



# Fourth Sunday of Easter – 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 29<sup>th</sup> – St. Catherine of Sienna**

**4:30pm** Repose of the soul of Wilfred Young by Evelyn Goodfellow

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

**10:45am** Repose of the soul of Diny Achtereekte by Dale and Lorraine Harper

**Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Athanasius**

**7:00pm**

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Philip and St. James**

**9:30am** Intentions of the caregivers who make their vocation to provide hospice palliative care by the CWL

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> -**

**9:00am** Intentions of the Seniors’ Social Committee - Leslie Joiner, Heather Sisk and June Pare

**Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Francois De Laval**

**4:30pm**

**Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Marilyn Geis by June and André Paré

**10:45am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

## YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 = \$4,223.**

**Thank you for your generosity and support**

### **Intentions of the Holy Father for May:**

#### **For church movements and groups**

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

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**SICK CALLS:** Please call the Parish Office if a parishioner is ill, hospitalized, or homebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, Reconciliation or Holy Communion. Hospitals or other facilities often do not contact us regarding spiritual needs.  
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### **Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)—Good Shepherd Sunday**

Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” **John 10:1–3**

In Jesus’ time, it was common practice for shepherds to talk to their sheep throughout the day so that the sheep became familiar with the shepherd’s voice as he led them through various pastures for grazing. At night, several shepherds would bring their sheep together within secured gates for safety. In the morning, each shepherd would then call to his sheep and, because they knew their shepherd’s voice, the sheep would follow their own shepherd and not the others.

The first question for each of us to ask ourselves today is this: Do I know the voice of the Shepherd? Have I become so familiar with His voice that I can clearly distinguish His voice from others? Try to imagine the image of several shepherds all calling their sheep at once. This is an image of the competing voices we encounter in our lives. But only one of those voices is the voice of God. Do you know His voice? Or do you become confused with the many other impulses, desires and attractions that vie for your attention?

Jesus continued his teaching by saying that He is not only the Shepherd whose voice is known by the sheep, but He is also the gate. “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.” What does our Lord mean when He calls Himself the gate? As the Gate, He is the Word of God, revealed to us through the Scriptures. Fidelity to the Word of God is one of the surest ways to the life of grace. He is the Word of Truth as it is handed down and expounded upon by the Magisterium, the teaching authority of the Church. Fidelity to the authentic teaching of the Magisterium, especially when the Holy Father speaks in union with the bishops, will help us navigate the many errors of our age.

Jesus is made present to us through the Sacraments, which are the door to His grace and the entryway to the food for our spiritual lives. Furthermore, any time our Lord comes to us, through holy preaching, the witness and teaching of the saints, and the life of prayer within the Church, or in any other way, we enter the gate and are admitted into His verdant pastures. Jesus is the gate, not only for the sheep but for each of the shepherds who lead the sheep in His name. These are the pastors of the Church who have been entrusted with the mission of Christ to lead God’s people. Today, if a shepherd of the Church fails to preach Jesus Christ, then that shepherd “comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy.” Pastors of the Church must humbly listen carefully to these words so that they never fail to shepherd God’s people by leading them through the Gate, Who is Christ Himself. They must all be faithful to the whole Tradition of our Church, handed on throughout the ages, and not deviate from the pure and holy deposit of faith. If they preach their own gospel, or are negligent or misleading in their preaching, then they are not true shepherds. God’s true sheep will not recognize them. But if they are faithful to all that Jesus has taught, then they will lead the sheep through the gate and become shepherds in union with the Heart of the Good Shepherd.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Christ the Good Shepherd. We must learn His true voice through faith and prayer. Once we recognize His voice, we will more easily discover Him ministering to us, inspiring us, and inviting us to the life of grace by encountering Him as the source and way to this new life.

*Good Shepherd, You speak to me continuously, revealing to me Your presence and guidance in my life. May I become so familiar with Your sacred Voice that I will always recognize it. Lead me to Yourself, the glorious Gate to the life of grace, and transform me into a faithful and obedient sheep. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.*

April 30, 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

### First Friday Adoration

Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm to Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:bernie.ethier@gmail.com).

**We pray together:** All parishioners are invited to pray for the intention of the availability of good palliative and hospice care in all regions of Canada.

On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, OLMM-CWL members will gather to pray for this important need at 9:30am Mass. The Mass will be offered for this special intention. Following Mass, we will pray together in the Church for the Sanctity of Human Life and the need for good palliative and hospice care at the final stage of life.

Please join us at this time, we will conclude our prayer time at 11:00am and invite you to join us for coffee at the church hall.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm. For more information contact Chris Smith at [cdansmith@hotmail.com](mailto:cdansmith@hotmail.com)



*Catholic Education Week 2023 begins on Sunday, April 30, 2023. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are Many, We are One." The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to follow the school's social media posts and view the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario's website. The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members, one of another." (Romans 12:5)*

### FRIENDSHIP

Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries and special events along the way. Meetings, socials, projects and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond. Join today.

Our 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.

Our Lady of Visitation Parish is looking for an experienced part-time church cleaner, 3-5 hours per week Monday's preferably. This job includes light maintenance and washing the floors, including the balcony. Contact the Our Lady of the Visitation office at 613-822-2197

### OLMM Spiritual Library News

OLMM Library suggestions for **May – the Month of Mary.**

Items are on display in the OLMM Library area.

The **Adult Book Section B19** contains many books about the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Hail, Holy Queen: the Mother of God in the Word of God – Scott Hahn
- The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary: From the Visions of Ven. Anne Catherine Emmerich - translated by Sir Michael Palaret
- The Miraculous Medal: Stories, Prayers and Devotions - Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle
- True Devotion to Mary: a Treatise - St. Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort, translated from the original French by Frederick William Faber
- The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God - Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

The following are found in the **Kids' Section** of the OLMM Library:

- The Hail Mary - Rev. Victor Hoagland (Catholic Classics Prayer Series)
- I'm Glad I'm Your Mother - Bill & Kathy Horlacher
- Jesus, Son of Mary - Fulton J. Sheen
- Mary, My Mother - Fr. Lovasik
- Our Blessed Mother - George Brundage
- Our Lady of Guadalupe - Fr. Lovasik

### Adult DVD Fiction

- Bernadette: her Vision Became a Legend
- Fatima - Joaquim de Almeida, Goran Visnjic, Stephanie Gil, Alejandra Howard (Universal)
- Mary of Nazareth: from Nativity to Calvary - Myriam Muller; Questar Inc.

### Adult DVD Non Fiction

- Mary, the Mother of God (Documentary)
- What Every Catholic Needs to Know About Mary - Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Brant Pitre, Dr. Michael Barber, Matthew Arnold, Jesse Romero, Tim Staples (Saint Joseph Communications)

### Kids DVDs

- Children, Behold Your Mother - Fr. Antoine Thomas (EWTN)

**Blessings for a holy month of May – from the OLMM Library Committee**