seen as a form of social volunteerism. However, when we truly love those whom we serve, we do a great service for them because we point them to the Love of Christ. Above all of our material needs, we all have a great need to be satisfied with a love that never fails which can only be found in Christ. That is why it is so important to serve others with love. But how can we infuse our all acts with love? The simple principle remains that we cannot give what we do not have. In order to love others with God's love, we must first be filled with that same love through our practice of prayer. Let us take a few minutes each day to realize just how deeply Christ loves each and every one of us. We can then go out and set the world on fire with His love.

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**Prayer for a New Normal**

The world as we knew it is gone, and for what feels like such a long time we have experienced so much hardship during this pandemic. As we prepare to walk into the future we pray for the "new normal" to come. May our hearts be unified in You more than ever. May the tender moments of seeing someone again in person be all the more rich and treasured. May the reunions, interactions, and moments ahead be held in such intentionality and may we turn to You in sincere gratitude. Help us to come out of this pandemic better, not bitter. Help us to become more considerate of others, more mindful of how we can help one another, and how we can serve You and Your children well. We thank You that no matter how dark the night may get, there is the hope of the dawn to come.

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**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.

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**FOOD DRIVE** -The Knights of Columbus Food Drive has been postponed until further notice.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Using our Gifts for Discipleship**

In the readings this Sunday we are invited to reflect on the call to discipleship that we all receive as Christians. Just as Jesus called His first disciples to closely follow Him, so too are we called to follow Him in an ever deeper way through our commitment to stewardship. In the Gospel today we see Jesus getting into Peter's fishing boat so that He could preach to the vast crowds that had come to see Him. Jesus used Peter's possessions to help with His ministry. Peter, like a good disciple, obeyed and cooperated with Jesus' request and Jesus was able to further spread the Good News to those who had gathered around Him. So too in our lives of stewardship, are we allowing Jesus to use the gifts we possess, namely our time and talents, so that others can come to know the Gospel? We can offer our time to Christ through our commitment to daily prayer. We can also use our time to journey with and support our fellow parishioners, especially those who are going through a time of difficulty. With respect to our talents, we can reflect on our particular gifts and offer them to the appropriate ministries in the parish. For example, if we have the gift of music, perhaps we can look into joining a choir or if we have a background in teaching, perhaps various catechetical ministries in the parish. There are many ways in which God can use us to serve Him. Let us echo the words of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading and boldly say to God, "Here am I; send me!"

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**First Friday Adoration~ Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm to  
Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm.  
Come spend some time with Jesus.**

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**A little Sunday Humor**

The Church was badly in need of a coat of paint. So the Pastor decided he'd do the job himself. But all he had was one bucket of paint. So he got a bunch of bucket's and some water, and he thinned the paint enough to cover the entire Church. Then he spent all day painting. That night it rained—very hard—and washed all the paint off. The pastor was quite discouraged and asked God, "Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?" To which God thundered His reply, Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

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**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](mailto:admin@olmm.ca). All donations to our renovation project are eligible for a charitable donation tax receipt. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

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**When you focus on being a blessing,  
God makes sure that you are always blessed in  
abundance.**