

Thirty-First to Thirty-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, November 4th – St. Charles Borromeo

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Maurice Dupuis by the Dupuis family

Sunday, November 5th – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Sean James by the James family

Tuesday, November 7th

7:00pm CANCELLED

Wednesday, November 8th

9:30am

Thursday, November 9th – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:00am Healing intentions of Dan Hudder by the Marsolais family

Friday, November 10th – St. Leo the Great

9:00am Repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Versteeg family by Bep Versteeg

Saturday, November 11th – St. Martin of Tours

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Laurier Dupelle by Margaret and family

Sunday, November 12th – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Birthday intentions of Joseph Urlocker-Lalonde by his family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, November 14th

7:00pm Comfort and peace for Dick and Sally James by the James family

Wednesday, November 15th

9:30am

Thursday, November 16th

9:00am

Friday, November 17th – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

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

Saturday, November 18th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Jerry Chase by Myra Chyzyj

Sunday, November 19th – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus by the KOC Council 12401

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Jesus told His disciples this parable: “A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away.” Matthew 25:14–15

Many people dream of doing great things in this life. Those who play sports dream of winning the championship. Those in business dream of growing their business. Artists and actors dream of becoming well-known. In almost everything we do, we dream of excelling. This drive is part of the natural desires God has given to us.

When it comes to the most important part of our lives, we must strive to excel also. What is the most important part of our lives? It is the calling we have received to serve the will of God. Therefore, we must strive to unite our natural desire for excellence with our faith so that we will be driven to fulfill the glorious mission God has entrusted to each one of us. Every natural ability we have must be seen as a gift, given to us by God for the purpose of glorifying Him and furthering His Kingdom on earth. In our parable today, the man who went on a journey entrusted each of his servants with a large sum of money. To one he entrusted five talents; to another two; to a third, one. A talent was a measurement of precious metals such as silver or gold. However, when the master returned, he referred to this initial gift to each as a small amount and then promised to entrust a large amount to the two servants who used the talents well. From a human perspective, we should see the natural gifts that God has given us as a huge amount. From a divine perspective, we must see every natural gift from God as only the beginning. God has so much more He wishes to bestow upon us. In order to obtain those riches of grace, we must first use well what we have been given for God’s glory and for the furtherance of His Kingdom.

What has our Lord entrusted to you? What gifts and talents do you have? As you think about your natural talents, consider how well you use them for the service of God. Using your natural abilities only for yourself is the same as refusing to use them for God. To the one man who was entrusted with one talent and did nothing with it, the master said, “You wicked, lazy servant!” He then took the one talent away and gave it to the one with ten who was responsible with the master’s money. So in our lives, if we fail to dedicate our natural abilities to the service of God, we will lose even the little we have. But if we unite our natural desire for greatness with the call to serve the will of God, then there is no limit to the riches of grace God will bestow.

Reflect, today, upon how diligent you are in your drive to fulfill the will of God in your life. If you feel as though you cannot make much of a difference, then try to dispel that idea. Try to do small things well. Work at perfecting your charity in your daily life. Commit yourself to daily prayer. Strive to weed out all sin in your life. Do the small things well and God will smile on these little offerings and transform them into a superabundance of grace.

Most generous Lord, You have entrusted to me a particular mission in life. May I work to excel in that mission, even if it seems small and insignificant. As I do, please pour forth Your abundant blessings of grace so that I will excel in giving You the greatest glory possible and will be a greater instrument of the coming of Your Kingdom on earth. Jesus, I trust in You.

November 5-12, 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

Intentions of the Holy Father for November: For the Pope:

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS: Throughout this month of November, let us remember to pray for all our beloved dead and all the souls in Purgatory. As a sign of our prayers, we are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the book of remembrance in front of the altar.

The next dedicated Seniors' Mass will be Friday, November 17th at 9:00AM Mass. Come join us, it is not the same without you!

Many Thanks to Our Parishioners

We would like to thank all those who have generously responded to Ottawa-Cornwall's Fundraising Campaign in Support of Reconciliation. To follow the ongoing progress of the campaign and to read about the local Indigenous projects and initiatives be sure to visit www.journeyforhealing.ca. And please be sure to pick up your bookmark after Mass. If you have not yet made your donation it is not too late. Ask your pastor for the special collection envelope or donate online at www.journeyforhealing.ca.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

November 5th, 2023 = \$3,786.

Thank you for your generosity and support

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization, founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney. The Knights of Columbus members are focussed on giving help and support to Catholic families, local Catholic parishes and their communities. On November 18 and 19th members of council 12401 will be holding a membership drive. If you are a male and 18 years old please join us after mass to learn more about this exciting organization that has over 2 million members worldwide."

HUNDREDS OF RESOLUTIONS

Over its history Catholic Women's League members have proposed hundreds of resolutions; some become laws, others serve as seeds for change - all serve to educate members. We invite you to discover more!

Established in 2020, **Renewed in Liturgy Ministry** is an annual event spread over three evenings in November. It helps Catholics of Ottawa-Cornwall Diocese to gain an in-depth understanding of celebration of Eucharistic Liturgy.

This year's speakers are, Most Reverend Yvan Mathieu, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Rev Fr. Rob Arsenault, CC and Rev. Fr. Pierre Champoux. The sessions will be held on Nov 10, Nov 17 and Nov 24 at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Ottawa. See below for more details.

I Am More is back for Advent!

Do you want to train your brain and get rid of the lies you believe about yourself and replace it with God's amazing truth? Let's declare our God-given identity together. Let's set some time aside to prepare for Christmas by gathering for five Friday evenings in Advent. Over Zoom, we will share what we have discovered through the book, *I AM _ REWRITE your name – REROUTE your life* by Chris Stefanik. We will be gathering from 7:30pm to 9:00pm ET, beginning on Friday, Nov. 24th to Friday, Dec. 22nd (closing with a special prayer night).

Community | Praise and Worship | Testimonies

For more information or to sign up, click

here: <https://servantsofthecross.ca/engage/i-am-more/>

Let's heed the cry of the Earth, the cry of the poor and act!

Development & Peace 2023/2024 Stand for the Land & Water Defenders in Honduras Campaign

Pope Francis calls us to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 49). Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector in Honduras have been trying to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalised, and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January, 2023. "The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment."

— Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC–Radio Progreso sign the letter attached to the D&P campaign display board in the foyer to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice, and reparations for the environmental damage from the open pit iron ore mine in Carlos Escaleras National Park (devp.org/act). You can sign physically or online (at devp.org), or both. Questions? Please speak with Janye Elser-Ethier, parish D&P representative & archdiocesan D&P council chairwoman elsertrethierjanyce@gmail.com or 343-463-4381.