

Twentieth to Twenty-Second 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, 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 For all parents and grandparents by a parishioner

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, August 16th

7:00pm Repose of the souls of Tom and Bea Mascaro by the James family

Wednesday, August 17th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Fr. Rheal LeBlanc by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

Thursday, August 18th

9:00am

Friday, August 19th

9:00am Repose of the soul of George MacMillan by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

Saturday, August 20th-St. Bernard

4:30pm For the intentions of Hannah Quinton by the James family

Sunday, August 21st-Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Cornelia Peterson by the Lommen family

Tuesday, August 23rd

7:00pm

Wednesday, August 24th-St. Bartholomew

9:30am Repose of the soul of Erica Linger by the Gambell family

Thursday, August 25th

9:00am

Friday, August 26th

9:00am Repose of the soul of Luisa Ferri by Diane Cepenkus

Saturday, August 27th-St. Monica

4:30pm In thanksgiving and for the intentions of Monsignor Joe Lynch on the occasion of his retirement by the James family

Sunday, August 28th-Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For the intentions of all volunteers within the Parish

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Please email or call the church for any upcoming mass intentions you would like. Blessings

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Jesus said to His disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" Luke 12:49

This passage reveals two things to us. First, it reveals Jesus' intention to "set the earth on fire." Second, it reveals that He desires "it were already blazing."

What does it mean when Jesus says that He came to set the world on fire? Fire is a powerful image that offers much insight into the Christian life. First, fire consumes. So it is with Christ. He came to consume us. He came to transform our little lives into blazing fires. This reveals that there is much potential in each one of our lives. We have potential to become something totally new if we allow the spark of grace to ignite our souls.

Fire also has the potential to make a difference. Its heat keeps us warm, its light allows us to see in darkness and its energy produces power in various ways to help us in our daily lives. So it is with grace. God's grace transforms our cold hearts, leads us through the darkness of life and provides us with all we need to live productive lives.

It's interesting to note that Jesus did not only say that He came to set the world on fire; rather, He said that He wished it were already blazing. This desire of our Lord is an invitation to move out of a mediocre and lukewarm existence into a life of radical Christian living. We are not called to be partly transformed, or even mostly transformed. No, we are called to become blazing fires of faith, transformed by God to make a true difference in the world!

Reflect, today, upon the fire within your own soul. How brightly is that fire burning? You need to feed that fire on a daily basis, fanning it into flame with complete commitment. Seek to become that blazing fire that the Lord desires of you and you will be amazed at how fully you can become transformed by grace.

Lord, set my heart on fire with the brightness of Your love and mercy. Help me to be open to the complete transformation of life that You desire of me. I give myself to You without reserve, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You.

Welcome to new parishioners: If you are new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, welcome to our Parish. Please take a moment to fill in the registration form which can be picked up from the office. Say "hello" to Fr. Anthony and share fellowship with parishioners at mass.

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.

August 14th - August 28th 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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." [Luke 13:24](#)

What does this line tell us? It reveals that we cannot enter Heaven by our own will or through our own effort. Furthermore, it tells us that though some will try to get to Heaven through their own effort, this approach will not work. Upon meeting our Lord, after death, they will be surprised that they are not a member of His Kingdom. This clear and somewhat shocking statement from our Lord should have the effect of causing you to step back and look at your life so as to sincerely and humbly examine the path you are on. Jesus' directness and clarity on this real experience that some will have should help to open your eyes so as to honestly examine if He is speaking about you. It takes true humility to face the truth, at times, and to admit if we are trying to rely more upon ourselves than upon Christ. The "narrow gate" is that gate through which the humble enter. Pride and self-sufficiency lead us to attempt to make our own path to Heaven. But this path is never the correct one.

Entering the "narrow gate" also means that we listen to God. He, as the divine Shepherd, is always calling to us in a gentle way. Only when we are attentive to His voice will we know where He is leading us. Only then will we discover the way through the one and only narrow gate.

Reflect, today, upon that moment when you meet our Lord face to face. What will that encounter be like? Will it be one where He greets you with open arms saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into your reward." Or will it be one in which He says, "I do not know you." Now is the time to face your life of faith with honesty, striving to rely only upon the strength of our divine Lord.

Lord, I do desire to enter the narrow gate. I choose to follow Your gentle voice, leading me to Heaven. Help me to remain humble in life, shedding all that leads me to rely upon myself. May I rely only upon You, dear Lord, and trust You in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large tray of apples. A nun lettered a note and posted it on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving along the lunch line, at the other end was a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. A girl wrote a note, which she put next to the tray of cookies, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 15,

Mass at 9:00am

The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall is helping to collect donations for the Papal Visit. It accepts donations as follows:

- through [Canada Helps](#)
- by e-transfer using cfo@archottawa.ca, and "Diocese" as a password
- by cheque addressed to RCECO and sent to Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall c/o CFO, 1209 Michael Street N. OTTAWA, ON, K1J 7T
- **by giving through your parish by specifying your donation is for the Papal Visit**

Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 and above. You may also visit papalvisit.ca or visitepapale.ca for more information.

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**.