



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - 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 9th

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

Sunday, April 10th - 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

Tuesday, April 12th

7:00pm Intentions of Doris Brown by Deirdre Larocque

Wednesday, April 13th

9:30am Birthday intentions of Margy Kupferschmidt by the Tanguay Family

Thursday, April 14th - Holy Thursday

9:00am CANCELLED

7:00pm

Friday, April 15th - Good Friday

9:00am CANCELLED

Saturday, April 16th - Holy Saturday

4:30pm CANCELLED

8:00pm Repose of the soul of Doreen Jeffrey by the Tanguay Family

Sunday, April 17th - The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Philippe Loustau by the Tanguay family

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

April 3rd, 2022 -- \$3446.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

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.

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Email: admin@olmm.ca

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year C)

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Luke 19:38

In today's Liturgy, we face quite a contrast of experiences and emotions. We begin our celebration listening to the story of Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem with great joy and exultation! "Hosanna!" they cried out. "Hosanna in the Highest!" Jesus was treated as He should have been treated. People were excited to see Him and there was much excitement.

But this excitement quickly turned to shock and horror as we enter more deeply into today's readings. The Gospel culminates with Jesus hanging on the Cross crying out "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And with that, "Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed His last." At that moment the entire congregation kneels in silence as we ponder the reality of Christ's death.

At any time during that first Holy Week, Jesus could have exercised His divine power and refused to embrace His Cross. But He didn't. Instead, He willingly walked through this week anticipating and embracing the suffering and rejection He received. And He didn't do so begrudgingly or even with regret. He embraced this week willingly, choosing it as His own will.

In this act, He transformed the greatest evil into the greatest good. Now, as a result of our faith in this act, the crucifix hangs centrally in our churches and in our homes as a constant reminder that not even the greatest of evils can overcome the power, wisdom and love of God. God is more powerful than death itself and God has the final victory even when all seems lost.

Let this week give you divine hope. So often we can be tempted toward discouragement and, even worse, we can be tempted toward despair. But all is not lost for us either. Nothing can ultimately steal away our joy unless we let it. No hardship, no burden and no cross can conquer us if we remain steadfast in Christ Jesus letting Him transform all we endure in life by His glorious embrace of His own Cross.

Reflect, today, upon the contrast of emotions from Palm Sunday through Good Friday. Ponder the fear, confusion and despair that many would have had as they saw Jesus murdered. Reflect, also, upon this being a divine act by which the Father permitted this grave suffering so as to use it for the greatest good ever known. The Lord gave His life freely and calls you to do the same. Reflect upon the cross in your life. Know that the Lord can use this for good, bringing forth an abundance of mercy through your free embrace as you offer it to Him as a willing sacrifice. Blessed Holy Week! Put your eyes upon the Lord's Cross as well as your own.

My crucified Lord, when I am tempted to despair, give me hope. Help me to see Your presence in all things, even in those things that are most troubling to me. May this Holy Week transform my darkest moments and weakness as I surrender all to You, my God. Jesus, I trust in You.

April 10th, 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.

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.

OLMM is starting a Kids Club!

What? Activities, games and learn more about God.

Who? Anyone from 4-11 years old

When? April 30th from 10-11:15am (last Saturday monthly)

Where? Our Lady of Miraculous Medal (OLMM) church hall

Contact Stacey Murphy at murphysb1987@gmail.com to register or for more info. Volunteers are needed to help during the program.

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 9th, 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.



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

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST SHARE LENT 2022 CAMPAIGN

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2022! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the People and Planet First campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$1050.00. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and 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.

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