

Twenty-Seventh to Twenty-Eighth 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, October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Sunday, October 8th – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am On the occasion of 30th wedding anniversary of Shannon and Gord Mulholland by the James family

Tuesday, October 10th

7:00pm CANCELLED

Wednesday, October 11th

9:30am CANCELLED

Thursday, October 12th

9:00am CANCELLED

Friday, October 13th

9:00am CANCELLED

Saturday, October 14th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Sharon Daigle by Pete and Cathy Gambell

Sunday, October 15th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Gravel by Dale and Lorraine Harper

Tuesday, October 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:00pm For Heather Saucier

Wednesday, October 18th – St. Luke

9:30am Repose of the soul of Jared Oldford by Mom, Dad and loving family

10:45am Repose of the soul of Randy Klassen by Gail Klassen and family
(Russell Meadows)

Thursday, October 19th

9:00am CANCELLED

Friday, October 20th

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

Saturday, October 21st

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Lise Tessier by the Geerts family

Sunday, October 22nd – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Rob Burns Jr. by Robert Burns

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.” **Matthew 22:1–3**

Do you refuse to come? Jesus spoke this parable to the chief priests and elders of the people because, even though they gave the impression to others that they were true followers of the will of God, they were, in fact, among those who refused to come to the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. The chief priests and elders of the people were masters at portraying themselves as something they were not. They knew how to look good in the eyes of the people, how to avoid public criticism, and how to appear as holy men. But they were none of the above. Inside they were hypocrites, liars and murderers.

In this parable, three invitations are sent forth. The first two are given to the invited guests. Though these “invited guests” refer especially to the people of Israel who were raised in the faith handed down from Moses and the prophets, we should also see in it those who have been raised within the Christian faith today. After the first invitation, those invited refused to come. After the second invitation, some who were invited reacted with indifference, while others reacted with hostility. These responses are common today.

When Jesus sends forth His invitation to share in His wedding banquet today, there are many different responses. Some are indifferent to our Lord. These are those who are so consumed with worldly endeavors that they give little time and attention to God. For them, the practice of the faith, such as daily prayer, attendance at Mass and ongoing works of charity, is not important. Making money, obtaining material possessions, indulging in entertainment and other secular pursuits are far more the focus of their time and energy. Others, like the chief priests and elders, are good at playing the part and acting as if they are faithful followers, but they are actually hostile to the will of God. They are concerned only about their appearance and not about the reality of their souls. If they are challenged in any way, they respond with anger and attack. They are not open to the truth of the Gospel and remain self-justified by attacking anything or anyone who dares to call into question the direction they have taken in life.

When the third invitation was sent forth to all people, some responded. How completely do you respond to Jesus’ invitation? To answer that question properly, we must “read” the invitation and know what we are invited to participate in. The invitation given to us is an invitation to share in the wedding feast of the Son of God. But to attend that banquet, we must be clothed in the garment of charity. Charity is the form of love that is sacrificial, selfless, and total. This form of love begins by making God the center of our lives and concludes by making His will the sole purpose of our lives. True charity will have the effect of purging all selfishness from our lives. This is why some were hostile to the invitation. When God invites us to a life of charity, we will be faced with a need to change. For some, this is very difficult. They react either with indifference or become defensive and lash out in hostility so as to protect the life of sin they have chosen.

The parable concludes with one of the invited guests being cast “into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth” because he doesn’t have on a proper wedding garment. But this wedding garment is a symbol of true charity that flows from an authentic worship of God.

Reflect, today, upon how charitable you are toward others, for that will determine whether you are fit to share in the banquet of the Lord. True charity always seeks to lavish the greatest good upon others. It seeks to do everything necessary to help others grow in love of God. True charity never leads a person to gaze upon themselves. It is always outwardly focused and selfless in its choices. As you reflect upon your charity, or lack thereof, be open to the purifying invitation from Jesus and do not react in hostility. Welcome His invitation to change and allow your wholehearted worship of Him to transform you into a gift of love for others.

Lord of perfect charity, You have invited all people to share in the glorious banquet of Heaven. The only requirement is that we allow all sin and selfishness to be purged from our lives so that we are covered with the garment of charity. I accept Your invitation this day, dear Lord, and commit myself to the purifying fires of Your perfect love. Jesus, I trust in You.

October 8-15, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLMM will once again celebrate a monthly Children's Mass on the third Sunday of each month at the 9:00AM 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.

Take a look at these new additions to the adult books collection in the Spiritual Library:

B13 - God Speaks Your Love Language: How to Experience and Express God's Love - Gary Chapman

B18 - Chicken Soup for the Soul: Living Catholic Faith; 101 Stories to Offer Hope, Deepen Faith, and Spread Love - Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and LeAnn Thieman

B18 - 15 (Fifteen) Minutes Alone with God for Men - Bob Barnes

A Christ-Centred, Co-Journey Towards Healing

This weekend our families gather to give thanks to the Father for our many blessings. One of the ways that we can show our appreciation is by sharing with others. We are asking you to support the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund on November 4th and 5th. All monies raised will be used to support initiatives by local Indigenous groups and organizations. One project that has received funding, thanks to your generosity, is a series of six retreats organized by Kateri Native Ministry to promote healing and reconciliation. Learn more at www.journeyforhealing.ca

HOPE

Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women's League. Members find hope in one another. Join and be a woman of hope.

Waupoos Family Farm

Fall Clean Up – Saturday, October 21st, 2023

www.waupoos.com

Waupoos provides a family camp experience away from the pressures of daily life for families in need. The Farm Management Team consists of three volunteer families who live on site and maintain the farm grounds and facilities. Each family commits to a 2-3 year term of residence. On Saturday, Oct. 21st, parishioners, CWL members and friends can help with a fall cleanup from 9:00am to noon. Come and help as long as you can. Noon – pot luck luncheon – bring your favourite dish. See you there!

Catholic Social Justice event:

Walking Together on a Journey Toward Reconciliation

This is an opportunity to find out what has been happening to bring about healing between the Church & Indigenous Peoples since Pope Francis' penitential pilgrimage to Canada during July 2022. A panel discussion about how parishioners, clergy, and Indigenous Peoples can engage more closely with one another on the path to Reconciliation at Saint Paul University, 223 Main St., on Saturday, Oct. 14th from 2-4pm. There is no charge for this event, but please register ahead of time to attend in person or online by contacting Tony Ritchie at ritchieanthony3@gmail.com.

The panelists & moderator are members of the Diocesan Reconciliation Committee (DRC). Questions? Please speak with Janyce Elser-Ethier, parish D&P/social justice representative, 343-463-4381 or elserethierjanyce@gmail.com.



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



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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

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