

## Twenty-Sixth 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 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Jerome**

**4:30pm** Repose of all the souls in purgatory by Cathy Gambell

#### **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am** For the intentions and blessings of Tom and Annette Urlocker on the occasion of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by the Urlocker-Lalonde family

**10:45am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

#### **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00pm** Repose of the soul of Domenico Sabatucci by the Parravano family

#### **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Francis of Assisi**

**9:30am** Birthday intentions of Bridget Mulholland by the James family

#### **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

#### **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Bibiana Dodd by Don and Patricia Pitman

#### **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of the Rosary**

**4:30pm** Repose of the soul of Christopher Plant by Pete and Cathy Gambell

#### **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45am** On the occasion of 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Shannon and Gord Mulholland by the James family

### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 = \$2,409.**

***Thank you for your generosity and support***

### **Intentions of the Holy Father for October: For the Synod**

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### ***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)***

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: “What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go.” Matthew 21:28–30

This parable presents a message of great hope to those who find it difficult to follow the will of God. The first son, the one who said he would not obey the father but then changed his mind, refers to those who have initially rejected the will of God but then repented and turned back to Him. The second son represents those who claim to be faithful followers of the will of God, but are not. This second son presents us with a very dangerous trap we can fall into. He represents the interior disposition of the chief priests and elders of the people. They said one thing but did another. They acted as if they were righteous but were not. They might have even been fooling themselves.

Of course, there is another possible scenario Jesus doesn’t present. Ideally, when the father asked his son to work in the vineyard he would have said “yes” and then followed through with his commitment. But this is not mentioned because no one falls into that category, except for our Blessed Mother. All people have sinned, and everyone needs to repent. When we look at these two sons, we must humbly strive to be like the first one. We must begin by acknowledging that we have refused to obey the will of God in many ways throughout our lives. God has invited us to serve Him, and we have said “no.” Acknowledging this is an essential starting point for a life of true conversion and service of God. When we fail to humbly admit that we have sinned, we are acting like the second son. We are living a lie and are trying to convince ourselves that we are faithful to the will of God when we are not. This second son represents a very dangerous interior disposition that we must avoid with all of our might. It is the sin of impenitence, a sin against the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous because this type of self-righteousness keeps a person from truly serving the will of God. They believe their own lie and see no need to repent.

Which of these two sons are you most like? Are you keenly aware of your weaknesses and sins? Can you humbly admit them to yourself and to God? Or do you tend to present yourself as one who is holy and does not need to repent? Never be afraid to admit your sin. Never pretend to be someone you are not. Never allow yourself to be drawn into self-righteousness. We are all called to a life of ongoing conversion. Reflect, today, upon the many ways that you have initially said “no” to the will of God. Sometimes we do so in grave matters, and sometimes we do so in less serious ways. The humble truth is that we all refuse to fully embrace the will of God every day. The invitation we have been given to obey Him is much more than a black-and-white, yes-or-no answer. God’s call to obedience goes deep and is a call on a continuously deepening level. Keep looking into your soul and confess the ways you reject the will of God. The more clearly you see your sins and confess them, the more fully you will be in a position to say “yes” to the will of God with all your heart.

*Most merciful Lord, You continuously call us to repentance. We have all sinned against You and do so every day. Please give me the gifts of humility and honesty so that I will be aware of the ways in which I refuse to say yes to Your perfect will and so that I can repent of those sins and daily turn back to You. Jesus, I trust in You.*

October 1, 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

### First Friday Adoration

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm to Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:bernie.ethier@gmail.com).

**OLMM will once again celebrate a monthly Children's Mass** on the third Sunday of each month at the 9:00 Mass. The children and youth of our parish (SK to Grade 12) will have the chance to participate in various ministries before, during and after the Mass. For example, children and youth can sign up to be greeters, ushers, lectors, gift bearers, etc. The children will also be invited to participate in the closing song in a special way. If your child is interested in participating in this event, please fill out the registration form available in the church foyer. Families who register will be notified in advance when it is their child's turn to participate.

### 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](mailto:cdansmith@hotmail.com)

### Bathroom Renovations Have Started

Parishioners are advised to use the front door to enter and exit the church except for those who need to use the elevator. During the duration of the renovation, please use the portable toilet located outside the church.

**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](mailto:mike.budge@bell.net) or by phone 613-224-8110. Limited space.

## HEALING

As Catholic Women's League members, we help to heal injustice through advocacy, illness through prayer, hate with love and loneliness with care. You cannot stay away from the healing process if you are a Catholic woman. Join us today!

### Save the Date – Special Collection November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

In the fall of 2021, Canada's Bishops set up a \$30 million Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. A *Christ-Centred, Co-Journey Towards Healing* is the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall's campaign to raise the \$1.2 million that we have pledged to the IRF. The money raised goes to support projects such as the 23rd Annual Ottawa Indigenous Children and Youth Pow Wow held March 25, 2023. Pow Wows are important Indigenous gatherings where multiple generations come together to enjoy food, honour traditions, forge a sense of community and practice spiritual healing. Learn more at [www.journeyforhealing.ca](http://www.journeyforhealing.ca).

### Development & Peace Fall 2023 Campaign

#### Let's Stand for the Land & Water Defenders in Honduras

Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been fighting to preserve their rivers and livelihoods by protesting mining in the Carlos Escaleras National Park. Eight of the protesters from the Guapinol community, who were openly protesting the open pit iron ore mine operating there through an irregularly granted mining license were imprisoned for almost 2 years, with 3 of them murdered on their release this year. More information is available here: [devp.org/campaign](http://devp.org/campaign).

The most dangerous place on earth to be a Land & Water Defender is Honduras, with 135 protesters killed since 2014, among them, internationally acclaimed Indigenous Lencan leader Berta Caceres, who was executed in her home.

"Communities are displaced. Rights are violated. Access and rights to water are denied. All this to give priority to the extraction and pillaging of resources." — Leonel George, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón.

Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act).

**Rosary Coast to Coast CANADA**

ST. JOSEPH  
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL  
OUR LADY OF THE CAPE

PRAY FOR US

**OCTOBER 13, 2023**

The Rosary Coast to Coast will be held at 3100 Weston Road on the field behind Carmen Stefano Community Centre at 8:00 p.m. on October 13, 2023

Time: 8:00 p.m. EST  
5:00 p.m. Pacific  
7:00 p.m. Central  
9:00 p.m. Atlantic  
9:30 p.m. Newfoundland  
6:00 p.m. Mountain



Join Zoom Meeting:  
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Light a candle, pray with your family and friends, or join an online livestream event at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, Ontario. Recitation of the holy Rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy, consecration to Mary in song, and a brief reflection. There is no better time to be on our knees and implore God for mercy on our families and country!

Location: All provinces of Canada

[www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca](http://www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca)

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