

Twelfth to Thirteenth 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 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

Tuesday, June 27th

7:00pm Thanksgiving for Bernard and Georgia John and family by Georgia

Wednesday, June 28th – St. Irenaeus

9:30am Intentions and blessings of Gerry & Pat Redsell on their 65th wedding anniversary

Thursday, June 29th – Saints Peter and Paul

9:00am

Friday, June 30th

9:00am Repose of the soul of Karen Lee Keoughan by her family

Saturday, July 1st

4:30pm Intentions and blessings of Mary Ellen James as she moves on to Ottawa-Cornwall Diocesan CWL Council by the OLMM-CWL

Sunday, July 2nd – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor
10:45am On occasion of 30th wedding anniversary for Liz and Ed Quinton by the James family

Tuesday, July 4th

7:00pm Repose of the souls of Mary and Gary by the Urlocker-Lalonde family

Wednesday, July 5th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Parick McCreesh by Shiela Johnstone

Thursday, July 6th

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Friday, July 7th

9:00am Repose of the soul of Moris Wheeler by Ann and John Jackson

Saturday, July 8th

4:30pm Intentions of Chris Vonesch and family by the James family

Sunday, July 9th – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor
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YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

June 25th, 2023 = \$2,467.

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus said to the Twelve: “Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.” Matthew 10:26
This line is spoken by our Lord within the context of preparing the Twelve for the persecutions that are to come. Prior to this passage, Jesus said, “But beware of people, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for My sake as a witness before them and the pagans.” After saying much more about the persecutions to come, Jesus gives them a certain hope and encouragement in the passage above.

First of all, Jesus directly addresses one of the effects many people suffer when they encounter some form of persecution: fear. “Fear no one,” He says. Fear can consume a person when they lack faith in God’s care for them, allowing anxiety and worry to take hold. When we can keep our eyes fixed firmly on Christ and dispel the attacks we receive in life, then we will remain confident in God’s truth and not be deterred by lies.

Jesus is also very aware of the fact that fear can become overwhelming. This is especially the case when we must endure any form of severe persecution or trial. Therefore, He speaks a consoling line to the Twelve to help them have hope. “Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.” This is a reference to the end of time when Jesus returns to earth for the final judgment. At that time, every deceitful attack that people have endured will come to full light for all to see. Every virtue, including every hidden virtue, will also come to light. In the end, truth will reign and all will be judged by God’s truth. This should be very consoling to those who have suffered injustice in life. Persecution comes in many forms. Of course, persecution issued against you because of your faith is the worst form of persecution. But most often, persecution comes in other forms. Jealousy toward another could lead to gossip about them. Revealing the sins of another in a public way is the sin of detraction and is a form of persecution. Passive aggression, slander, the “silent treatment” and so much more are all forms of persecution. Any time one person attempts to inflict some form of harm upon another, this is persecution.

One common tendency that people encounter when another has harmed them in some way is to return the harm done. There is nothing wrong with defending ourselves by speaking the truth with love. But too often, the hurt experienced either turns into a consuming fear or into an attack against the one who harmed us. When this temptation is felt, Jesus’ words above are most helpful and freeing. In the end, no injustice will be ignored. Every wrong will be dealt with by the justice and mercy of God, and perfect order and truth will be fully restored for eternity. Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with fear. As you do, reflect upon Jesus’ words over and over. “Fear no one.” Do not allow yourself to be controlled by any injustice inflicted upon you. Instead, remain confident in the truth and, if some injustice is not able to be corrected here and now, look forward to the end of time when everything will be brought to light in accord with the mind and justice of God.

My courageous Lord, You endured so much ridicule and harsh treatment but never allowed it to deter You from Your divine mission of love. Please free me from all fear and give me courage when I face the injustices of life to trust that You will right every wrong in the end. Jesus, I trust in You.

June 25 - July 9, 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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Matthew 10:37-39

Clearly, this saying is a play on words that is meant to make you pause and think. It's almost like a holy and sacred riddle, spoken by Jesus to get your attention and to communicate a very deep and foundational truth about how you are to live. Essentially, this saying teaches that those who live in a selfish, self-centered way do not accomplish their goal. The goal of those who are selfish is to elevate themselves with the thinking that this is what is best for them. But Jesus clearly points out that when you live selfishly, seeking to put yourself above others, you lose what is most important in life. You lose your very soul. On the contrary, if you live selflessly, putting others before you, it is in this act that you actually find your true purpose in life and fulfill yourself on the deepest level.

Think, for example, of Jesus. He is God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, existing for eternity in perfect union with the Father and the Holy Spirit. His soul radiates pure love. And for that reason, He chose to become human, suffer greatly and be killed. Was that fulfilling to our Lord? Most certainly. Why? Because His sacrifice went to the heart of Who He is. He is love itself. And love is always self-giving. It is always fulfilling. It always seeks the good of the other. Love fulfills the lover when it is pure, holy, selfless and total. Jesus' sacrificial death on the Cross not only redeemed us, but it also manifested the Son of God's own perfect fulfillment and satisfaction in His human nature because His death was an act of pure love.

Sin confuses us. Selfishness especially clouds our thinking. As a result, it becomes difficult to clearly see that the way to fulfillment in life is by the complete and unwavering sacrifice of our lives given to others, in imitation of and in union with Jesus' perfect sacrifice. The moment that sin leads us to think first about ourselves, we begin to become blind to who we are and what makes us truly fulfilled.

Reflect, today, upon the divine mission you have been given to lose yourself for the sake of Christ, which is for the sake of true love. By loving God and others in this pure way, selflessly, you become who you are and who you were created to be. You find yourself only by choosing to lose yourself in this world. Ponder this deep mystery and believe it. Once you do believe it, commit to live sacrificially, casting aside every doubt, so that you will never hesitate to love everyone sacrificially. For in that radical act of selfless love, you will discover and become who you were created to be.

My sacrificial Lord, You are not only the perfect model of human love, Your sacrificial love is the source of human fulfillment itself. Please give me the grace I need to love all people in a perfect and selfless way and, in that act, also discover and become who I was made to be. Jesus, I trust in You.

Intentions of the Holy Father for July: For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Friday Adoration

Friday, July 7th, 4:00pm to Saturday, July 8th, 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.

Annual Silent Retreat for Men and Women.

Once a year there is a silent retreat sponsored by the Legion of Mary at

Centre de l'Amour Retreat House, 220 Rte. 21, Plantagenet, ON K0B 1L0 on Friday, September 22, 2023 – 7:30pm to Sunday, September 24 – 1:00pm. The theme is Our Lady and the Apostolate.

Registration Fee: \$210(single) \$180(double) for two nights (Lodging, five meals, daily mass and three conferences). For reservations please call Angela Belmers at 613-829-0320.

Retreat Master: Fr. Anthony Dorsa, FSSP

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

Congratulations to all children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. Wear the wooden Cross pendant, which was donated by the OLMM parish, over your hearts with pride.

HAPPY SUMMER!