

Eighteenth to Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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, July 30th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Antonio Scarborough by Lynda Dupuis

Sunday, July 31st - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Marty Chesser Sr. by the Chesser family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, August 2nd

7:00pm Healing intentions of Jim Leonard by the James family

Wednesday, August 3rd

9:30am Repose of the soul of Beth Comeau by Leslie Joiner

Thursday, August 4th - St. Jean-Marie Vianney

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

Friday, August 5th

9:00am Repose of the soul of Gregory Charles Rich by Leslie Joiner

Saturday, August 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:30pm Repose of the souls of Lucy and Norman Champ by the James family

Sunday, August 7th - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Albert Tenden by KOC 12401

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, August 9th

7:00pm Repose of the soul of Sean James by the James family

Wednesday, August 10th - St. Lawrence

9:30am Repose of the soul of Richard Mockler by Jim and Jane Munro

Thursday, August 11th - St. Claire

9:00am Healing intentions of Regan Geertsma by the Gambell family

Friday, August 12th

9:00am Repose of the soul of Orlino Acosta by the Dupuis family

Saturday, August 13th

4:30pm Repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

Sunday, August 14th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am All parents and grandparents by a parishioner

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

July 24th - \$2,680.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." **Luke 12:15**
Imagine what your life would be like if you had no possessions. Imagine that all you had was the clothing you wore and you went through life relying upon the generosity of others. Though, at first, this may seem like an irresponsible way to live, there are some who are called to a form of this life for a sacred reason. Those called to strict religious life are called to embrace the life of poverty, owning nothing themselves, for a reason. The reason is highlighted in this Gospel.

Too often in life we become consumed with our possessions. It's true that material things can add "spice" to life. They can be fun, entertaining, comforting, etc. But the danger of becoming attached to the things of this world is that we begin to rely upon the pleasure they bring more than we rely upon the spiritual possessions which are of much greater value. It's not that material possessions are bad, in and of themselves; rather, it's that the spiritual possessions God wants us to obtain are of infinitely greater value.

Most are not called to live lives of material poverty, but all are called to live lives of poverty in spirit. This means that, though we live in the world, we are not to be of the world. We are to keep our hearts attached only to the greatest treasures of life: faith, hope and charity. When greed and love of material possessions draw us from these spiritual treasures, we must recommit ourselves to the discovery of their great value.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with greed. If that does not sit well with you and if you find yourself immediately trying to justify your attachment to material things, then you may need this reflection more than you know. The Lord wants to give you so much more than this world can offer you. Do not make the choice to become attached to that which is "cheap" from an eternal perspective. Strive to embrace those true riches that will remain with you forever.

Lord of true riches, help me to always keep my heart set on the riches You bestow and to never settle for those things that can never fully satisfy me. I desire the wealth of Heaven, dear Lord, not the riches of Earth. Help me to live the spiritual poverty I am called to live so as to obtain all that You desire for me. Free me from greed and selfishness and help me to find true joy in Your holy will. Jesus, I trust in You.

Intentions of the Holy Father for August: Small Businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

July 30th – August 14th, 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**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." [Luke 12:32](#)

This short statement from Jesus reveals three things to us. First of all, we hear Jesus offer the familiar reminder that we ought not allow fear to take hold of our lives. There are so many things in life that can have the effect of causing fear, worry, anxiety and the like. Overcoming fear is a matter of humility, in that humility enables us to turn our eyes from ourselves and the problems we face and to put our eyes upon our Lord. When we put our eyes on Him, fear dissipates and trust takes its place.

Second, this is also a very tender statement from Jesus in that He calls His disciples, and all of us, His "little flock." This is a term of endearment and reveals our Lord's gentle and compassionate heart. This term of endearment reveals not only that we belong to Jesus, it also reveals how His love for us is intimate and heartfelt. If we understand this love of His we will be compelled to love Him back with the same depth of intimacy.

Lastly, this line points us to the Kingdom of our Father in Heaven. The Father, whom we must trust and with whom we must have an intimate relationship, invites us to share in His most glorious Kingdom. His Kingdom becomes ours, and when we can see and understand how glorious this calling is, we will be filled with hope and excitement as we seek to obtain it.

Reflect, today, upon the heartfelt invitation of our compassionate Lord Jesus to put your eyes upon His Kingdom. As you do so, allow this revelation to cast out fear from your life, strengthening you to overcome that burden. Put your trust in God and allow Him to transform you.

My Divine Shepherd, I accept Your invitation to put my trust in You. Please free me from the many fears that I am tempted with in life. Help me to have confidence in You and Your grace as I seek to put my eyes on the glory of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Welcome to the family of God:

Ceferino Paul Diaz Reyes

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS until Sept. 2nd. New hours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday Adoration

Friday, August 5th, 4:00pm to Saturday, August 6th, 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.

Gratitude: To those who sent greetings, best wishes or offered prayers on my 29th anniversary of priestly ordination, I offer you my thanks and assurance of constant prayers for all of you. – Fr. Anthony

World Youth Day: You still have time! New registration deadline for World Youth Day! Instead of June 30th, the deadline is now September 1st, 2022. If you or someone you know is interested in going to WYD let them know they now have the summer to decide. In order to reserve a spot for registration: a \$100 deposit is required; the registration form needs to be filled out; the Code of Conduct form needs to be signed. All this information and more can be found on the WYD page of the Archdiocesan website: World Youth Day Lisbon, Portugal 2023 - (archoc.ca). For more info, contact Shavi Perera at 613-738-5025x266 or youthcoordinator@archottawa.ca.

SILENT RETREAT

The *Legion of Mary* is sponsoring a silent retreat at *Le Centre de l'Amour* in Plantagenet (47 minutes from downtown Ottawa) from **Friday, September 16, 7:30 pm to Sunday, September 18, 2022, 1:00 pm.** [Father Martin Farrell](#), a well-known preacher from the Dominicans, will be the retreat master. The theme is ***THEOSIS (Grow daily in the likeness of God)***. Price: **\$180** for the weekend including lodging, meals, masses and conferences.

To register and for more information, please call *Angela Beimers* at **613 829-0320**.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thank you to Marc Lalonde for painting the side door of the church, to Denise Parenteau for retouching the Blessed Virgin Mary outside the church and to Ken Sisk for marking the parking lot. We are truly blessed to have you in our parish.

GONE TO THE FATHER

Raymond Ignace Chartand

