



The Resurrection of the Lord – 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, April 8th – Holy Saturday

8:00pm Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Sunday, April 9th – The Resurrection of the Lord

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

10:45am Repose of the souls of all those whose names are listed in the Easter Flower List

Tuesday, April 11th – Easter Octave

7:00pm CANCELLED

Wednesday, April 12th – Easter Octave

9:30am CANCELLED

Thursday, April 13th – Easter Octave

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

Friday, April 14th – Easter Octave

9:00am

Saturday, April 15th – Easter Octave

4:30pm Birthday intentions of Stuart Mulholland by the James family

Sunday, April 16th – Second Sunday of Easter

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Diny Archtereekte by the CWL

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

March 26th, 2023 = \$3,187.

Thank you for your generosity and support

Gone to the Father

Diny Archtereekte



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.

Easter Sunday (Year A)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put Him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. [John 20:1–3](#)

Happy Easter! Our Lord has risen, He has overcome death and He has opened the gates of Heaven to all who believe and receive the gift of salvation. Alleluia! What a glorious day we celebrate!

Today’s Gospel concludes by saying, “For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead.” This is evident by the initial reaction of Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the Apostle John. Mary first thought that someone had taken the body of Jesus and moved it from the tomb. Peter was confused and ran to see for himself. John also went and when he saw the empty tomb, he believed. Eventually, all of the Apostles would come to understand and believe.

The initial reaction to the empty tomb teaches us an important lesson. Though the Resurrection of Christ is clearly known to us today, our knowledge of this glorious event must continually deepen. This is evidenced by the fact that the disciples of Jesus came to understand the Resurrection over time. They did not comprehend His Resurrection when Jesus first taught them about it. They did not fully understand it when they saw the empty tomb. They did not even fully comprehend it when they saw the risen Lord. It was only after they were given the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost that their minds were open to this incredible mystery of faith so that they could begin to penetrate and comprehend this mystery more clearly.

The Resurrection of Christ was a real historical event. But it is also an event that transcends time. It’s an event that must permeate all time and transform every moment of our lives. When Jesus rose from the dead, it was much different than a simple return to life. He did not simply come back to the life He lived before He died. Instead, His resurrected state was a new beginning. He was now different. He was transformed. His body would now never age. It could not die. It could pass through closed doors. This resurrected body of our Lord, which is perfectly united to His divine soul, will remain with Him forever.

The resurrected body of our Lord also made it possible for us to share in His resurrected state. We now have hope that, if we share in His suffering and death, we will also share in His Resurrection. But what does that mean? Saint Thomas Aquinas believed that our resurrected bodies will be glorious beyond imagination. We will never age, require no food, never experience illness, be free from all disorders and will live this way forever. Somehow, through our bodies, we will also be able to share ourselves with others in a pure and holy way, communicating to others the love of God alive within our souls. We will have the gift of agility, being able to move from place to place with immediacy simply by thinking it. Our new glorified bodies will manifest the ways that we loved and served God in this world. For example, Jesus’ resurrected body had wounds in His hands, feet and side. But now those wounds radiate His glory and forever testify to His act of perfect love.

Reflect, today, upon the Resurrection of the Savior of the World. As you do, reflect also upon His invitation to share in this new life. Though much of our understanding of the Resurrection of Jesus, as well as our hope of sharing in this resurrected state, will only be understood when we share in it, it is important to place these ideas in our minds so that we have something to anticipate. At the very least, we must know and understand that our sharing in the resurrected state of Jesus is glorious beyond what we can imagine. This is what we celebrate today. And this celebration must fill us with hopeful anticipation of our participation in this glorious new life to come.

My resurrected Lord, Your sacred body and soul are forever united as one in a new and glorified state. You now invite all of us to share in Your suffering and death in this life so that we can share in Your Resurrection. Please fill my mind with understanding of this gift in order to fill me with hope so that I will work tirelessly for that day on which I hope to share in Your Resurrection. Jesus, I trust in You.

April 9, 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 11th at 7:00PM

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

Wednesday, April 12th 9:30AM

24 Hour Adoration

The First Friday adoration has been rescheduled to April 14th at 4:00pm 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 613-862-2610 or email at bernie.ethier@gmail.com.

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

"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

COURAGE

If you only knew the courage of Catholic Women's League members. In the 1920s, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 councils. Today we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to women across Canada and internationally. Be part of the group; be a member of the CWL.

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.

The OLMM Spiritual Library offers many books and DVDs on the Easter Story.

Children's Books

The Easter Story - Story Adaption by Sarah Toast (Rainbow Books)

God's Easter Plan - Carol Greene, illus. by Michelle Dorenkamp (PassAlong Arch Books)

The Story of Easter - Patricia A. Pingry, illus. by Lorraine Wells

The Story of Easter with Scripture - Jill Wolf, Jean Rudegear

What is Easter? - Michelle Medlock Adams, illus. by Amy Wummer

Where is Jesus? (Easter) - M. M. Simon

Children's DVDs

An Easter Carol - Big Idea Entertainment (Veggie Tales)

The Easter Story - Warner Bros. (The Great Adventure)

The First Easter (Vision Video)

A Very Veggie Easter, volume 1: 'Twas the Night Before Easter (disc 1); Hosanna! (disc 2) (Veggie Tales)

A Very Veggie Easter, volume 2: An Easter Carol (disc 1); A Very Veggie Easter (disc 2) (Veggie Tales)

Adult Books

Browse through Section B05 in the Spiritual Library – All About Jesus.

You will find the following books:

The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Anne Catherine Emmerich

He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart - Max Lucado

Killing Jesus: a History - Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

A Man Without Equal: Jesus, the Man Who Changed the World – Bill Bright

Rediscover Jesus: an Invitation - Matthew Kelly

Happy Easter and blessings from the Spiritual Library Committee

