



## The Resurrection 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 16<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday

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

### Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – The Resurrection of the Lord

**9:00am** Repose of the souls of all departed names on the Easter Flower list

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

### Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

**7:00pm** Intentions of David Carvell by Deirdre Larocque

### Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

**9:30am** Repose of the soul of Dorrette McLean by the Tanguay Family

### Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Henriette Lemay by the Tanguay Family

### Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**9:00am** Intentions and well-being of all seniors

### Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**4:30pm** Repose of the soul of Placide Nyembua by the Tanguay Family

### Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

**9:00am** Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45am** Repose of the soul of Pauline Villeneuve by the Tanguay family

## YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 -- \$4,727.00**

**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.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE** at [www.olmm.ca](http://www.olmm.ca) and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olmmrussell>  
Email: [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)

### Easter Sunday (Year C)

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Saying those words is like drinking a tall glass of cold water after being out in the desert all day. Lent is over and it is now time to celebrate the great joy of Easter!

At the Easter Vigil, the Exsultet is sung as Mass begins in darkness, illumined only by candles throughout the church. The Exsultet is a beautiful hymn of rejoicing in Christ's triumph over sin and death. One part states:

O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned for us so great, so glorious a Redeemer!

This line stands out because it calls the sin of Adam "necessary" and refers to it as "O happy fault." At first, this may seem strange. Why is it that we refer to the sin of Adam, Original Sin, as "necessary" and "happy." The answer is Easter. It's because God, in His perfect wisdom and love, took sin and the consequence of sin (death) and used them as the means of the salvation of the world. That's what Easter is all about!

This may be hard to comprehend so it's worth thinking about more deeply. Without Adam's sin, there would be no Jesus. God would not have had to become one of us. So even though the original sin of Adam, as well as all future sin, is evil and wrong, God in His perfect power and love chose to use it as the very means of the salvation of the world. How? By allowing the sins of the world to persecute Him and crucify Him, and then, by turning that suffering and death into the very means of salvation. Jesus destroyed sin by destroying the consequences of sin which is death. Death loses in the Resurrection! Jesus' Resurrection takes away the effects of all sin for those who cling to Him.

This is the meaning of Easter! Easter means that nothing can keep us from the joy that God wants to give us. Nothing can steal that joy away. Sure, at times we will struggle just as Jesus did in the Agony of the Garden and the *Via Dolorosa* (the Way of the Cross), but those sufferings will not win. The Resurrection won with Christ and it will win with us when we cling to Him. Jesus persevered and, in the end, rose victorious. This is Easter!

Know that God wants you to experience the joy of Easter in your life. Let Him fill you with hope and with the joy that only the Resurrection can bring. God wants Easter to begin now in our lives! Happy Easter!

*My transforming Lord, help me to cling to You in Your Resurrection. Help me to let You transform every cross and burden in my life into joy. Lord, may Your joy fill my life and be my strength in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.*



April 17<sup>th</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).

**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 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:15am (last Saturday monthly)

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

Contact Stacey Murphy at [murphysb1987@gmail.com](mailto:murphysb1987@gmail.com) to register or for more info. Volunteers are needed to help during the program.

**Our next dedicated seniors mass** will be on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 9:00am mass with a prayer for seniors and a special blessing.

**Thank you** to all who helped in making rosary kits, and volunteering at Mother Teresa Catholic School. Your support is heart-felt and appreciated. We will try to train more people in the future. Yours in Christ through Our Lady, Legion of Mary. Cath Gambell

### **The Story of the Three Trees**

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, 'Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty.'

Then the second tree said, 'Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take Kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull.'

Finally the third tree said, 'I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me.'

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, 'This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter,' and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest.

At the second tree the woodsman said, 'This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard.' The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship.

When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, 'I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one,' and he cut it down. When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for.

The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end.

The third tree was cut into large pieces, and left alone in the dark. The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams.

Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time.

Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping Man, and He stood and said 'Peace' and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat. Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the Man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the Man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

We don't always know what God's plan are for us. We just know that His Ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best. May your day be blessed. And until we meet again, may God cradle you in the palm of His hand.