



# The Resurrection of the Lord – Year B

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 30<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday

4:30pm CANCELLED

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

### Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – 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

### Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00pm Liturgy of the Word Service

### Wednesday, April 3<sup>d</sup>

9:30am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

6:00pm 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of KOC in the parish by KOC Council 12401

### Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00am For the family of Mariette Braut

### Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Repose of the soul of Ron Lacroix by the Kolman family

### Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Easter

9:00am Birthday intentions of Meghann Baker by the Urlocker-Lalonde family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

## Easter Sunday (Year B)

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for He has been raised just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him.’ Behold, I have told you.” Matthew 28:5-7

The Lord has truly risen! Alleluia! Sin and death have been destroyed, and new life has been offered to all who cling to the Savior in faith. What a glorious day we celebrate today!

Matthew’s Gospel, quoted above, is read at the Easter Vigil Mass. The Easter Vigil is called “the mother of all vigils.” Though many people have not had the opportunity to participate in the Easter Vigil, it is helpful to understand it, because its structure and length reflect the awe and wonder we must have at the Resurrection of Christ.

The Vigil Mass begins in darkness, after the sun sets, with all the lights out in the Church. Outside, a new “blazing fire” is lit and blessed that symbolizes the Light of Christ that dispels all darkness. From that fire, the Easter candle and other candles held by the faithful in the church are lit, and the new light illuminates the church. The procession into the church with the candles is followed by the singing of the ancient hymn the *Exultat*. That hymn is the Church’s announcement of the Resurrection of Christ and is filled with profound theology, presented with youthful excitement and amazement. The tabernacle remains empty as a way of inviting the faithful to anticipate the celebration of the Eucharist once again. The lengthy Liturgy of the Word follows, as it recounts the history of God’s plan of salvation. Finally, the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated within the Mass that culminates with the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist.

Among the many lessons we can learn from the Easter Vigil is that God’s glorious plan of salvation unfolds over time and then culminates with glory beyond imagination. This is especially depicted through the many readings in the Liturgy of the Word. The first reading for that Mass comes from Genesis and recounts the six days of creation. We then read the story of Abraham, our father in faith, and how his trust in God was tested when he was told to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice, in a prefiguration of the Father in Heaven offering His only Son for us all. We then read the story of Moses leading the people out of Egypt from slavery through the Red Sea. The waters of the Red Sea are a symbol of Baptism that crushes sin and leads us to freedom. Readings from the prophets Isaiah, Baruch and Ezekiel follow, revealing the unfolding of God’s promise of the gift of salvation to come.

At times in life, we can become impatient. We tend to want what we want when we want it. But the lesson of the Holy Scriptures is that God’s plan is not only perfect but is also fulfilled only in accord with God’s timing. This is His perfect wisdom. It’s a wisdom that we cannot always comprehend. In the end, if we embrace the perfect plan of God in our lives, we will share in the Resurrection of Christ. Nothing could ever be better than this. There is nothing that this world can offer us that even comes close to the glorious reward of sharing in the Resurrection of Christ.

As we celebrate the great Solemnity of Easter, reflect, today, upon the fact that God’s plan for your life is perfect. It’s a plan that God wants to unfold for you one step at a time. The end result is the glory of the Resurrection! It’s a life of perfection with Him in Heaven when every tear will be wiped away. It’s a plan that removes every sin, sorrow and suffering, and leads you to the fullness of joy. The way to embrace that plan is to take one step at a time as God leads. Little by little, God wants to change you, free you, forgive you, strengthen you and set you on the path to glory. Believe in the most awe-inspiring glory that you could ever share in. Believe in the promise of the Resurrection. Make sharing in it your one and only goal in life, and let God lead you down that path, one step at a time.

*My resurrected Lord, the glory that we celebrate today, the glory of Your Resurrection, is far above anything I can imagine. The new life given to all who surrender their lives to You is glorious and awe-inspiring. Please help me to keep my mind and heart fixated upon this glorious promise and to always allow You to lead me toward it, one step at a time. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## Intentions of the Holy Father for April

### FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



March 31, 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

**There will be Liturgy of the Word on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00PM.**

### First Friday Adoration

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm to Saturday, April 6<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).

### The permanent Diaconate

Deacon Charles (Chuck) Fink will be holding 2 information sessions this year, perhaps another in Cornwall.

St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St. - Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

Diocesan Centre, 1209 Michael St. North – Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 pm.

**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](http://www.olmm.ca/groups_cwl.html) or the parish office.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:heatherasisk@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.

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## PEACE

The Catholic Women's League help members grow in their relationship with God and with each other, a true peace.

The CWL wishes all parishioners the peace of Christ our Saviour this holy season of Easter.

**As parents of children at Academia Stella Maris**, a small private Catholic school in Limoges, we invite you to join us for our fundraiser Gala International Dinner, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This gala will feature a 4-course dinner, entertainment ranging from kids' talents to impersonators, and a captivating performance by the award-winning Mexican ballet "Atzlan".

There will be a cash bar, a skilled DJ to keep the music lively, and various surprises in store for the guests. Each table can accommodate 8 to 10 people, and it would be wonderful to have a table represented by the people of this parish.

Tickets are priced at \$90 per person, with a \$40 tax receipt included. If you are interested in coming, or would like more information, please contact Stephanie Mazur at [Stephanie.dumais@gmail.com](mailto:Stephanie.dumais@gmail.com), or (403)619-2485.

**REMINDER: SCAM ALERT** We would like to remind you that there is an increase of scams circulating, via emails, websites, or phone calls where the felon impersonates someone to obtain money or uses scare ware to gain access to your computer or bank account. Please **DO NOT** respond to any requests for private information or money. Rather notify the Ontario Provincial Police, Russell County Detachment at 613-443-4499 or our parish office ([admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)). Please also note that our priests would never solicit funds personally from you. Thank you

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Council 12401 wishes everyone a blessed holy Easter.