



Third 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 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

Tuesday, March 22nd

7:00pm Healing intentions of Nancy Tytler by Cathy Gambell

Wednesday, March 23rd

9:30am Repose of the soul of Jeannette Boyle by John & Liza Serjak

Thursday, March 24th

9:00am Repose of the souls of the deceased members of Helliker & Coffey families by Margaret Helliker

Friday, March 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00am Repose of the soul of John McLaughlin by John & Ann Jackson

Saturday, March 26th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Therese Beaudette by John & Ann Jackson

Sunday, March 27th – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00am Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Intentions of Maureen Marsolais by the CWL Members

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES:

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.

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.

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"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down." Luke 13:8-9

Every gardener knows that good fruit is, in part, dependent upon the presence of good soil. But other factors are also important in the production of good fruit. The plant must be free of disease, receive water and sun, be planted in a warm environment, be properly pruned, and have enough space to grow. When all factors are present, good fruit is guaranteed. So it is with our lives. The soil in which we are to be planted is the mercy of God. God also produces the sun, the rain, and the warmth that is needed for our growth. But, analogously speaking, we must allow ourselves to be pruned. We must also allow the soil to be fertilized and cultivated in a variety of ways. Though Jesus is the Gardener of our lives, it's also fair to say that we are the gardeners in the sense that we must cooperate with our Lord, relying upon the supernatural resources of the Creator to ensure the healthy growth of our spiritual lives so that the good fruit of virtue may be born in our lives.

But on the flip side, make no mistake about the fact that, if our lives do not bear good fruit, we will be "cut down." Bearing good fruit is not an option, it's a must. It's a clear indication of our spiritual health and it will become the measure of our eternal reward or eternal death. Do not be intimidated by such sharp language coming from our Lord. He spoke it in love so that we will know the serious duty we have to bear good fruit in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon the outward signs of your inward spiritual health. Do you see the virtues sprouting forth from your life? Are you aware of the work God desires to do in your soul so as to cultivate it and fertilize it with grace and mercy? Say "Yes" to Him this day and allow that grace to produce an abundance of good fruit.

My virtuous Lord, I invite You into my soul to cultivate it and fertilize it with Your grace. Please prune my sins and help me to sink my roots deeply into the nourishment of Your mercy. I am sorry for the ways that I have failed to bear fruit in my life. I now entrust myself to You so that Your care will remedy all my ills and weaknesses. Jesus, I trust in You.

On behalf of the Parish, I wanted to share our deep gratitude to our Parish Team for all their efforts in keeping our Parish open and safe during the pandemic. I know we are not quite out of the pandemic yet, but we are certainly heading in a positive and hopeful direction. The reason our Parish was open these last two years was due to the extraordinary efforts of our Parish Team consisting of June Pare, Heather and Ken Sisk, Donna Mcklusky, Jay Dupuis and Robert Fortier and of course, Fr. Robert and Fr. Anthony! We are forever thankful to each of you!

Richard James
Parish Chair

March 20th, 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.

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all who contributed food and donations during our recent food drive. We were able to bring over 1000 pounds of food and \$840.00 in monetary donations to the Good Neighbours Food Bank.

Acies of the Legion of Mary

Frank Duff is the founder of the Legion of Mary in Dublin, Ireland Sept. 7 1922. It is a Catholic organization which promotes active work in the spiritual works of Mercy under guidance of the parish, rules of the handbook and spiritual director. To see and serve Christ as if by his mother made up of active and praying - (auxiliary) members. Our Annual Acies (battle array) is close to the feast of the Annunciation. We dedicate ourselves to Christ through the Blessed Mother on Saturday March 26, 2022 at 12:30 to 3pm, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 320 Olmstead Avenue, Vanier, ON. It includes, consecration of ourselves, rosary, Legion prayers, and benediction by Father Shroff. Reception, to follow in the hall. For more information please contact Cathy Gambell at 613-445-1662.

Effective Monday, March 21st indoor masking requirement in church, hall and office is no longer imposed. This change will be stressful for some members of our parish. Some will continue wearing mask and they should not be discouraged from doing so. How we manage different attitudes to mask wearing will require understanding and patience as we each deal with our own comfort levels and particular health challenges. The important thing is to respect where each person is in their journey.

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)*

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

June's Retirement

Please join us in celebration of our dear June's contribution to our parish on Saturday, March 26th and Sunday, March 27th. Reception at the hall will follow after all Masses.