



First Sunday of Advent - Year A

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 members to develop their faith and service to others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 26th

4:30pm In thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Sunday, November 27th - First Sunday of Advent

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor
10:45am Repose of the soul of Ronald Maidment by the KOC Council 12401

Tuesday, November 29th

7:00pm Repose of the soul of David Martins by the Chesser family

Wednesday, November 30th - St. Andrew

9:30am Repose of the soul of Roland Brault by Mariette Brault

Thursday, December 1st

9:00am Birthday intentions of Fr. Anthony by Cathy Gambell

Friday, December 2nd

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

Saturday, December 3rd - St. Francis Xavier

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Bérengère Chapdelaine by Mariette Brault

Sunday, December 4th - Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am Birthday intentions of Joseph Urlocker-Lalonde by the Urlocker-Lalonde family
10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

November 20th - \$2,965.75

Thank you for your generosity and support

Intentions of the Holy Father for December:

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



**Welcome to the family of God:
Kayce Brent Seguin
Dawson William Kerr
Cashen Alexander Robert Kerr**

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"Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man." Matthew 24:37-39

Are you awake? Spiritually speaking? As we begin the liturgical season of Advent, we are given the future coming of the Son of God to ponder. As this passage goes on, Jesus says, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

By the "day your Lord will come," we should understand three things. The first coming of Christ is obviously that which we most clearly ponder in Advent and Christmas. The unity of human nature with divine nature, in the Person of Jesus, is truly awe-inspiring. But that already took place long ago. Thus, a second coming of Christ that we must continually ponder is His coming by grace, every moment of every day of our lives, once we have chosen to freely give our lives over to His service, for His glory, in accord with His will. When we live with such an interior disposition by which we seek His ongoing "coming" by grace, then we will find that we need to continually "stay awake!" If we do not, then we can be certain that we will miss countless opportunities to become more united to Christ every day and to be used as an instrument of that very grace for His service and glory. If we do not diligently build a habit of becoming attentive to every prompting of grace in our lives, then we will, unquestionably, begin to become "drowsy" and will fall asleep, spiritually speaking. A wonderful measure of our daily attentiveness to the innumerable gifts of grace given to us every day is to also consider how attentive we are to the final and glorious coming of Christ at the end of time. True preparedness for the final coming of Christ will not only help you enter the mysteries of these Advent and Christmas seasons by which we ponder the first coming of Christ, it will also help you form a habit of daily attentiveness to grace.

Reflect, today, upon how ready you are for the final coming of Christ at the end of time. Are you ready if Christ were to come today? If not, understand that a lack of preparedness for the final coming also means a lack of preparedness to celebrate His first coming at Christmas long ago, as well as His daily comings by grace. Prepare today. Do not wait. If you do, God will daily transform you in ways that are glorious beyond comprehension.

My ever-present Lord, You come to us, day and night, calling to us, leading us and offering to enter our lives. Please help me to always be attentive to You and to always open my heart fully to Your daily coming by grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

November 27th, 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

Parish Advent Activities

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, Dec. 8th, 9:00am

Advent Penance Service

Thursday, Dec. 15th, 7:00pm

Mark your Calendars!

First Friday Adoration

Friday, December 2nd, 4:00pm to Saturday, December 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.

The CWL is joining forces with the MTCS Sunshine Club

to collect socks for the homeless. There will be baskets at each entrance of the church. The baskets will be out until the end of November. Please be generous and bring men's and women's new socks to donate.

The CWL wants to thank everyone who came out to support and enjoy our lunch and Bazaar last weekend. We raised over \$4000 and still counting! Thank you to all our members who volunteered and contributed to this successful event including Heather Sisk, Jane Munro, Lorraine Barker and June Pare. All our efforts were rewarded. God is good!

CHURCH DECORATIONS & FLOWERS

Parishioners can help beautify the church for Christmas by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Christmas. If you have a loved one you would like to honor in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Deadline for envelopes to be in is December 18th. On Saturday December 24th at 9:00pm mass we will offer the intention for their souls. Thank you!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca and our Facebook page
Email: admin@olmm.ca

We will be selling advent candles(\$20.) and missals(\$5.) at the foyer after weekend masses on November 26th and 27th.

The library bookshelves in the basement are free to anyone that would take them. Please call the office to arrange pickup from Tuesday to Friday, 8:30am to 12:00pm.

Coffee Sunday: 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.

A Christ-Centred, Co-Journey Towards Healing is the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall's initiative to raise funds and to enhance the relationship between the Archdiocese and Indigenous Peoples living on the territories it serves. The funds will be used for projects that directly have a positive impact on the Indigenous Peoples of Ottawa-Cornwall. We hope that you will join in by donating online:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/archdiocese-of-ottawa/>. To find out more, please visit <https://journeyforhealing.ca/>.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Saturday, Dec. 24th ~4:30pm (OLMM)
~7:00pm (OLMM)
~9:00pm (OLMM)

Christmas Day

Sunday, Dec. 25th ~10:00am (OLMM)

New Year's Eve

Saturday, Dec. 31st ~4:30pm (OLMM)

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1st ~10:00am(OLMM)