



Divine Mercy Sunday to Third Sunday of Easter - 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 23rd

8:00pm Repose of the soul of Placide Nyembua by the Tanguay Family

Sunday, April 24th – 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

Tuesday, April 26th

7:00pm CANCELLED

Wednesday, April 27th

9:30am CANCELLED

Thursday, April 28th

9:00am CANCELLED

Friday, April 29th – St. Catherine of Siena

9:00am CANCELLED

Saturday, April 30th – St. Marie De L'Incarnation

4:30pm Repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Helliker & Coffey Families by Margaret Helliker

Sunday, May 1st – Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am Repose of the souls of Lillian Knowlton, Charlotte Trainor & Mario Chenard by Paul & Charlene Chenard

10:45am Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, May 3rd – St. Philip and St. James

7:00pm CANCELLED

Wednesday, May 4th

9:30am CANCELLED

Thursday, May 5th

9:00am CANCELLED

Friday, May 6th – St. Francois De Laval

9:00am CANCELLED

Saturday, May 7th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Barbara Fleet by the James Family

Sunday, May 8th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the souls of Jackie Sisk and Rose Brown by Ken and Heather Sisk

Please Note: Weekday Masses are cancelled from Tuesday, April 19 to Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

Divine Mercy Sunday (Year C)

What a grace-filled day this is! It is the eighth and final day of the Octave of Easter. On this eighth day of Easter we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day when the flood-gates of mercy are opened wide and God lavishes us with more than we could ever hope for.

Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated for years as a private devotion. But in the year 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II, who himself was an extraordinary instrument of God's mercy, put this feast on the Church's official calendar as he raised Sister Faustina to sainthood.

Saint Faustina was a member of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. She died in 1938. She came from a simple and poor family of farmers, had only three years of simple education and performed the humblest of tasks in her convent. But she also was a mystic who was privileged to have many private revelations from our Lord which she recorded in her diary of Divine Mercy. She writes of her experience on February 22, 1931:

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I became aware of the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale. In silence I gazed intently at the Lord; my soul was overwhelmed with fear, but also with great joy. After a while Jesus said to me, 'paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You.'

Later, Jesus explained to her in another vision:

"The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous; the red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My most tender Mercy at that time when My agonizing Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross....Fortunate is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him."

Jesus spoke again to her of His desire that the Solemnity of Divine Mercy be established:

"On that day (the 8th day of Easter each year) the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity."

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, intensely reflect upon the abundance of this gift that God wishes to pour forth upon us. There is no limit to how much we are loved by our God of perfect mercy. And today, on this the eighth day of Easter, we should especially be aware of the fact that the floodgates of Heaven are opened to us to an unimaginable degree.

Lord of Mercy, help me today to begin to understand what mercy is all about. Help me to first be open to the mercy You wish to bestow upon me. As I receive Your own Divine Mercy, help me also to be an instrument of that mercy for all to see. 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.

Intentions of the Holy Father for May:

FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

April 24th - May 8th, 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**

Third Sunday of Easter, Year C

So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. [John 21:7](#)

Peter was all in, literally speaking. This passage above is taken from one of the appearances of Jesus to the Apostles after His Resurrection. They were fishing all night and caught nothing. Jesus, from the shore, told them to cast the net off the right side of the boat. When they did this they caught more fish than they could handle. When John realized it was Jesus and said so, Peter could not contain his excitement and jumped into the water to go and meet his Lord.

Would you jump into a lake to go to our Lord? That may seem like an unusual question but it's worth considering in a literal way. If you encountered our resurrected Lord, would you be so excited to see Him that you would be compelled to enter into His presence, even if it meant you had to jump into a lake? This action of Peter should be seen as a symbolic gesture for our own spiritual lives. The fact that Peter did not hesitate reveals how we should react when we encounter Jesus.

Obviously we do not encounter Jesus in His resurrected form in the way Peter did in this passage, literally and physically. But we do encounter Him every day, if we only have eyes to see. He is alive within our own hearts through prayer and by His indwelling presence. He is truly present in the people we meet every day. And He is most certainly present in the Sacraments, especially the Most Holy Eucharist.

There are two questions you should consider regarding this passage. The first is whether or not you actually do perceive Jesus' presence throughout the day. Peter did not recognize Him at first, even though Jesus spoke to him and the others in the boat. It took the miracle for them to recognize it was Him. The second question is how you react to His presence when you do perceive Him. Are you indifferent? Do you lack enthusiasm? Or are you filled with much joy?

Reflect, today, upon these two questions and resolve to become more attentive to the presence of our Lord every day, throughout the day. Resolve, also, to react as Peter did when you see Jesus. Let your heart and passion be drawn to Him and react with extraordinary joy and enthusiasm. Don't be afraid to go all in for our Lord!

Lord, help me to see You, alive in my life, alive in the lives of others, and alive in Your Church, especially in the Most Holy Eucharist. So often I am blind to Your divine presence all around me. Help me to see You every day. Help me also to respond with much joy and enthusiasm to Your divine presence. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You more. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

Catholic Education Week 2022 begins on Sunday, May 1, 2022. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together."

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2022 was inspired by the following considerations:

- In the face of the continuing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic, a strong desire by the planning committee, and supported by feedback from the survey, the themes for Catholic Education Weeks 2020 and 2021, were Igniting Hope and Nurturing Hope, and all we know for certain is that there will be much to Rebuild, Restore and Renew together in 2022.

- The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis makes the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, all the more relevant.

- Ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the relevance of Indigenous culture and spirituality will continue to move us forward.

- The Ministry of Education's focus on Inclusion and Equity resonates with all educators and administrators as we desire to serve all of God's children and Pope Francis' encyclical entitled, *Fratelli Tutti*, will guide us in this good work.

The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5)

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.

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



**Welcome to the family of God:
Everett Stephen MacMillan**