

Twenty-Ninth to Thirtieth 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, October 15th - St. Teresa of Jesus

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Richard Ladouceur by
Marcella Woods

Sunday, October 16th - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor
10:45am Repose of the soul of Marcel Cote by Bev Cote
and Winnie Kerfoot

Tuesday, October 18th - St. Luke

7:00pm Repose of the soul of Jared Oldford by Mom,
Dad and loving family

Wednesday, October 19th

9:30am Repose of the soul of David Crevier by
Margaret and family

Thursday, October 20th

9:00am Repose of the souls of Norma Mackey and Brett
Mackey by the Rich family

Friday, October 21st

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

Saturday, October 22nd

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Robert Burns Jr. by
Robert Burns

Sunday, October 23rd - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Eugenio Caraang by the
Dupuis family
10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, October 25th

7:00pm MASS CANCELLED

Wednesday, October 26th

9:30am MASS CANCELLED

Thursday, October 27th

9:00am MASS CANCELLED

Friday, October 28th - St. Simon and St. Jude

9:00am MASS CANCELLED

Saturday, October 29th

4:30pm Healing intentions of Jerry Chase by Myra
Chyzyj

Sunday, October 30th - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor
10:45am Repose of the souls of the deceased brothers
and sisters of Denise Parenteau

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

October 9th - \$3,194.75

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

"...because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me." **Luke 18:5**

This passage is from the story of the Persistent Widow. She kept coming to a judge, who cared little about doing the right thing, and persistently begged him for a good judgment. Finally he gave in so as to get her to leave him alone.

Jesus used this story to teach a lesson about the necessity "to pray always without becoming weary" (**Luke 18:1**). It's interesting that the image of the judge is one "who neither feared God nor respected any human being" (**Luke 18:2**). But Jesus uses this image of an unjust judge to reveal the power of persistence and to reveal the depths of God's mercy.

First, we learn that this woman never gave up. So with us, we must never cease to lose hope in prayer. We must pray always, constantly and persistently. It's not that prayer changes God; rather, prayer changes us and disposes us to receive the immeasurable graces from God.

Second, we learn that if an uncaring judge will eventually give a good decision, then so much more will the merciful and all-loving God pour forth His good judgments in our lives when we trust Him. There should be no doubt in our lives that God can do all good things for us if we but let Him. Reflect, today, upon how persistent you are in your prayer. The prayer you must seek to live is primarily a prayer of total trust and abandonment to God. You do not change God's mind by begging Him. Rather, your prayer must be so persistent that it opens you to the will of God and allows His grace to flow in accord with His perfect will. *Lord, I beg of You that Your perfect and holy will be done in my life. I abandon all to You, dear Lord. Do with me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You.*

Intentions of the Holy Father for October:

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church, ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

Have you been missing the fellowship from attending Coffee Sundays? If so please feel free to sign up and host an up-coming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted just outside the kitchen. Thank you all in advance.

October 16th – 30th, 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.

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Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. [Luke 18:9](#) This Scripture passage is the introduction to the Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector. This parable offers quite a contrast between two general attitudes. First, the Pharisee's attitude reveals that he is very impressed with himself, thinking highly of his public image, and is unaware of his own sin. Second, the tax collector's attitude reveals that he is deeply aware of his own sin, is sorry for it and knows he is in need of God's mercy. The result of these two very different attitudes is that the tax collector went home justified whereas the Pharisee did not.

What does it mean to be justified? It means that the tax collector had a clear conscience and was grounded in the truth. He knew his need for mercy, begged for it and received it. He did not lie to himself, to others or to God. He knew who he was and it is this truth that allowed God to exalt him. The tax collector's justification came through the forgiveness of his sins and the bestowal of the mercy of God in his life.

The Pharisee may have felt good about himself to a certain extent in that he elevated himself for all to see. He was convinced of his own self-righteousness but, in truth, was not righteous. He was only self-righteous. He was living a lie and most likely believed that lie and even may have convinced others of that lie. But the fact remained, the Pharisee was not righteous and he was not truly justified.

What we must take from this passage is a profound realization of the importance of living in the truth. Those who paint a false image of themselves may fool themselves and may even fool others. But they will never fool God and they will never be able to achieve true peace in their soul. We each must realize the humble truth of our sin and weakness and, in that realization, beg for the only remedy – the mercy of God.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of this tax collector: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner" ([Luke 18:13](#)). Make it your prayer. Admit your sin. Acknowledge your need for the mercy of God and allow that mercy to exalt you within the righteousness of God.

Lord of all righteousness, Jesus Christ, please be merciful to me, for I am a sinner. I acknowledge my sin and my weakness and I beg for Your abundant mercy. Please pour forth Your mercy and help me to open my heart to all that You wish to bestow. Help me to live in the humble truth, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.

**Please note: the week of October 25th, all
weekday masses will be cancelled due to the
Priests study week.**

Dear Parishioners, please be informed that at the end of September, we have stopped our usual live streaming of Masses. We encourage parishioners to attend Masses at the parish in-person. God bless you. – Fr. Anthony

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next dedicated seniors mass will be on Friday, October 21st at the 9:00am Mass with a prayer for seniors and a special blessings. Join us for light refreshments at the hall after the Mass.

The next Youth Group meetings will be on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 28th from 7:30 to 9:00pm at the church hall. Children ages 12 to 19 are welcome to participate. For more information and to register, contact Meghann Baker at Meghann.baker@yahoo.ca.

World Mission Sunday: Pope Francis has issued a message for World Mission Sunday, October 23, entitled "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). "I repeat Moses' great desire for the people of God on their journey: 'Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!' (Num 11:29). Indeed, would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth! Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us!" To read the entire message, visit

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/20220106-giornata-missionaria.html>

A Christ-Centred, Co-Journey Towards Healing

Last weekend our families gathered to give thanks to the Father for our many blessings. One of the ways that we can show our appreciation is by sharing with others. We are asking you to consider supporting the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund set up by the Bishops of Canada. On November 5th and 6th, the Archdiocese will hold a special collection. All monies raised will be used to support initiatives by local Indigenous groups and organizations. An example would be a project to create oral histories as told by Indigenous elders.

Prayer to Saint Kateri

*Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, our elder sister
in the Lord, discreetly, you watch over us;
May your love for Jesus and Mary
inspire in us words and deeds of friendship,
of forgiveness and of reconciliation.
Pray that God will give us the courage,
the boldness and the strength to build
a world of justice and peace
among ourselves and among all nations.
Help us, as you did,
to encounter the Creator God
present in the very depths of nature,
and so become witnesses of Life.
With you, we praise
the Father, the Son and the Spirit. Amen.*



Saint Kateri pray for us.

