

Twenty-Second 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, September 2nd

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Allan Edward McCaig
the James family

**Sunday, September 3rd – Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

9:00am Repose of the soul of Bob and Mary Urlocker
by the Urlocker-Lalonde family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, September 5th

7:00pm For the blessings of comfort and peace for
Michael and Juliet Trolio by the James family

Wednesday, September 6th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Steve Sediva by Sophie
Sediva

Thursday, September 7th

9:00am For the Legion of Mary

**Friday, September 8th – The Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

9:00am For the Legion of Mary

Saturday, September 9th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Anne Gazo by Sophie
Sediva

**Sunday, September 10th – Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the souls of Peter Sediva and
Joseph Gazo by Sophie Sediva

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

August 27th, 2023 = \$2,734.

Thank you for your generosity and support

Intentions of the Holy Father for September: For people living on the margins

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

FULFILLMENT

If you only knew... joining the Catholic Women's League will help you find fulfillment. This one-stop women's organization focuses on faith, service and social justice. Become active and involved in your area of interest.

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“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?” Matthew 16:24–26

Just before Jesus gave this teaching, He predicted to the Twelve for the first time that He would “suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” In fear, Peter objected, saying, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” To Peter’s statement, Jesus responds firmly, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” What a difficult thing that must have been to hear from Jesus! Jesus was ready and willing to suffer and die for the salvation of the world. He knew that by dying He would transform death itself into the very means of eternal salvation. He knew that laying down His life in this way was the greatest act of love He could offer; therefore, Jesus didn’t hesitate at all. He was ready and willing to give His human life so that we could live.

To understand this we must realize three things. First, by assuming our human nature, Jesus forged a bond between God and humanity. Second, by sharing in our death He made it possible for us to cling to Him in our own death. Third, by rising from the dead, Jesus made it possible for those who cling to Him in death to also share in His Resurrection. Though we will only fully understand this great mystery of redemption in Heaven, we must strive to comprehend it as best we can here on earth.

Peter did not understand this, at least not at that moment when Jesus first revealed it. Peter allowed fear to tempt him to interfere in Jesus’ glorious act of salvation. This is why Jesus rebuked him so strongly. It was a loving rebuke meant to free Peter from his fear and to give him courage to embrace the Sacrifice Jesus was about to offer.

Fear can paralyze us. But fear, in this case, is a response that is based on an error. We embrace that error when we act out of selfishness. Each of us will die. That’s a fact. The question is how we die. We can either die selfishly, seeing our earthly life as the center of all. Or we can die in a self-giving way with our Lord by uniting ourselves to His act of sacrificial love. We do this by turning our eyes away from ourselves and seeking out every way that we can imitate Jesus’ death. We must strive to serve, live sacrificially, put God’s will first, unite ourselves to Christ, and make love for our neighbor our mission in life. This is what Jesus did. When we do this, we take up our cross, follow Him, die with Him, and are prepared to share in His Resurrection. This is the only way to eternal life.

Reflect, today, upon the words “Take up your cross and follow Me.” This is Jesus’ most sacred instruction to us all on how we should live and how we will share in His gift of eternal life. What cross in your life are you fearful of? What act of sacrifice do you avoid? True love hurts in the sense that it is always selfless. We must die to ourselves. Reflect upon any way that you fail to do this, and allow Jesus’ rebuke of Peter to also rebuke you so that you will be freed from the fear of this holy sacrificial love that will unite you to our Lord.

My sacrificial Lord, You did not fear laying down Your sacred life for us all. You embraced Your mission of love by entering into death itself so that we could die with You and thus share in Your Resurrection. Please free me from all fear of the crosses in my life and help me to fully embrace a life of sacrificial love. Jesus, I trust in You.

September 3, 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

Good News from the Building Committee!

Bathroom renovations are starting soon and activities using the hall may be impacted. Thanks to your donations. We need to acknowledge that the renovations are funded in part by the enabling accessibility grant from the government of Canada.

Legion of Mary

Please join us Thursday, Sept. 7th for the 1st meeting of the Legion of Mary in our parish following morning Mass. It is open to any practicing Catholic. Volunteers do spiritual acts of mercy and prayers. Pray to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal for us.

The next dedicated Seniors' Mass will be Friday, September 15th at 9:00AM Mass. Come join us, it is not the same without you!

Spiritual Library

The Spiritual Library has been pleased to accept many book donations from a parishioner – John Serjak. The collection includes more books by Catherine de Hueck Doherty and Eddie Doherty; Mother Angelica; Henry J.M. Nouwen; Mediations by Mother Teresa and many more.

There are also new children's books displayed in the library.

A complete list of the donated books can be found in the Spiritual Library.

Youth Group

If you are between the ages of 18 – 35 and feel called to help with the youth group, please contact Chris Smith at cdansmith@hotmail.com

Thank you to Donna and her brother for growing and sharing the beautiful Gladiola flowers from their garden for another year. God has crafted these awesome flowers and His faithful servants, the McKluskeys have tended and cared for them and shared them with our parish.

Gone to the Father
Elizabeth Gravel
Robert J. Urlocker



Catholic Women's League

Women of the parish are invited to join CWL members at a pot luck dinner and brief meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 5:30pm.

May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide us as we begin our CWL year.

13th Autumn Annual Pilgrimage to St-Joseph's Oratory and 13th Anniversary of the

canonization of St-Brother André from the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall taking place on Sunday, October 15, 2023. See attached, departures and costs for the day program. For more information, contact Mike Budge at mike.budge@bell.net or by phone 613-224-8110. Limited space.

Schnitzel Take out Dinner September 10th:

Enjoy a delicious generous schnitzel dinner with red cabbage, potato salad and strudel dessert from Our Lady of the Visitation kitchen. Prepaid meals at 613-822-2007. Curb side pickup Sunday Sept. 10th between 4 and 6 pm at 5338 Bank Street. Proceeds goes towards the Church Restoration Fund.

On September 23, come explore through art the beauty of God the Creator and his creation. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall in the Notre Dame Cathedral basement to celebrate the Season of Creation, the show will feature local artists with a focus on creation, and how we find God through it.

If you are a local artist and would like to submit your work for the show, please contact Mireille Church at mireille.church@ottawacornwall.ca

Welcome to new parishioners: If you are new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, welcome to our Parish. Please take a moment to fill in a registration form that are available from the office. Say "hello" to Fr. Anthony and share fellowship with parishioners at one of our events.

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Welcome to the family of God:
Finn James Michael McCloskey
Maya Constance Lovenuk
Theresa Rose Louise