

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm** Repose of the soul of Murray Fleet by the James family

#### **Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> - Sixth Sunday in ordinary Time**

**9:00am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45am** Intentions of Edith Rechnitzer by John and Lisa Serjak

#### **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - St. Cyril and St. Methodius**

**7:00pm** Intentions of Cherie Gambell by Pete and Cathy Gambell

#### **Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8:20am(STA)**

**9:30am** Healing intentions of Baby Logan Lyle by Cathy Gambell

#### **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Lacelle family

#### **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm** Repose of the soul of Claude Turbide by the James family

#### **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45am** Repose of the soul of Jacoba Bols by the CWL

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

Jesus said to His disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." [Matthew 5:20-22](#)

The Scribes and Pharisees were masters of the Old Law. Now that the Messiah had arrived, they were unwilling to go deeper and move beyond the Old Testament teachings that they often misrepresented. They preferred a black-and-white approach to morality that had been with them for centuries and did not want to change when presented with Jesus' new and higher calling.

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' sermon on the Mount, which began with the Beatitudes. In today's portion of Jesus' sermon, we are taught about anger, adultery and oaths. In every case, Jesus refers to the Law as it was taught in the Old Testament but then elevates it to an entirely new level. The line quoted above makes it clear that the only way to accept these new teachings of Jesus was to surpass the "righteousness" of the Scribes and Pharisees. And the dire result of not surpassing their righteousness was the loss of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus begins by recalling the Old Testament commandment, "You shall not kill." But then He takes that commandment further by saying that "whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Of course, killing remains a grave sin. But now Jesus explains that the interior attitude of anger, even if not acted upon, is a sin. He goes on to teach a similar lesson about adultery and swearing oaths.

It is helpful to understand these new teachings in the context of the approach that the Scribes and Pharisees took in regard to the Old Testament. About that, Jesus says, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." Thus, the primary problem with the scribes and Pharisees is not that they failed to teach the Old Testament Law properly. The primary problem is that now that the Messiah has arrived and has ushered in a new time of fulfillment and righteousness, they would not go deeper and would not embrace the fulfillment of the Law of God. They are not willing to grow in holiness and embrace the fulfillment of all that had been taught before.

Reflect, today, upon the calling given to you by our Lord's new and glorious teachings. If you are to truly embrace the Gospel of our Lord and live in His New Law of grace, then you must be willing to go deep, become truly radical in your faith, and allow God to transform every part of your life. The New Law is one of the fullness of love, mercy, surrender, zeal, conversion and transformation. Commit yourself to surpassing the old and limited righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, and God will do glorious things in your life.

*Lord of all grace, You came and not only taught us about the heights of holiness, but You also lived it and have bestowed upon us all we need to imitate Your every virtue. Please fill me with Your mercy and strength so that I may live a new righteousness of the fullness of love. Jesus, I trust in You.*

### **Intentions of the Holy Father for February 2023**

#### **For parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

February 12, 2023

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*

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm – Frist Communion/Reconciliation Class

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm – Youth Band Practice

### **The 2022 income tax receipts are ready for pickup in the foyer.**

**Our next dedicated seniors mass** will be on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00am mass with a prayer for seniors and a special blessing.

### **Development & Peace 2023 Share Lent Campaign**

**Workshop:** Learn about the new 5 year campaign theme, Create Hope: Stand For the Land. Hear about the parallel injustices experienced by Indigenous Peoples here and abroad & how to join D&P's work to create solutions. Attend in person or by zoom. At Holy Canadian Martyrs Church, 100 Main St., Saturday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am registration & refreshments to 1:00 pm. No cost, but registration is required. Hosted by Ottawa-Cornwall Archdiocesan D&P Council. Info: kiegan.irish@devp.org or 613 738-9644, extension 224.

**I Am Hungry Feasting-Fast:** Oftentimes fasting gets a bad rap. And the feelings associated include thoughts like, "No way. Too hard. I don't have it in me." That's what we thought too. We want to introduce to you over the season of Lent that we can feast on His Word and guarantee that our nibblings, cravings, binges can be satisfied far more than those sugary treats or salty chips. Join us this Lent for the Feast! Let's walk together through this checkpoint on our discipleship path. Info nights: Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> or Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Online program runs Wednesdays in Lent, 7:30 - 9:00pm beginning Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Free. Hosted by Servants of the Cross. Info:

<https://servantsofthecross.ca/engage/i-am-hungry/> or [programs@servantsofthecross.ca](mailto:programs@servantsofthecross.ca).

**REMINDER: SCAM ALERT** We would like to remind you that there is an increase of scams circulating, via emails, websites, or phone calls where the felon impersonates someone to obtain money or uses scare ware to gain access to your computer or bank account. Please DO NOT respond to any requests for private information or money. Rather notify the Ontario Provincial Police, Russell County Detachment at 613-443-4499 or our parish office ([admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)). Please also note that Fr. Anthony would never solicit funds or ask for personal favours from you. Thank you.

## Spiritual Library News



Have you visited the Spiritual Library in its new location in the foyer?

Come and browse through the collection of books and DVDs for Adults, Youth and Children.

A new series of Youth books (3) in comic book format by Brendan and Eric.

Interplanetary Mailmen by Amadeus (Catholic Answers Press) is now available.

**Volume 1 – The Truth is Out There;**

**Volume 2 – The Big Picture;**

**Volume 3 – The Weapons of War.**