

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ to Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 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, June 10th

4:30pm For the happy 1st wedding anniversary of Theresa and Stewart by their family

Sunday, June 11th – The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body And Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

9:00am Repose of the soul of Marilyn Geis by June and Andre Pare

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, June 13th – St. Anthony of Padua

7:00pm Repose of the soul of Miriam Van Vlymen by the James family

Wednesday, June 14th

9:30am Intentions of James Gambell by the Gambell family

Thursday, June 15th

9:00am Intentions of Fr. Anthony Nwaohiri by the Brown family

Friday, June 16th – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:00am Intentions and well-being of all seniors

Saturday, June 17th – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30pm For the happy 92nd birthday intentions of Dick James by the James family

Sunday, June 18th – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am For our fathers, grand fathers and godfathers by the James family

10:45am Intentions of the Confirmation Candidates

Tuesday, June 20th

7:00pm

Wednesday, June 21st – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

9:30am For the blessing and success of the newly amalgamated Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan CWL Council by Heather Sisk

Thursday, June 22nd

9:00am

Friday, June 23rd

9:00am Thanksgiving for the graduation of Lily Gambell and Sierra Texmo by the Gambell family

Saturday, June 24th – The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

4:30pm Repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

Sunday, June 25th – Twelfth Sunday in ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Birthday intentions of Josephine Barnes by Mary Ellen James

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, “Take it; this is My body.” Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is My blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.” Mark 14:22–24 (Year B Gospel)

At the holy Mass, as soon as the priest pronounces the words of the consecration, transforming the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord, he genuflects, rises, and then says, “The mystery of faith.” What is “the mystery of faith?” Oftentimes, when we say that something is a mystery, we mean that the conclusion is hidden but that there are certain clues to help solve the mystery. And once the mystery is solved, everything is clear and it is no longer a mystery.

“The mystery of faith” is much different. Those words are spoken at Mass immediately after the consecration as a way of drawing the faithful into a holy awe and amazement of what just took place. But this mystery can only produce wonder and awe if the reality of what just took place is understood through the gift of faith. Faith is knowing and believing without perceiving the reality before us with our five senses or through logical deduction. In other words, faith produces true knowledge of a spiritual reality that can only be known, understood and believed through spiritual insight. Therefore, if we attend the Mass and have been gifted with the knowledge of faith, then as soon as the consecration of the bread and wine takes place, we will cry out interiorly, “My Lord and my God!” We will know that God the Son is present before us in a veiled way. Our eyes do not perceive, nor do any of our senses reveal to us the great reality before us. We cannot rationally deduce what just took place. Instead, we come to know and believe that the Son of God, the Savior of the World, is now present before us in His fullness, under the veil of mere bread and wine.

Saint Pope John Paul II tells us that in this moment there is a “oneness in time” that links the *Paschal Mystery*, that is, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, to every moment that the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of consecration. And that unity between each Mass and the *Paschal Mystery* “leads us to profound amazement and gratitude” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, #5). Do you sense and experience this profound amazement and gratitude each time you attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do you realize as you attend the Mass and as the words of consecration are spoken that the entire Mystery of your redemption is made present before you, hidden from your eyes but visible to your soul by faith? Do you understand that it is God the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity Who descends to us to dwell with us in that moment of time in this glorious Sacrament?

Reflect, today, upon the hidden but real Mystery of Faith. Allow yourself to be drawn into a wonder and awe at what you are privileged to attend. Let your faith in the Most Holy Eucharist grow by being open to a deepening of this gift of faith through spiritual insight and belief. Behold this great Gift of the Eucharist with the eyes of faith and you will be drawn into the wonder and awe that God wants to bestow upon you.

My ever-glorious Eucharistic Lord, I do believe that You are here, made present in our world under the form of bread and wine, every time the Holy Mass is celebrated. Fill me with a deeper faith in this Holy Gift, dear Lord, so that I may be drawn into wonder and awe every time I witness this holy Consecration. Jesus, I trust in You.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

June 4th, 2023 = \$ 3,718.

Thank you for your generosity and support

June 11-18, 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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

At the sight of the crowds, His heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest." **Matthew 9:36-38**

This passage from today's Gospel begins by revealing to us the Heart of Jesus. His Heart is one that is "moved with pity." As Jesus looked at the crowds before Him, He could see that they were "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." The sight of them evoked compassion, concern and mercy from within Him. This is a beautiful image to prayerfully ponder.

As Jesus looks at you, He gazes at you as He gazed at the crowds long ago. As He does, the same depths of mercy and compassion are evoked within His Sacred Heart. Sometimes, when we think of God, we allow ourselves to have inaccurate perceptions of who He is and how He sees us. If you do not regularly see the compassionate Heart of Jesus, then ponder this passage and know that His Heart of love for you is the same as it was for the crowds.

The second part of the passage above reveals to us one of the ways that Jesus reaches out to us. He is the "master of the harvest" Who has called others to Himself and then sent them forth to minister in His name and with His authority. The lines that follow the Gospel quoted above tell us that Jesus immediately "summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness."

As you look at your own life, your struggles, your spiritual needs and your desire to grow in faith, how has God fed you? Through whom has He spoken to you? This shepherding will take place by your participation in the Mass, through the Sacrament of Confession, through holy preaching, through the written word, through the inspired witness of another, and in many other ways. What's helpful to ponder is that any time you have encountered the grace of God through another, it happened because the Master of the Harvest chose to send a laborer to you. When good fruit is borne in your life, it was God Who initiated that good work through another, out of the mercy and compassion of His Sacred Heart.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Jesus gazing at you with love and choosing to send His ministers to you in His name and with His authority. Pay special attention to how God has been speaking to you recently. If it is through a particular book, keep reading it. If it is through a certain preacher of the Gospel, keep listening. If it is through a certain conversation with a friend, spouse or loved one, keep talking. God loves you, has a Heart full of compassion for you, and will continue to reach out to you in many different ways, especially by sending others to you in His name.

My Lord and Master, You seek to bring forth an abundant harvest of grace in my life. You continuously inspire others to act as instruments of Your love and speak to me through them, calling me to Yourself. May I always be open to the many ways that You come to me, and may I always receive Your holy Word through the ministers You send to me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Intentions of the Holy Father for June:

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's Happening at Our Lady's

Wednesday, June 14th

6:00pm – Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates

Thursday, June 15th

7:00pm – Youth Band practice

Friday, June 16th

9:00am – Seniors' Mass followed by fellowship & refreshments

Saturday, June 17th

10:00am – Baptism

Sunday, June 18th

10:45am – Confirmation Mass

Tuesday, June 20th

10:30am – MTCS Children's Liturgy

Thursday, June 22nd

10:30am – MTCS Children's Liturgy

6:00pm – First Reconciliation for First Communion candidates

Saturday, June 24th

9:30am – First Communion Mass 1

11:00am – First Communion Mass 2

Summer is almost here! Join us before the summer holidays begin for our dedicated seniors mass on Friday, June 16, at 9am, followed by refreshments and fellowship. See you there!

The CWL has purchased and donated to our parish a new sacramentary. This is now on the altar for Fr. Anthony to use during each Mass. CWL are so blessed to be able to support our parish and our priests in the celebration of the Eucharist.

Academia Stella Maris International Dinner Fundraising Event: Come and enjoy a buffet-style dinner featuring an array of delicious international cuisine made with love from the ASM community! As well there will be an auction with amazing items up for bid!

When: Saturday June 17th

Where: Basement of Resurrection of Our Lord Parish

From: 4:30 to 9pm

Tickets are 30\$ for adults & 12\$ for children (2 and under are free!)

Contact Lisa 613-316-9755 for ticket information.

FAITH

Catholic Women's League members know faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness the love of God through ministry and service. We are Catholic and Living it! Come grow with us.