



### Fifth 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, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**4:30pm** Peace in Ukraine by a parishioner

**Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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

**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm** Repose of the soul of Adam Laroque by Deirdre Laroque

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** Intentions of Sherry & Robert Demarais by a parishioner

**Thursday, April 7<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00am** Intentions of Father Anthony by a parishioner

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> –**

**9:00am** Birthday intentions and conversions of Nicole Tanguay by the Tanguay Family

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm** Repose of the soul of Manuel Teves by the James Family

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Arturo Nuesca Lopez by the Dupuis Family

**10:45am** Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

**PLEASE JOIN US on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Led by the CWL**

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



**YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 -- \$2252.50**

**Thank you for your generosity and support**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C)**

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. John 8:7-9

This passage comes from the story of the woman caught in adultery when she is dragged before Jesus to see if He would support her stoning. His response is perfect and, in the end, she is left alone to encounter the tender mercy of Jesus.

But there is a line in this passage that is easily overlooked. It is the line that states, "...beginning with the elders." This reveals an interesting dynamic within human communities. Generally speaking, those who are younger tend to lack the wisdom and experience that comes with age. Though the young may find it hard to admit, those who have lived a long life have a unique and broad picture of life.

In this story, the woman is brought before Jesus with a harsh judgment. Jesus cuts through this irrationality by a profound statement. "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Perhaps, at first, those who were younger or more emotional did not allow the words of Jesus to sink in. They probably stood there with stones in hand waiting to start throwing. But then the elders began to walk away. This is age and wisdom at work. They were less controlled by the emotion of the situation and were immediately aware of the wisdom of the words spoken by our Lord. As a result, the others followed.

Reflect, today, upon the wisdom that comes with age. If you are older, reflect upon your responsibility to help guide the younger generation with clarity, firmness and love. If you are younger, do not neglect to rely upon the wisdom of the older generation. Though age is not a perfect guarantee of wisdom, it may be a far more significant factor than you realize. Be open to your elders, show them respect, and learn from the experiences they have had in life.

*Prayer for the young: Lord, give me a true respect for my elders. I thank you for their wisdom stemming from the many experiences they have had in life. May I be open to their counsel and be guided by their gentle hand.*

*Prayer for the elder: Lord, I thank You for my life and for the many experiences I have had. I thank You for teaching me through my hardships and struggles, and I thank You for the joys and loves that I have encountered in life. Continue to pour forth Your wisdom upon me so that I may help guide Your children. May I always seek to set a good example and lead them according to Your Heart. Jesus, I trust in You.*

**Intentions of the Holy Father for April: Health Care Workers**

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup>.

### Lenten Penance Service

Please join us on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### 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.

### My heartfelt thanks

I have enjoyed many festivities and celebrations with you all over the years. On this occasion, it was a deeply personal joy to share my retirement with all of you and humbled that you planned such a sensational party in my honor. I would like to express my thanks and deep appreciation for the kindness of everyone who attended. An extra big thanks to those who made every detail so perfect, including the much appreciated gifts. Richard James, Fr. Anthony, Heather & Ken Sisk, Donna McKlusky, Jay, Michel, Lorenz and Paul Dupuis. I am truly blessed with the love of my Parish family.  
Love and Prayers – June Pare



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

**When the Covid pandemic began** more than two years ago, all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall were freed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Through the magic of technology we were able to “participate” in Mass on our screens and devices. Technology kept us connected even if in a very limited way. However, livestreamed masses were a temporary alternative. With social distancing requirements and mask mandates lifted, the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass will be lifted as of April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Palm Sunday Vigil Mass. Those who cannot attend Mass because of age, sickness, disability or other grave reasons would still be excused, as always. The Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. It is where we gather as a community to hear God's words and where we truly meet Jesus in the Eucharist. Come back to Mass He is waiting for you and so are we.

### DEVELOPMENT & PEACE PEOPLE & PLANET FIRSTSHARE LENT 2022 CAMPAIGN

Week 5: April 3 – Solidarity Sunday

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

In Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, “Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods.”

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.

**Chrism Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral:** The Chrism Mass will be held at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Tuesday, April 12 at 10:30AM**. Please note the change to morning Mass. All are welcome to attend.