

Twenty-Fifth to Twenty-Sixth 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, 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

Tuesday, September 13th - St. John Chrysostom

7:00pm Repose of the souls of Catherine and Frank Shannon by Mary Ellen and Richard James and family

Wednesday, September 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30am

Thursday, September 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00am Repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

Friday, September 16th - St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

9:00am Intentions and well-being of all seniors

Saturday, September 17th

4:30pm

Sunday, September 18th - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Mayette Aguirre by her loving friends

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, September 20th - St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon

7:00pm

Wednesday, September 21st - St. Matthew

9:30am Peace and unity among us by a parishioner

Thursday, September 22nd

9:00am Repose of the soul of Sandra McKercher by Maureen Marsolais

Friday, September 23rd - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

9:00am Repose of the soul of Ron Lacroix by the Kolman family

Saturday, September 24th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Steve Gratto by Margaret Dupelle and family

Sunday, September 25th - Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am

10:45am

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

September 4th - \$ 2,715.

Thank you for your generosity and support

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." **Luke 16:13**

Many people dream of being rich. Having a lot of money brings with it a certain amount of security and freedom to do many things that most people could not. Money, in and of itself, is neither good nor bad. If one is rich, that is fine. If one is poor, that is fine. From the perspective of God, the amount of money you have matters little.

With that said, the danger with money comes when you allow it to become your "master." Interestingly, even those who are poor can allow money to become their master when they allow the desire for more to dominate their lives. The key is in the desire and the healthy detachment.

What are you attached to? Are you attached to the money you have? Are you attached to the desire for the money you wish you had? The goal is to see money for what it is. In the big picture, money has very little value. It's a means to the end of taking care of your daily needs but can never become the source of your joy and fulfillment in life. Only God is the proper Master of our hearts and only He can fill you with true riches.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with being overly attached to money, or the lack thereof. God promises to provide for you in your need, so it's essential that you trust Him. And if your financial needs are more than met, be grateful and cultivate generosity as you seek to detach from money as a false source of happiness. Let your heart only be filled with the rich grace of God as its source of fulfillment and you will be rich in the truest sense.

Lord of all, help me to keep You as the one and only Master of my life. Give me the grace I need to detach from all that is of this world, so as to live for You and in accord with Your will alone. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You above all else. 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.

SPECIAL THANKS



Special thank you to Butch and Donna McKlusky for growing and sharing the beautiful gladiolus flowers that have adorned the altar the last three weekends. God bless these gardeners for their amazing gifts of cultivating and harvesting God's beauty to share with our parish.

September 11th – September 25th, 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 or drop in the collection basket.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.” **Luke 16:19-21**

From one perspective, Lazarus was existing in a very undesirable state. He was poor, starving, and miserable. He was covered with sores that dogs would lick. This is very descriptive language used by Jesus and it’s helpful to do your best to imagine this miserable physical state that Lazarus was in.

The key to this story is that even though Lazarus was in a miserable physical condition, his soul was in the hands of God. We know that to be true, because we are told that when he died, he was “carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham” (**Luke 16:22**).

This story provides us all with an opportunity to look at what is most important in life. The rich man had all he wanted in this life but clearly lacked charity on account of the fact that he ignored the physical needs of Lazarus. For that reason, the rich man was spiritually impoverished, whereas Lazarus was spiritually prosperous.

When you can keep your eyes on what is most important in life, spiritual wealth, it will make the many other hardships you endure less burdensome. Perhaps you will never be in the same physical condition as Lazarus, but you may encounter other great pains and hardships in life. When this happens, the tendency may be to become fixated upon those sufferings and to take your eyes off your interior union with God.

Reflect, today, upon how you would deal with living like Lazarus. Reflect upon what your own “sores” are in life. They may be varied in type, degree and number from those of other people’s sufferings, but they will be encountered in your life. As you identify your suffering, turn your eyes from it to the presence of God in your soul, and allow His presence to fill you with the riches of His grace.

Lord, I offer to You my suffering and pain, my misery and hurt. Help me to always keep my eyes on You and to seek satisfaction only in the riches of Heaven. Fill my heart, especially, with love of You and charity for others so that I will be truly rich in what matters most. Jesus, I trust in You.

SUGGESTION BOX

Got a great idea to improve our parish? We want to hear it! We are excited to announce our new suggestion box (can be found in back of the church), to help us listen better to you as we continue improving our parish. Whenever you want to share your **anonymous (or not anonymous)** feedback with us, just write it, pens and papers are provided. We welcome your questions, comments, complaints, and compliments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that paving work on the church parking lot close to the side door entrance will be completed this fall. Signs will be posted advising when the parking lot area will be off limits. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience. Unfortunately, because this work is weather-dependent, exact dates cannot be provided.

Attention Altar Servers:

There will be a mandatory workshop for all children and youth interested in altar serving on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 10:00 am. New servers are welcome and should attend the workshop. Any child in Grade 3 or above who has made their First Communion is eligible. For more information or to confirm your participation please email Karla Butt at karlabutt@icloud.com

Our next dedicated seniors mass will be on Friday, September 16th at the 9:00am Mass with a prayer for seniors and a special blessing.

ARCHBISHOP’S MESSAGE

September 6, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In 2015 Pope Francis established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to “offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” It is celebrated on September 1st.

Today, we are at a crucial juncture, and we are asked to continue working to protect and respect one another and our common home from further abuse and degradation. Inspired by Pope Francis’ Encyclical letter entitled Laudato Si, you are invited to reflect on your personal lifestyle decisions and choices to address the seven objectives proposed by the Laudato Si Action Plan. Parishes are also asked to discern how they can include Care for Creation into their larger Missional plan. To begin this period of discernment, I am inviting all parishes to host a Care for Creation Mass to celebrate the Season for Creation (September 1st to October 4th). We encourage you to choose a date near St. Francis of Assisi’s Feast Day if possible.

Following this encounter with Christ, the Archdiocese, in collaboration with the current Laudato Si leaders, will gain insights from parishes willing to engage in concrete ways to answer this call. A general plan about the opportunities available to you in your parish will be shared to work toward the goals with the common understanding that they serve to meet Jesus in our everyday lives, by serving others and protecting our Creation.

✠ Marcel Dampousse
Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall

Please note that Mireille Church is the coordinator of this project. Any questions or comments can be sent to her at the following address: creationcare@archottawa.ca