

## Thirty-First 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 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - 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

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints Day**

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

**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls Day**

**9:30am** For all souls in purgatory by Donna McKlusky

**Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> - St. Charles Borromeo**

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Maurice Dupuis by the Dupuis family

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm** Repose of the souls of the deceased members of the McKlusky family by Donna McKlusky

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Luc Chenard by Paul and Charlene Chenard

**10:45am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

October 23<sup>rd</sup> - \$2445.

Thank you for your generosity and support

### Intentions of the Holy Father for November:

#### Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

### Gone to the Father

✠ Marthe Lépine

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"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." **Luke 19:5**

Zacchaeus was up a tree. Why? Practically speaking, he was up a tree because he was short and he wanted to see Jesus as Jesus passed by. But the symbolism reveals far greater meaning.

The first thing we must note is that Zacchaeus was a wealthy and well respected man. In the eyes of the world he was successful. But despite his wealth, it appears there was something missing. He heard about Jesus and desired to know Him. This passage is fascinating because it must have been an unusual sight to see a wealthy and successful man climbing a tree in the presence of a large crowd. In fact, it was so unusual that Jesus immediately noticed it. Jesus also noticed Zacchaeus because of something far more significant than a grown man climbing a tree. Zacchaeus was noticed by Jesus primarily because Jesus was able to perceive the desire and openness of his heart. Zacchaeus, this wealthy and successful man, was missing something and he was zealous to obtain it. He longed for Jesus and this desire is fulfilled by the compassion of our Lord.

Regardless of whether or not you are "successful" from a worldly point of view, it's essential that you, too, recognize the unfulfilled desire of your heart. That "unfulfilled desire" refers to any way that God is not fully the center of your life. Some people try to fulfill this desire in many worldly ways. But those who are like Zacchaeus will realize that Jesus is the answer. And when someone recognizes this fact, they will go to any length necessary to see Him and be with Him.

Reflect, today, upon a simple question: How far am I willing to go to see Jesus? Are you willing to do anything you have to so as to see Him, hear Him and be with Him? It may take an act of humility and you may have to act in a radical way. Doing so will call out to the heart of our Lord and He will respond to you with much generosity just as He did to Zacchaeus.

*Lord, I desire to choose You above all things. May I never be drawn to the things of this world more than I am drawn to You. Increase my desire for You and give me the courage I need to be faithful to You always. I love You, dear Lord. Please increase my love. Jesus, I trust in You.*



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 am

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS:** Throughout this month of November, let us remember to pray for all our beloved dead and all the souls in Purgatory. As a sign of our prayers, we are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the book of remembrance in front of the altar.

**We will be having a special prayer service at the OLMM cemetery** on Wednesday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00pm. We will be doing prayers of the departed, blessing of the headstones and praying the rosary together.

**Calling all to the Canadian theatrical release of Mother Teresa: No Greater Love** – showing in Orleans on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 pm, at Landmark Theatre Orleans. Mother Teresa is one of the most inspirational figures of the 20th century. In honor of the 25th anniversary of her passing, the Knights of Columbus has produced a feature-length documentary film on the life and legacy of this beloved humanitarian and the singular vision she and her sisters have embraced to serve the poor. Far more than a documentary, this film is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, and a guidepost for all who seek hope today. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to see this definitive film on a modern saint and be inspired to put your faith into action.

**OLMM will once again celebrate a monthly Children's Mass** on the second Sunday of each month at the 9:00am Mass. The children and youth of our parish (SK to Grade 12) will have the chance to participate in various ministries before, during and after the Mass. For example, children and youth can sign up to be greeters, ushers, lectors, gift bearers, etc. The children will also be invited to participate in the closing song in a special way. If your child is interested in participating in this event, please fill out the registration form available in the church foyer. Families who register will be notified in advance when it is their child's turn to participate.

### Renewed in Liturgy Series 2022

Announcing the 3<sup>rd</sup> "Renewed in Liturgy" Teaching series with talks and videos. Join us on three consecutive Fridays 7pm to 9pm in November.

**Nov 4:** Eucharist, the Source and Summit of Christian life.  
Speaker: Archbishop Marcel Damphousse.

**Nov 11:** Spirit of Liturgy.  
Speaker: Rev. Fr. Lindsay Harrison.

**Nov 18:** Fruitful Participation in the Church's Sacred Liturgy  
Speaker: Rev. Fr. Hezuk Shroff.

Venue: Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish,  
20 Grant Street, Ottawa, ON K1Y 2Y9

For more info and Registration:

Email: [info@renewedinliturgy.com](mailto:info@renewedinliturgy.com) or  
Deacon Mathew (613) 355-6023

### First Friday Adoration

Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm to Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:bernie.ethier@gmail.com).

### The Church's Commitment to Our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters

Today, we stand at a crucial time in the life of the Church, and the history of Canada, as the necessity of healing through love has reached a critical moment. While the Church and Indigenous peoples have been on a journey towards mutuality and healing for several years, the recent visit of the Pope suggests a certain urgency for reconciliation, for healing and for justice. The Archdiocese's Fundraising Campaign in Support of Reconciliation: "A Christ-Centred, Co-Journey Towards Healing" is a concrete step forward. Please give generously to next week's special collection (November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>).

### Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead?

On November 2 the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls, when we remember all who have died. During the month of November, Catholics continue to pray for the deceased, trusting them to God's loving mercy.

For most Catholics, the idea of praying for the deceased is really second nature. We have blessing prayers for the body of someone who just died, we have wake services, funeral masses, graveside services, and often memorial masses on the anniversary of someone's death.

To some people, this doesn't appear to make much sense. Once someone has passed on, they're in God's hands, so what's the point in all that prayer? They're facing God's judgment, so what can our prayers accomplish anyway? Well, we believe they can accomplish a lot.

First of all, Catholics believe in purgatory. Without going into too much detail, this means that some of us aren't ready for heaven when we die, and aren't evil enough to face eternal damnation. So, some period of purification is necessary before we're ready to face God's glory. In part, our prayers for the deceased ask God to show mercy to those souls.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*"THE FINAL PURIFICATION, OR PURGATORY" – (1030)*  
*All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.*

*But our prayers for the deceased are not only prayers of supplication. They are also prayers of praise, which remind us of God's goodness and mercy. If you listen closely to the prayers at a Catholic funeral, you'll hear a clear expression of our hope in the resurrection.*