

The Ascension 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, May 20th

4:30pm Repose 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

Tuesday, May 23rd

7:00pm For the happy 75th birthday intentions of Fr. Tim Shea by the James family

Wednesday, May 24th

9:30am Repose of the souls of Theresa and Emé Malbeuf by Denis and Nicole Leduc

Thursday, May 25th

9:00am For the protection of the unborn by a parishioner

Friday, May 26th – St. Philip Neri

9:00am Repose of the soul of Todd Froats by the James family

Saturday, May 27th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Paul Victor Desmarais by the Desmarais family

Sunday, May 28th – Pentecost Sunday

9:00am

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

May 14th, 2023 = \$3,190.

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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.

Ascension of Our Lord (Year A)

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18–20**

These are the parting and final words our Lord spoke while on earth. As soon as He spoke them He ascended into Heaven to remain with His Father forever, preparing a place for us so that we could join Him one day. Never again on earth would the disciples hear Jesus speak to them or see Him in physical form. Though He would soon send the Holy Spirit upon them and speak clearly to them interiorly through prayer, they would not encounter His audible voice and physical presence once again until Heaven.

Just prior to the passage quoted above, we read that the disciples did two things. One was ideal; the other was not. We read: “When they saw Him, they worshiped, but they doubted.” Of course, the fact that they worshiped Him is ideal, but the fact that they doubted is somewhat shocking and disappointing. After all that they went through with our Lord, after all they witnessed and heard, they still doubted. They witnessed Jesus cure leprosy, restore sight to the blind, heal the crippled, preach with a new authority, convert sinners, raise the dead and even rise from the dead Himself. And after all of this, they still had doubts.

Perhaps their doubts are recorded in this final encounter with our earthly Lord because it reveals to us our own ongoing doubts. Perhaps the real doubters are not only the disciples but also each one of us.

When you look into your own conscience, what do you see? Do you see a person with perfect faith and trust in God? Or do you see a person who seeks to worship God but also struggles with doubts? A doubt is a lack of faith. It is different from a difficulty, an uncertainty, or a confusion. A doubt is an action by which we positively make the choice to start down the path of disbelief. It's more than a weakness; it's a choice and not a good one.

The good news is that these doubting disciples eventually received something that eliminated every doubt from their minds. They received the Holy Spirit, and this gift of God began to dispel every temptation to doubt as they received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. In particular, the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge would deepen their faith in God and enable them to both worship and believe.

As we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, reflect, today, upon the image of these disciples worshiping God and doubting at the same time. If this image strikes a chord within you, then pay attention to it. It is good to worship God, but it is also good to humbly admit where you lack perfect faith. Where you see this lack of faith, hold onto the hope that, just like these disciples, you will receive the full outpouring of the promised Holy Spirit in your life so that every doubt will be dispelled and you will receive true Wisdom, Understanding and Knowledge in their fullness.

My Ascended Lord, You entered the glories of Heaven, body and soul, as Your disciples looked on. They worshiped You but also struggled with doubts. Help me to also worship You with my whole being. As I do, reveal to me my lack of faith and trust in You and dispel these sins by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.

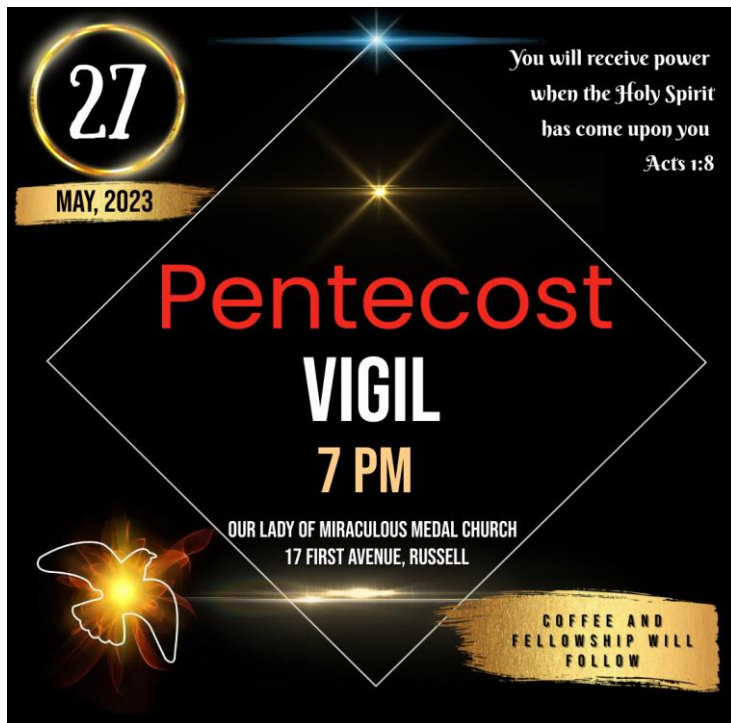
May 21, 2023

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

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.



Ottawa Pastoral Care - Registration is open for Fall 2023 programs

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>

149th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE STE-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRÉ AND OUR LADY OF THE CAPE

After a long 3 years of Pandemic the 149th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré and Our Lady of the Cape is resuming with buses that will depart from the Dioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Gatineau, Pembroke, St-Jérôme/Mont-Laurier and Kingston, **August 12-13, 2023. Our Weekend Celebrant is Bishop Guy Desrochers, Diocese of Pembroke.** For more information contact Mike budge at 613-224-8110 or email: mike.budge@bell.net

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 Palairet
- 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

GOOD WORKS

Imagine if you knew the great works done by Catholic Women's League members. As social justice activists, we pray and work for family, friends and all people to change current issues and make this world a better place. We hope you will join us.