

Twenty-Third to Twenty-Fourth 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 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

Tuesday, August 30th

7:00pm Blessings on the 55th wedding anniversary of Josephine and Gary Barnes by the James family

Wednesday, August 31st

9:30am

Thursday, September 1st

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

Friday, September 2nd

9:00am For the health, safety and education of Justus Croskery as he leaves for university

Saturday, September 3rd - St. Gregory The Great

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Pam Belleville by the Lacelle family

Sunday, September 4th - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Paris Bugay by the Kolman family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, September 6th

7:00pm

Wednesday, September 7th

9:30am 101st birthday of the Legion of Mary by Cathy Gambell

Thursday, September 8th - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Repose of the soul of Fr. Leonard St. John by Cathy Gambell

Friday, September 9th

9:00am

Saturday, September 10th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Robert Peter Hannigan by the James family

Sunday, September 11th - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Margaret Ann Baldwin by David and Florence Oldford and family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?" [Luke 14:28](#)

Are you prepared for all that the Lord wants of you? This short rhetorical question above is Jesus' way of saying that you ought to be prepared. If you were to build a tower you would hopefully be prudent enough to plan ahead, making sure you had enough resources for its completion. So it is with the spiritual life. It is essential that we make sure we have all the resources we need to make the choice to follow Christ.

This raises the question, "What resources do I need to follow Christ?" The answer is simple. Jesus says at the end of this Gospel, "In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple" ([Luke 14:33](#)). In other words, if we want to have all that we need to fulfill the will of God in our lives, we must surrender everything to God.

Being a disciple of Christ is not something we can do half-heartedly, even though there are many who attempt this. When we choose to follow Him, it must be wholehearted. We must be "all in," so to speak. Otherwise, we will never be able to accomplish all that our Lord asks of us. He is a demanding God in the sense that He wants everything from us. But this demand on the part of our Lord is completely for our own good. We need to give Him everything if we want happiness and fulfillment in life. Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to give every last part of your life to Christ. Are you willing to say "Yes" to Him no matter what? Are you willing to hold nothing back and "renounce all your possessions" if He were to ask? You may possess many things, and even though our Lord may not call you to give up all possessions in a literal and physical way, you must still surrender everything you have and everything you are to Him. Only then can He give you what you need to accomplish His most glorious will. *Lord, my life is Yours. Please give me the grace to surrender everything that makes up my life to You without reserve. I surrender to You my life, my finances, my possessions, my family, my labors and my entire future. All is Yours, dear Lord. Do with me what You will. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Intentions of the Holy Father for September:

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

Please visit, email or call the office to submit a Mass intention requests. Blessings!

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

August 21st - \$ 3,440.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

August 28th – September 11th 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

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Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and Scribes began to complain, saying, "This Man welcomes sinners and eats with them." [Luke 15:1-2](#) What a foolish and arrogant thing to say! Jesus was merciful, welcoming, forgiving and loving to those who were sinners. And the Pharisees and Scribes complained about this as if Jesus were doing something wrong.

On one level, it is understandable that the pride-filled Scribes and Pharisees would look for anything they could to condemn Jesus. They were on a sort of "witch hunt," so to speak, seeking to find any fault they could with our Lord. So, out of the fullness of their malice, they attempted to make it look like Jesus was an awful sinner due to the fact that He spent time with sinners and welcomed them.

From a perspective of the pure truth, however, the jealousy, envy, manipulation and deception of the scribes and Pharisees are clear. The "condemnation" they uttered against Jesus was no true condemnation at all. It was a fabrication and a twisting of the truth. The truth is that Jesus' kindness to those who were sinners was a living out of His countless virtues. He was understanding, merciful, compassionate, patient, forgiving and the like. He saw troubled hearts and reached out to them in their need, especially when He could tell they were sorry, open and humble.

We may all encounter those who are religiously "self-righteous" at times. This is an ugly sin and one that should not sit well with us. The problem is that those who are self-righteous are oftentimes also intimidating and oppressive. Those who condemn others in the name of God are hard to confront. Jesus' initial response was to ignore them and to go about His ministry of love and compassion, telling parables and helping those in need. But eventually He took these religious leaders on directly, condemning them for their pride and arrogance.

Reflect, today, upon any tendency you have in your heart to judge another, especially when you try to do so in the name of God. If you struggle with self-righteousness and pride, humble yourself now so that our Lord will not eventually be compelled to issue forth His justice on you!

My most righteous Lord, please have mercy upon me and heal me of my sins. Free me from all tendencies towards being judgmental and help me, in imitation of You, to love and welcome the sinner in my midst so that I, as a sinner, will be welcomed by You. Jesus, I trust in You.

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Welcome to the family of God:
Amelia Wilson
Rosanna Wilson
Alexah-Rae Dunnigan
Josephine Saucier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are welcome to attend the Back-to-School Mass and Celebration scheduled for Tuesday, August 30th, at 11:00 am, being held at St. Michael's Catholic High School, in Kemptville, with Most Reverend Archbishop Marcel Damphousse presiding.

We can gather together as a community as we begin the 2022-2023 school year.

If you haven't already done so, please inform Linda Traynor or Judith Beriault at linda.traynor@cdsbeo.on.ca if you plan on attending.

First Friday Adoration

Friday, September 2nd, 4:00pm to Saturday, September 3rd, 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.

Blessings of School Backpack. Fr. Anthony invites all students of our parish to bring their school backpack on **Sunday, September 4th, 2022 at 9:00am Mass** for blessings and to prepare their hearts to be ready to learn and crave for knowledge at home, school and church.

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.

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**.