



Second Sunday of Lent - 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, March 4th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Jerry Chase by Myra Chyzyj

Sunday, March 5th – Second Sunday of Lent

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Lise Tessier by the Geerts family

Tuesday, March 7th

7:00pm

Wednesday, March 8th

9:30am

Thursday, March 9th

9:00am

Friday, March 10th

9:00am For the needs of the STA staff and their families by Bradley Reid and family

Saturday, March 11th

4:30pm

Sunday, March 12th – Third Sunday of Lent

9:00am Repose of the soul of Jean-Bernard Leblanc by the Urlocker-Lalonde family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

February 26th, 2023 = \$6,090.

Thank you for your generosity and support

Intentions of the Holy Father for March 2023

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 10th – Led by Deacon Allan

March 17th – Led by K of C

March 24th – Led by Youth Group

March 31st – Led by Fr. Anthony



STATIONS WILL START AT 7:00PM. THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS AFTER THEM.

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with Him. Matthew 17:1-3

This was not the first time that the Son of God spoke to Moses and Elijah on a high mountain. Recall that Moses was called up to Mount Sinai (also called Horeb) to be with the Lord for forty days and forty nights, during which time the finger of God inscribed the Law on tablets, given to Moses to give to the people. During that time, the Israelites, from the base of the mountain, saw the summit consumed in fire. Similarly, Elijah, the great prophet, was called up that same mountain to encounter the Lord. He entered a cave and waited. Elijah then encountered a strong and violent wind, an earthquake and a fire. But God was not in any of them. Then Elijah heard a light quiet sound, a whisper, and he hid his face out of reverence as the Lord spoke to him. In the experience of the Transfiguration, which we ponder today, the Son of God, now in the flesh, allowed His glory to once again shine forth. As He did, He conversed with Moses and Elijah in the presence of three of His disciples. These disciples were in awe, just as Moses and Elijah had been during their first encounters with God on Mount Sinai. These two great Old Testament figures now stand as witnesses of God's unfolding plan, revealing by their presence that Jesus is the fulfillment of all they had been entrusted to teach in their lifetime. Moses' encounter with God on the mountain provided the foundation of the Law for the people of Israel. This Law guided them for centuries and ultimately came to fulfillment in Jesus, Who transformed the Law and elevated it to a new level by grace and mercy. Elijah's encounter with God on the mountain gave him direction to anoint kings to lead the people and to anoint Elisha as the prophet to succeed him. Elijah and Elisha continually preached to the people, calling them back to fidelity to the covenant God had made with them.

Today, our Lord calls all of His faithful servants up a spiritual mountain with Him so as to entrust to them the ongoing mission given to these great servants of old. Through prayer, God will manifest His divine presence to each of us if we are willing to make that journey. As He does, He will entrust to us His New Law and inscribe it on our hearts. He will command us to embrace the perfection of the love of God and the bestowal of mercy on others. He will entrust us with the prophetic mission of calling others back to God and will empower us to fulfill that mission in accord with His perfect will.

Reflect, today, upon this glorious scene of the Transfiguration. This image teaches us about the entire plan of God throughout time. Prayerfully ponder the idea that Jesus is inviting you to make the arduous journey up the mountain of prayer, self-discipline, virtue and holiness. Pray that your eyes will be open to see His glory and that this experience will inspire you and strengthen you to continue to fulfill the mission of God started long ago, until it comes to completion when He returns at the end of time.

My Transfigured Lord, You spoke Your divine will to the great leaders of old on a high mountain. You also entrusted Your mission to the disciples on a holy mountain. Please give me the grace and determination I also need to journey with You up the mountain of prayer so that I will be entrusted with the mission You give to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

March 5, 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, March 8th

6:00pm – First Communion/Reconciliation Class

Thursday, March 9th

6:00pm – Confirmation Class

Friday, March 10th

7:00pm – Youth Group Meeting

CWL Bursary Applications are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within one year of graduating from grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$400.00. For more information and/or to obtain an application form please refer to the parish web site: http://www.olmm.ca/groups_cwl.html or at the parish office. Completed application must be submitted by April 30, 2023. Application can be mailed in or dropped off at the office. Any questions: contact Lorraine Barker, Bursary Committee Chairperson at 613-445-5779 or email: pl.barker@hotmail.com.

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers 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 Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Cut-off date is **April 2nd**.

The Legion of Mary

To Jesus through Mary, God sent Jesus to us through her and she brings us closer to Him. We consecrate ourselves to the Blessed Virgin at our annual Acies. "We are all yours our Queen, our Mother, and all that we have is yours". (handbook Appx. 11.) This is for active and auxiliary (praying) members.

This year it will be at St. Patrick's Church in Fallowfield, 15 Steeple Hill Cres., Nepean K2R 1G2, Saturday, March 18th 12:30-3pm. Bring a snack.

BELONGING - CWL

Do You want to grow your faith, serve your community, act on social justice issues and be supported by a sisterhood that embraces these core values? If so....**WELCOME** to the Catholic Women's League....you belong with us.

Mary's Way of the Cross for Lent: A Lenten Journey Through Mary's Eyes. This Way of the Cross takes us through Lent to Easter. It begins in ashes and enters the desert of our emptiness. Fridays during Lent: March 10, 17, 24, 31 and ending on Good Friday, April 7. Starting at 6:45pm with hymns and 7pm Mary's Way of the Cross. Sponsored by the Committee of the Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré and Our Lady of the Cape. Info at mike.budge@bell.net.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86321925761?pwd=aVl0dzFoZzJHWjZoaFlTODRVTEwxdz09>.

SPIRITUAL LIBRARY NEWS

Remembering Saint Joseph in the month of March

Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal is a Roman Catholic minor basilica and national shrine in Montréal, Québec.

Brother André and since his canonization as Saint André of Montréal, (Feast Day – January 6th) was a lay brother of the Congregation of Holy Cross and a significant figure of the Catholic Church among French-Canadians, credited with thousands of reported miraculous oil healings associated with his pious devotion to Saint Joseph.

"His great confidence in Saint Joseph inspired him to recommend the saint's devotion to all those who were afflicted. On his many visits to the sick in their homes, he would rub the sick person lightly with oil taken from a lamp burning in the college chapel and recommend them in prayer to Saint Joseph."

Books available in the Spiritual Library

B03 - Consecration to St. Joseph: the Wonders of Our Spiritual Father - Fr. Donald H. Calloway

B03 - Go to Joseph - Fr. Richard W. Gilsdorf

B03 - Brother André: All He Could Do was Pray - Boniface Hanley

B03 - Brother André: the Wonder Man of Mount Royal - Henri-Paul Bergeron, trans. by Rev. Real Boudreau

B03 - The Life of Saint Joseph: as Manifested by Our Lord Jesus Christ to Maria Cecilia Baij - Maria Cecilia Baij