



Fourth 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 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

Tuesday, March 29th

7:00pm Birthday intentions of Noah Burgess by Deirdre Laroque

Wednesday, March 30th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Tone Laznik by John and Lisa Serjak

Thursday, March 31st

9:00am Repose of the soul of Doreen Jeffrey by the KOC Council 12401

Friday, April 1st -

9:00am Repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

Saturday, April 2nd

4:30pm Peace in Ukraine by a parishioner

Sunday, April 3rd - Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00am Repose of the soul of Fernande Chenard by Paul & Charlene Chenard
10:45am Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES:

Thursday, March 31st - Led by Deacon Tom

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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As Jesus passed by He saw a man blind from birth...He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. John 9:1, 6-7

Who was this man? Interestingly, he does not have a name. He is only referred to as the "man blind from birth." This is significant in the Gospel of John because the lack of a name is also seen, for example, in the story of "the woman at the well." The fact that there is no name indicates that we should see ourselves in this story.

"Blindness" is our inability to see the hand of God at work all around us. We struggle to see the daily miracles of God's grace alive in our lives and alive in the lives of others. So the first thing we should do with this Scripture is strive to see our lack of sight. We should strive to realize that we so often do not see God at work. This realization will inspire us to desire a spiritual healing. It will invite us to want to see God at work.

The good news is obviously that Jesus cured this man, as He willingly cures us. To restore sight is easy for Jesus. So the first prayer we should pray as a result of this story is simply, "Lord, I want to see!" The humble realization of our blindness will invite God's grace to work. And if we do not humbly acknowledge our blindness, we will not be in a position to seek healing.

If we look at this in a symbolic way we can come to some profound conclusions. Too often we look for God's action in the extraordinary. But He so often is present to us in that which is ordinary. Perhaps we will be tempted to think that God only works His grace through heroic acts of love or sacrifice. Reflect, today, upon this act of Jesus and allow our Lord to smear His spit and dirt on your eyes. Allow Him to give you the gift of spiritual sight. And as you begin to see His presence in your life, you will be amazed at the beauty you behold.

My miraculous Lord, I want to see. Help me to be healed of my blindness. Help me to see You at work in every ordinary activity of my life. Help me to see Your divine grace in the smallest events of my day. And as I see You alive and active, fill my heart with gratitude for this vision. 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 27th, 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

First Friday adoration. Friday, April 1st, 4:00pm to Saturday, April 2nd, 4:00pm. We would like to have two adorers per hour. If you would like to become a regular adorer or want more information please call Bernie Ethier at 613-863-2610 or email at bernie.ethier@gmail.com

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.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Registration Form: For couples of the Archdiocese who are celebrating 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 60+ years of marriage in 2022. Info & link to the online registration form: <https://en.archoc.ca/anniversary-mass>. Please register before April 18.

Lenten Penance Service

Please join us on Wednesday, April 6th, 7:00pm. It is a great opportunity for us to prepare ourselves to celebrate our Easter with Joy, Peace and Happiness through the sacrament of reconciliation. So, please take this opportunity to reconcile with God and each other. Visiting priests will be available.

"You stumble and fall again, Lord. But you summon the strength to rise and continue on Your Way. I stumble often. I fall every day. How often I think, "I will go to confession someday soon." And I tell myself I have so much going on, after all, it's my time. And where does the time go? Be merciful and understanding when I fail to reconcile myself with You. Give me the grace to seek Your forgiveness and absolution."

Taken from the "Stations of the Cross of Mercy for Men"

Layman's 10 Commandments.

Great Reading. Someone has written these beautiful words. Must read and try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life.

- 1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
- 2] So a Car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the Rear view Mirror is so small; because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
- 3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4] All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If it's going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
- 5] Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
- 6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!
- 7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
- 8] A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- 9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.



Mass of the Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday, April 14th - 7:00pm
Passion of the Lord
Good Friday, April 15th - 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil-Saturday April 16th - 8:00 pm
Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday April 17th - 9:00 am, 10:45 am

The archbishop is extending the dispensation from attending Mass in person on Sunday until the vigil Mass for Palm Sunday, April 9th, in time for the Holy Week liturgies. Beginning on Palm Sunday, parishioners are invited once again to attend Mass in person unless for reasons of health they cannot do so at this time. I remind all Catholics that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply if for health reasons you cannot attend Mass in person.