



Second Sunday of Lent - 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.



Saturday, March 12th

4:30pm Intentions of the James Family

Sunday, March 13th - Second Sunday of Lent

9:00am Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Marcel Cote by KOC Council 12401

Tuesday, March 15th

7:00pm Repose of the soul of Ron Lacroix by the Kolman Family

Wednesday, March 16th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Ron Lacroix by the Kolman Family

Thursday, March 17th

9:00am Intentions for peace and unity in Ukraine by a parishioner

Friday, March 18th

9:00am Intentions & well-being of all seniors

Saturday, March 19th - St. Joseph

4:30pm Birthday intentions of Joan Chesser by the CWL Members

Sunday, March 20th - Third Sunday of Lent

9:00am Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of V. W. Gardner III by Pat & Gerry Redsell

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES:

Friday, March 18th - Led by KOC

Friday, March 25th - Led by Youth Group

Thursday, March 31st - Led by Fr. Anthony

Friday, April 8th - Led by the CWL

STATIONS WILL START AT 7:00PM. THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS AFTER THEM.



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Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Luke 9:33

Peter was excited, perhaps beyond any excitement he had experienced before. In fact, to say he was excited is most certainly an understatement. It may be more appropriate to say that he was overwhelmed! Why was this the case? Because he had just been given a very small glimpse of the glory and splendor of God!

This is the Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John and they went up a high mountain together. These three Apostles had no idea what was coming. Most likely while on the way they were complaining interiorly, wondering why they had to go up the mountain. But the mountain is a symbol of our upward journey to Heaven. It takes focus and drive, commitment and resolve to go there, and it's an elevated place, a place away from the ordinary occurrences of life.

So why did Jesus give these Apostles this very brief experience of His glory? Because they would need that taste of His goodness for the road ahead. They would need to forever remember what their final destiny was. They would need to hold this experience close as they endured the many crosses and sufferings ahead. And they would use this experience to remind themselves that whatever they had to endure on the journey up the mountain of life is worth it. Because on the summit is a glory so great that no hardship they would have to endure would ever prove to be too big.

God wants to give that message to us through them. He wants us to ponder this experience they had and He wants us to try to enter into it so that we too can willingly press on during the journey.

Reflect, today, at the beginning of Lent, on the glory of God that makes the crosses we endure all worth it. Take advantage of this experience of Peter, James and John and try to make their experience your own. Be consoled by God's glory and never forget that this is the ultimate promise He gives to all who press on.

My transfigured Lord, may I be consoled by Your glory and splendor. May I believe in this glory and keep it ever in my mind as I press on through the hardships and challenges I face. You travel the road ahead of me and You will lead me on my journey if I only trust in You. Jesus, I do trust in You!

Intentions of the Holy Father for March:

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

March 12 - 20, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: http://www.olmm.ca/groups_cwl.html or at the parish office. Completed application must be submitted by April 30, 2022. Application can be mailed in or dropped off at the office. Any questions: contact Lorraine Barker, Bursary Committee Chairperson 613-445-5779 or email at pl.barker@hotmail.com.

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 April 10th.

Just a reminder that registration is no longer required in order to attend Mass at the parish. Capacity limit and social distancing are no longer imposed. However, indoor mask use is still required for those over the age of two.

Spring Craft Sale In support of Miriam Centre Friday March 17th, 2022: 3 - 9 pm and Saturday March 18th, 10 am - 6 pm in Gloucester Centre, 1980 Ogilvie Rd, Gloucester, ON K1J 9L3. Proceeds will help pregnant women and their families.

St. Andrew's & St. Paul's United Church in Russell is having their 2022 Fish Fry on Friday, April 8th. The tickets will be available early next week from Eileen Hamelin - 613-445-5335.

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>

God our Father,
You sent Saint Patrick to preach Your glory to the
people of Ireland. By the help of his prayers,
may all Christians proclaim Your love to all men.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Check out these New Books from the Library

Adult Books

- B02 - *You Are Enough*
- B03 - *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*
- B04 - *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship Of Noise*
- B04 - *The Screwtape Letters, Lewis, C. S.*
- B04 - *The Way of a Pilgrim*
- B06 - *Lent: One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens*
- B09 - *The Amazing Secret of Purgatory*
- B13 - *Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression: A Field Guide for Catholic Parents, Pastors, and Youth Leaders*

Children's Books

- K - *Father Ben Gets Ready for Mass*
- K - *Holy Week: An Emotions Primer*

Adult DVDs

- F - *Fatima (2020)*
- NF - *The Rosary: Spiritual Sword of Our Lady (2017)*

Our next dedicated seniors mass will be on Friday, March 18th at the 9:00am mass with a prayer for seniors and a special blessing.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST SHARE LENT 2022 CAMPAIGN

Madagascar: an ecological village coping with climate change Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds. In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods. In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their village into a thriving ecological community. Today, because of this D&P funded project, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panels. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion. Watch the video at devp.org/lent/act. Please check the red plastic magazine holder on the table in the foyer for family bulletins, Share Lent solidarity calendars, and D&P addressed envelopes for donations to the people of the Ukraine. Together, Canadians have raised over \$200,000.00 for the Ukraine to date. Thank you! Questions?: Please speak with Janyce Elser-Ethier, D&P parish representative 613 618 5749 or jaejaetorontoblue@gmail.com