#### Sixth Sunday of Easter to The Ascension 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.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, May 21st

**4:30pm** Thanksgiving for Sally James on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by the James Family

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor **10:45am** Repose of the soul of Yves Hupe by the Tanguay

Family

Tuesday, May 24th

**7:00pm** CANCELLED

Wednesday, May 25th

9:30am CANCELLED

Thursday, May 26th - St. Philip Neri

**9:00am** Repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Helliker & Coffey families by Margaret

Helliker

Friday, May 27th

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Irene Burns by Robert Burns

Saturday, May 28th

4:30pm Healing intentions of John & Anne Jackson and

family by the KOC Council 12401

Sunday, May 29th - The Ascension of the Lord

**9:00am** Intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor **10:45am** Repose of the soul of Cornelia Petersen by the **CWL Members** 

Tuesday, May 31st - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin

7:00pm Intentions of Julie Larocque by Deirdre Larocque

Wednesday, June 1st - St. Justin

**9:30am** Repose of the soul of Grantham Visser by the **Tanguay Family** 

Thursday, June 2nd

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Glenn Arthur Edwards by

Jack, Joan & Family

Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

**9:00am** 42<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Denis & Nicole

Saturday, June 4th

**4:30pm** Repose of the soul of Gerard Lapierre by the

Watson Family

Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost Sunday

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Shannon Knowlton by Paul

& Charlene Chenard

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

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to His disciples: "Whoever loves Me will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our dwelling with him." John 14:23

Do you want our Lord to come to you and dwell within the depths of your soul? Presumably the answer is an easy "Yes." The way to make this happen is to love God and keep His word. When you do that, the Blessed Trinity will come and dwell within you.

It's interesting that the love of God appears to be contingent upon our love of Him. In other words, does God only love us when we love Him first? Strictly speaking, God loves us with a perfect love regardless of whether we love Him or not. But with that said, love takes on a whole new form when it is received and reciprocated. Therefore, when we choose to love God we suddenly realize that our love of Him opens the door for Him to come and dwell within us, transforming us and making our heart His holy sanctuary. What a glorious gift!

It's also interesting to note that love of God means, in part, that we are obedient to Him. But that's the nature of God. He is Love itself and, therefore, loving Him necessarily involves a complete submission of your will to His. Perfect obedience to Him in all things is a powerful way of loving Him. It's a way of allowing Him to dwell within you and, in that act, to take over your will. Only then can you love Him even more fully with vour whole being.

Reflect, today, especially upon your desire to have the Most Holy Trinity come and dwell within your soul. This should be the primary goal of our lives. If God lives within us then all else in life will fall into place. All things will work for the good and God will be glorified in and through us. Make the choice to love Him through your obedience, this day, and your relationship of love will grow by leaps and bounds.

Most Holy Trinity, I do love You and desire to love You in a more perfect way this day. Help me to submit to Your perfect will in all things. Help me to embrace perfect obedience to You always. In that act of love and submission, come and make Your dwelling within me. Jesus, I trust in You.

#### **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.

#### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

May 22<sup>nd</sup> - \$ 3,600

Thank you for your generosity and support

May 21<sup>st</sup> - June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Revised)
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

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter-The Ascension of the Lord

"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to Your son, so that Your Son may glorify You, just as You gave Him authority over all people, so that He may give eternal life to all You gave Him." John 17:1–2 (Gospel from Year A)

John's Gospel, Chapter 17, is referred to as Jesus' High Priestly prayer. It's a long and beautiful prayer that would be worth reading in its entirety for reflection.

Jesus begins by speaking to the Father that "the hour has come." His hour of suffering and death is upon Him. But He sees it as an opportunity for His glorification. This is an important revelation within John's Gospel and especially within this prayer. The Cross is horrible from a human perspective alone. But from the divine perspective or the will of the Father and the salvation of the world, it is glorious and the moment in which Jesus takes up His throne of the Cross. It is glorious because He perfectly fulfills the will of the Father through His freely embraced suffering.

From there, Jesus prays for the Apostles in particular. He prays for their mission so that they will have the grace they need to also embrace the will of the Father and continue the work of Jesus. He knows that it is only by embracing their crosses, in accord with the will of the Father, that they will be able to be glorified.

Lastly, Jesus prays for those who would come to faith through the ministry of the Apostles. In particular, He prays for their unity. The unity Jesus is speaking of is a oneness that comes as a result of being united with the Father in Heaven. It is this oneness that leads to glorification for all. And, once again, this oneness is achieved only by being in full union with the will of the Father.

Reflect, today, upon this beautiful prayer and as you do, allow the Lord to speak to you. Hear Him calling you to perfect fulfillment and glory. But know that this is achieved by the embrace of your "hour." The Father is calling you to follow in the footsteps of His Son by laying down your life in perfect obedience to the Father's will. Embracing this cross is the path to Heaven and Jesus' prayer provides all the grace you need to say "Yes."

Father in Heaven, I choose to embrace Your perfect and holy will in all things. I accept from You the invitation to embrace my crosses in life and to enter into the hour to which You have called me. May I find true glory in this hour and may my life always give glory to You. Jesus, I trust in You.

# Intentions of the Holy Father for June: FAMILIES

We pray for Christian families around the world. May they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE** at www.olmm.ca and our Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/olmmrussell">https://www.facebook.com/olmmrussell</a> Email: admin@olmm.ca

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **First Friday Adoration**

Friday, June  $3^{rd}$ , 4:00pm to Saturday, June  $4^{th}$ , 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.

### BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Welcome to the family of God: Zachary Robert Guy Prevost Aria Ryan Mills Alexander Gerard Forsyth Riley Finn McKenna Bodhi Legend Fox Kouk

#### **Handicraft Holy Land Christians**

The weekend of June 4-5 we will have with us a special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted. May God Bless you for your generosity, for help, and for your prayers." www.HolyLandChristians.ca

**Message of the Holy Father Francis** for the 56th World Communications Day – May 29: On the theme: "Listening with the ear of the heart." Read more: <a href="https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2022/01/24/220124a.html">https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2022/01/24/220124a.html</a>

Theresa James and Stewart Langley will be married Saturday, June 11, 2022 at St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Kingston, Ontario
Please keep them in your prayers.

