



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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, March 23rd

4:30pm Repose of the souls of Dick and Sally James by Winnie Kerfoot

Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am 25th anniversary of KOC in the parish by Ken Sisk for the members of the Council

Tuesday, March 26th

7:00pm CANCELLED

Wednesday, March 27th

9:30am Repose of the souls of Shirley Dains and Jefferey Dains by Deacon Tom and Faith Stephenson

Thursday, March 28th – Holy Thursday

9:00am CANCELLED

7:00pm

Friday, March 29th – Good Friday

9:00am CANCELLED

3:00pm

Saturday, March 30th – Holy Saturday

4:30pm CANCELLED

8:00pm Repose of the souls of Dick and Sally James by the CWL

Sunday, March 31st – The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am Repose of the souls of those whose names are listed in the Easter Flower List

10:45am Repose of the soul of Francis Ouellette by Dale and Lorraine Harper

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

March 17th, 2024 = \$2,247.80

Thank you for your generosity and support

Intentions of the Holy Father for March, 2024

FOR THE NEW MARTYRS

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year B)

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" Mark 11:9-10 Throughout Jesus' life, He traveled to Jerusalem many times. As a child, He was presented in the Temple. At age twelve, He was found teaching the teachers of the Law in the Temple. As He grew, He made regular pilgrimages to the Temple. During His temptation in the desert, the devil took Him to the pinnacle of the Temple. In the Gospels, we read of at least four different trips to the Temple during Jesus' public ministry. However, the trip to Jerusalem that we commemorate today was unlike any other. As Jesus entered Jerusalem this time, His life was already being sought by the religious leaders. Despite that fact, Jesus entered Jerusalem with great solemnity and with much attention. "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" was the cry by the crowd as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while palm branches and cloaks were strewn before Him.

Though this was the most fitting way for the people of faith to welcome their King, their warm welcome, their cries "Hosanna!" and their excitement were more beneficial to them than they were to Jesus. Jesus is God. He has no need of our praise and honor. But Jesus came to us to invite us to praise, honor and worship Him because it is good for us. We need to praise Him. This is what we are made for. This leads to the fulfillment of our lives. As we begin Holy Week, try to spend time with this image of the people honoring our Lord with much enthusiasm. This is an image depicting who we must become. As we continue through this Holy Week, we must become increasingly aware of the God to Whom we offer our praise and worship. He is a God Who lowered Himself in the eyes of all, took on the form of a slave, permitted Himself to be labeled as a grave sinner, was rejected, beaten and killed. This week, especially, we worship the suffering Christ. We worship a Man who was arrested and cruelly treated. We worship a Man who was hated and mistreated in the worst way possible.

Our wholehearted worship of the suffering Christ is an important act to fulfill. In many ways, it is easier to worship God as He is in Heaven on His glorious throne. When we ponder the myriads of angels gathered around Him, the saints of all time bowing to the ground and glory and splendor radiating from His face, worship seems right. To worship a Man accused of being a criminal and suffering capital punishment while enduring the hatred of many is more difficult to comprehend. But if we are able to see Jesus through the eyes of faith and peer through the hatred and lies that surrounded Him, then we will be in awe of the humility of our God Who came to us this way. Our worship of the suffering Christ also invites us to share in His virtue as He endured all that was inflicted upon Him. When we worship the humiliated Christ, our humiliations take on new power and meaning. When we worship the suffering Christ, our sufferings are elevated to share in His redemption. When we worship the rejected, despised and persecuted Christ, any ways that we share in these hardships are transformed.

Reflect, today, upon the God Whom you worship this Holy Week. Do not shy away from all that Jesus endured. Gaze at His rejection and passion. Look at the hatred He endured. As you do, see not only your glorious God, see also the remedy for all your ills. God descended to us in this most humble form so that He could meet us where we are at and raise us to new life with Him.

My suffering Lord, I worship You and praise You with all my heart. As You entered Jerusalem for the Passover, You intended to give new power to that celebration by becoming the New and Eternal Paschal Lamb. May I always worship You Who suffered for me and give to You all that I endure in life to be transformed by Your saving act. Jesus, I trust in You.

March 24, 2024

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

PLEASE NOTE the following MASS CANCELLATIONS:

Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00PM

Thursday, March 28th at 9:00AM

Friday, March 29th at 9:00AM

Saturday, March 30th at 4:30PM

LITURGY OF THE WORD SERVICE

Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00PM

Chrism Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral:

The Chrism Mass will be held at Notre Dame Cathedral on **Tuesday, March 26th at 5:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

First Friday Adoration

Friday, April 5th at 4:00pm to Saturday, April 6th, 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.

"Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10). Are you interested in experiencing contemplative prayer? Christian Meditation meeting at Our Lady of Fatima, 153 Woodroffe Avenue: Saturdays @ 9:45am. Info: Theresa Ziebell 613-722-1693.

Catholic Corner is a new locally owned and operated Catholic Gift Store. Currently we offer a wide variety of items including books, medals, images, games and even Catholic Coffee! We are also adding new products every week. Come join us at the Corner www.catholiccorner.ca.



Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday, March 28th - 7:00 pm

Passion of the Lord

Good Friday, March 29th - 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil - Saturday, March 30th - 8:00 pm

Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday March 31st - 9:00 am and 10:45 am

MENTORSHIP

Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration and encouragement. The Catholic Women's League is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come be part of the journey.

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7th, 2023. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us.

CWL Bursary Applications are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within 1 year post graduation from Grade 12. The annual bursary award has been raised to **\$500** this year. For more information and/or to obtain an application please refer to the parish website: http://www.olmm.ca/groups_cwl.html or the parish office.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by April 30th, 2024. Applications can be mailed in or dropped off at the office. Any questions contact Heather Sisk, Bursary Committee Chair, at 613-443-2870 or email heatherasisk@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

Council 12401 will be celebrating its 25th anniversary of being a charter member of the Knights of Columbus on March 24, 2024. To mark this special event there will be a mass for all Knights and parishioners on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm. We look forward to welcoming everyone.

Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus and become a role model. For more information visit www.kofc.org