



Third 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, December 10th

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

Sunday, December 11th - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00am Intentions of Julius and Christine Toth on their 50th wedding anniversary by the family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, December 13th - St. Lucy

7:00pm CANCELLED

Wednesday, December 14th - St. John of the Cross

8:20am(STA)- Repose of the soul of Sylvain Matte by the James family

9:30am Healing intentions and conversion of Stephane Tanguay by the Tanguay family

Thursday, December 15th

9:00am Intentions of the family of René Chapdelaine by Mariette Brault

Friday, December 16th

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

Saturday, December 17th

4:30pm Healing intentions and conversion of Stephane Tanguay by the Tanguay family

Sunday, December 18th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am Birthday intentions of Brianna Hamilton by the Urlocker-Lalonde family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

December 4th - \$3,368.

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.

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.

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When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are You the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Matthew 11:2-3

Why did Saint John the Baptist send his disciples to Jesus to ask this question? Recall that John had previously stated about Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). So if John knew that Jesus was the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world," then why would he send his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the one who is to come?

The Church Fathers explore many reasons, but most arrive at the conclusion that John did this not because he didn't know Who Jesus was, but for the sake of his disciples, so that they would come to follow our Lord once John was killed by Herod. So this was a way of trying to point his disciples to Jesus and to encourage them to embrace this new change in their life of faith.

Jesus understood the reason John sent his disciples to Him. As a result, Jesus gave these disciples what they needed so as to come to believe themselves. He points them to the works that He has done as the Christ so that they would be able to interpret these works on their own and, thus, come to the newness of faith. Jesus points out that the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. Who could argue with such miraculous signs from Heaven? But Jesus goes even further and states something very subtle. He says, "And blessed is the one who takes no offense at Me."

In many ways, this is a common experience any time there is a change in our spiritual lives. When something is new, we often struggle with various aspects of the change and newness. But the Christian life is all about change, transformation and newness of life. And this is good. We must seek to change, be transformed, build better and new relationships, learn new ways of loving and reaching out, and become very comfortable with any and every new experience that our Lord places in our lives.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you have struggled with changes in your spiritual life. Oftentimes, those things we struggle with are actually glorious opportunities to live our Christian faith and charity on a new level. Seek out the changes God is calling you to embrace in your life and know that even if they are difficult, they are the surest pathway to a life of greater holiness for you.

Dear Lord, I know You call me to embrace the newness of life and the changes that I must endure so as to follow You more faithfully. Help me to be open to all that You call me to so that I will continually become a new creation in Your grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

December 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 or drop in the collection basket.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week at Our Lady's

Tuesday, December 13th

7:00pm – Mass and adoration cancelled

Wednesday, December 14th

6:00pm – First Reconciliation/Communion Class

Thursday, December 15th

10:00am – MTCS Advent Penance Service

7:00pm – Parish Advent Penance Service

Friday, December 16th

9:00am – Senior's Mass

7:00pm – Praise and Worship

Advent Penance Service

Advent is a time to “make straight the way of the Lord.” John the Baptist was the one sent by God to prepare His people for the coming of His Son. And so the people went to him to be baptized after confessing their sins. The best way of preparing the way of the Lord, therefore, is to rid our hearts, through the sacrament of reconciliation, of those clutters that may impede Christ from coming into our hearts, so as to make room for Him. Please join us next Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 pm for our Parish Advent Penance Service. Visiting priests will be available.

Our next dedicated seniors mass will be on Friday, December 16th at the 9:00am Mass with a prayer for seniors and a special blessing. Join us for light refreshments and a draw for a lovely Christmas basket at the hall after the Mass.

“O COME, LET US ADORE HIM”



Family Advent prayer time will be
on December 16th from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm.
Come and Adore Him in the Eucharist
Bring your family and friends.

The OLMM library is now open.

We are excited to welcome our patrons back into the OLMM library. Checkout our new location at the foyer. Please help yourself and browse the new collections.

We still have a few 2023 missals available for sale. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase one.

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!

Waupoos Family Farm Christmas Hampers:

As in past years we will be sponsoring a family of 4 who will be celebrating Christmas at Waupoos farm. Please see the donation idea list as well as the sign up list in the foyer. Deadline for drop off at church is Sunday, Dec. 18th. This year it is short notice but once we all pull together we can accomplish so much. Contact info: June Pare, 613-443-9334.

Please pickup your 2023 donation envelopes at the foyer. The envelopes are only for those parishioners that are NOT on automatic payment. For the special collections throughout 2023 there will be envelopes in the pews.

Have you moved or changed your phone number in the past two years? If so please contact the office with your updated information so we can input the information for the upcoming tax receipts. Thank you.

The CWL wants to thank everyone who donated socks for the homeless. MTCS sunshine club and our parish collected a grand total of 794 pairs of cozy socks to provide toasty toes for those in need! Thank you!

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)