



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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, April 1st

4:30pm Birthday intentions of Juliet Trolio by the James family

Sunday, April 2nd - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00am

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, April 4th

7:00pm CANCELLED

Wednesday, April 5th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Laurier Dupelle by Margaret and family

Thursday, April 6th - Holy Thursday

9:00am CANCELLED

8:00pm

Friday, April 7th - Good Friday

9:00am CANCELLED

3:00pm

Saturday, April 8th - Holy Saturday

4:30pm CANCELLED

8:00pm

Sunday, April 9th - The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am Repose of the soul of Arturo Nuesca Lopez by the Dupuis family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

March 26th, 2023 = \$3,836.

Thank you for your generosity and support

Gone to the Father

Wilfred Young



Intentions of the Holy Father for April 2023

For a culture of peace and non-violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year A)

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding Him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:8-9

Holy Week begins. What an important week that we begin to commemorate today. The Scripture passage above comes from the Gospel that is read at the beginning of Mass to commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem for the fulfillment of the Passover. That year, Jesus was to become the new Passover Lamb Whose blood was shed for us all and Whose flesh we now eat. Today's Liturgy of the Word concludes with Matthew's version of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and death on the Cross. Since we are blessed to read this narrative in full detail today, it is helpful to call to mind the Church's understanding of the Word of God.

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God Himself speaks to His people, and Christ, present in His word, proclaims the Gospel" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* #29). This is an important lesson to learn, especially today as we read the heart of the Gospel in detail. Though Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, His last supper, arrest, mock trial, suffering and death on the Cross happened 2,000 years ago, those historical events are made present to us today in a unique and real way. By participating in the proclamation of this Gospel at Mass today, we are mystically united to this saving action of our Lord. And though our minds might wander at times, God is truly present to us if we listen and see.

As you begin this Holy Week, try to walk through it with Jesus every step of the way. As you go about your days this week, fulfilling your normal duties in life, remind yourself of the spiritual truth that because the full Gospel of Jesus' passion and death were proclaimed to you today, He is manifestly present to you in a special way. On Holy Thursday, we will ponder the Gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday, we will hear Jesus' passion proclaimed from the Gospel of John. Thus, this week begins with the proclamation of the Passion and ends with the Passion as a way of drawing us more deeply into the mystery of Christ's saving Sacrifice.

At the heart of the story of the Passion of Jesus is the manifestation of a love like no other. The love we witness this week is a love that is so pure, so selfless, so sacrificial and so transforming that it is beyond comprehension. The love that we witness is one in which God permits Himself to enter the deepest humiliation ever seen. He does this so that He can meet us in our lowliness, sin, and fallenness, and raise us up to the highest heights imaginable.

As we enter this Holy Week, know that it is more than a week of reflection. It's a week of participation in the mystery of God's pure and perfect love for you. As you reflect upon this love, allow it to confront you. Keep it on your mind and heart throughout the week. Allow that love, offered some 2,000 years ago, to become truly present to you so that you will be more present to our Lord and His love for you.

My saving Lord, You entered this week of Your Passion with courage and determination. You freely chose to embrace every suffering and every humiliation You would endure so that You could enter my life more fully. Please be present to me throughout this week and help me to not only ponder this mystery of Your love but to also encounter that love in a real and transforming way. Jesus, I trust in You.

April 2, 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

PLEASE NOTE of the following MASS CANCELLATIONS:

Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00PM

Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00PM

Wednesday, April 12th 8:20AM (STA)

Wednesday, April 12th 9:30AM

Chrism Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral:

The Chrism Mass will be held at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Tuesday, April 4th at 5:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

24 Hour Adoration

The First Friday adoration has been rescheduled to April 14th at 7:00pm to Saturday, April 15th, 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.

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**.

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.

NET Retreat

If you are in grades 7-12 and want to deepen your faith while having a fun time, come to a NET Retreat right here at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church, Saturday May 20th from 9am-4pm.

For more information contact Chris Smith at

cdansmith@hotmail.com

CONNECTION

My Catholic Women's League Council is parish-based yet connected to Canada's largest women's organization. You will meet women from your region, diocese, province and country by becoming involved in your parish Catholic Women's League council.

"Theology on Tap - May 4th, 2023"

The Knights of Columbus are organizing a Theology on tap social event open to all men in the parish 18 years and older. Come learn more about your Catholic faith in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship. Please RSVP to Michael Adams by email at michaeladams1118@gmail.com or at 905-609-0034

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7th, 2023. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us.

The parish is in need of a part time bookkeeper with at least 2 years experience to start as soon as possible. The Bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining a complete and accurate set of records for financial reporting purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and other general duties. Working knowledge of Quickbooks accounting software and previous bookkeeping experience with a parish is an asset. Please see the full job posting and job description on our website on how to apply.



Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, April 6th - 7:00 pm

Passion of the Lord

Good Friday, April 7th - 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 8th - 8:00 pm

Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday April 9th - 9:00 am and 10:45 am