

Fifth to Sixth 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, May 6th – St. Francois De Laval

4:30pm

Sunday, May 7th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am

Rest of the soul of Marilyn Geis by June and André Paré

10:45am

Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, May 9th

7:00pm

Wednesday, May 10th

9:30am

Intentions of Legion of Mary and venerable Edell Quinn

Thursday, May 11th

9:00am

For the safety of the clergy and lay people of Nigeria while they celebrate their faith

Friday, May 12th

9:00am

For the intentions of all priests by Cathy Gambell

Saturday, May 13th

4:30pm

For our mothers, godmothers and grandmothers by the James family

Sunday, May 14th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am

Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am

Rest of the soul of Lise Tessier by the Geerts family

Tuesday, May 16th

7:00pm

Birthday intentions of Liane Texmo by the Gambell family

Wednesday, May 17th

9:30am

Thursday, May 18th

9:00am

CANCELLED

Friday, May 19th

9:00am

Intentions and well-being of all seniors

Saturday, May 20th

4:30pm

Rest of the soul of Barbara Fleet by the James family

Sunday, May 21st – The Ascension of the Lord

9:00am

Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am

Intentions of Sally James by the James family

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

May 7th, 2023 = \$3,240.

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows Him. But you know Him, because He remains with you, and will be in you.” John 14:15-17

Imagine a spouse or a friend saying to you, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Such a statement might cause you to react with surprise. Ordinarily, we do not see obedience to another as a sign that we love them. However, what if a parent were to say to a child, “If you love me, you will be obedient.” That statement is easier to accept because of the unique role of a parent to their children. In regard to our love of God, obedience to His divine will is the greatest act of love we can offer. This is because God’s will is perfect. It’s exactly what we need in life. It’s what we were made for. And it is the one and only way to achieve the human fulfillment that we seek. Only God can say such a thing to us because only God is God.

Jesus followed up His call to obedience by saying that obedience to Him will result in Jesus and His Father bestowing the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth upon you. The Holy Spirit will remain “with you, and will be in you.” This is such a profound statement from our Lord. In fact, so much of what He says within this sermon given at the Last Supper is profound beyond comprehension.

One clear thing this tells us is that obedience to God leads to a discovery of the Truth. And as Jesus says elsewhere, “If you remain in My word, you will truly be My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32). Obedience leads to Truth. Truth leads to freedom.

This begs the question: Do you want to be free? Clearly you do. We cannot not want to be free. Meaning, we are obliged to want freedom, just as we are obliged to want happiness. Why? Because the desire for freedom and happiness is written upon our very nature. It is a desire that we cannot escape. It’s how we are wired. However, it is quite possible to become confused about the way we achieve these desires. For many, obedience is not always understood as the pathway to that desired freedom and happiness.

Consider, again, a child. Imagine a parent telling that child not to eat a certain wild berry that grows behind their house because the parent knows the berry is poisonous and will cause the child to become sick. If the child disobeys and eats the berry anyway, he will learn the important lesson that he should have been obedient.

On a grand scale, this is what God does for us. He is the perfect Father Who always knows what is best for us. For that reason, we must not only conform to His will, we must desire it, seek it out and desire to be obedient to the greatest degree. This is the path to Truth. It is the path to freedom. It is the path to the happiness we desire.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of obedience to the will of God and your understanding of the importance of that obedience. Do you realize that God’s will is perfect? Perhaps you do intellectually, but how about practically? When you read through the Scriptures and hear Jesus’ commands of love, do you seek to follow them without hesitation? For example, do you forgive those who seem undeserving? Can you say, with our Lord from the Cross, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do?” Reflect upon anything this past year that was difficult for you to embrace from God. Ponder it, pray over it and seek to obey whatever He has revealed to you. Doing so will be the first step toward the fulfillment of your deepest desires in life.

Most glorious Jesus, Your will is perfect in every way. Obedience to Your will leads to the fulfillment of my life and my every desire. Please bestow the Spirit of Truth upon me so that I will always know Your will and embrace it with all my might. Jesus, I trust in You.

May 7-14, 2023 (Revised)
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

The Code to the lock box at the church side door has been changed. Please call the office if you need the new code. Thank you.


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.

Please note the Mass for Thursday, May 18th at 9:00AM is cancelled due to Pastoral Day Event.

Ottawa Pastoral Care - Registration is open for Fall 2023 programs

In this fall we are again offering the afternoon **Basic Training Course** in-person as well as the evening Basic Course via Zoom. Both courses begin Monday, September 18, 2023 and run weekly until November 27, 2023 (excepting Thanksgiving Monday). Our fall 2023 Basic Training Course brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Fall-2023.Basic-Course-Brochure.pdf>



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MAY, 2023

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you
Acts 1:8

Pentecost VIGIL
7 PM

OUR LADY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH
17 FIRST AVENUE, RUSSELL

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW

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 Palairat
- 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



Happy Mother's Day



Heavenly Father, on this Mother's Day, we thank You for our mothers through whom Your gift of Life begins and through whom we are nurtured into great human beings. We lift up all mothers to Your love and care. We pray for them, for their needs of strength and support to continue to nurture a family love, in honor and love for You, our God. Amen.

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.