

The Fifth Sunday of Lent – 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 16th

4:30pm Repose of the souls of Dick and Sally James
By Ken and Heather Sisk

Sunday, March 17th – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Bev Cote by the KOC
Council 12401

Tuesday, March 19th – St. Joseph

7:00pm Repose of the soul of Murray Fleet by the
James family

Wednesday, March 20th

9:30am Repose of the souls of George Hendley,
family members and friends

Thursday, March 21st

9:00am For the family of Mariette Brault

Friday, March 22nd

9:00am Intentions of Maureen Marsolais by the CWL

Saturday, March 23rd

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

Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am 25th anniversary of KOC in the parish by
members of KOC Council 12401

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.



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

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“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” **John 12:27-28**

Our Lord’s human soul was “troubled.” Other translations state that His soul was in agony. After expressing His interior suffering, Jesus identified the human temptation caused by this suffering: to flee from His “hour.” Of course Jesus dismisses this temptation as a way of teaching us a lesson from His human experience.

As God, Jesus had perfect strength and always remained faithful to the mission He received from the Father. But as a human, Jesus permitted Himself to experience temptation and human suffering for many reasons. One reason was so that He could relate to us in every way. That includes being able to relate to interior human suffering. In doing so, Jesus also made it possible for us to imitate Him and to share in the strength and determination He had as He perfectly fulfilled the will of the Father. Jesus allowed Himself to endure the agony caused by foreseen suffering because we will endure similar temptations through life.

What is it that causes you fear and anxiety as you look into the future? If there is something that immediately comes to mind, try to look at that within the light of Jesus’ own experience above. The first thing Jesus does is identify the temptation to fear. He does this by identifying the interior suffering He experiences and then by looking at the cause: His coming “hour.” The “hour” of Jesus in the Gospel of John is a reference to His crucifixion and death.

This was the reason He came to us. He came to suffer the consequences of our sins and to destroy death itself. But this mission of His was the cause of true human suffering and was also a temptation toward fear. But it was a fear that He perfectly overcame.

As you look at anything that tempts you to give into fear and anxiety, first ask yourself whether it is the will of God that you fulfill that action. If we are fearful of something that is not the will of the Father, then we should reject it. But very often the plan God has for our lives will include acting with courage in the face of some pending cross and suffering. Experiencing fear is normal, but fear will not turn into anxiety if we imitate our Lord and choose the will of God no matter the cost.

Jesus also embraced His Cross by looking at it through the lens of glory. He understood that His suffering and death would glorify the Father in Heaven. Therefore, He allowed Himself to see the Cross as a glorification of the Father. The same must happen in our lives. No matter what we face in life, no matter the cross we are given, if it is the will of God that we embrace it, then we must see it not only as a suffering we must endure but primarily as an act by which God will be glorified in our lives. This truer perspective will bring with it hope, joy and strength which will free us from anxiety caused by fear.

Reflect, today, upon the ways in which God is calling you to the cross. As you do, don’t allow fear to deter you. Instead, look at every pending suffering as an opportunity to glorify God in your life. See your crosses with gratitude and joy, and allow this new perspective to give you the strength you need to fulfill the mission given to you by the Father in Heaven.

Most glorious Father, Your will is perfect. You called Your Son to the suffering of the Cross. Through that act of perfect love, the suffering Your Son endured gave You perfect glory. Lord Jesus, please give me Your courage as I face my own sufferings in life and help me to imitate Your perfect obedience to the Father’s will in all things so that I, too, may give Him glory. Jesus, I trust in You.

March 17th, 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 JOIN US ON FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd
LED BY FR. ANTHONY FOR THE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**STATIONS WILL START
AT 7:00PM. THERE WILL NOT
BE A MASS AFTER THEM.**



**Please join us on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 pm
for our parish Lenten Penance Service. Visiting
priests will be available.**

**Legion of Mary
Annual Acties which is our consecration
To the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Date: **Saturday, March 23, 2024**

Time : 10am to 1pm

Place: St. Maurice Catholic Church
4 Perry St., Ottawa, Ont.

All members both active and auxiliary
Light refreshment afterwards

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Cut-off date is **Sunday, March 24th.**

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.

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

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.

OLMM Spiritual Library

Come and browse through the OLMM Spiritual Library. Look for the section now devoted to books and DVDs for Sacramental preparation –

First Communion, Confession, Confirmation. Many books on the lives of the Saints are available also.

NEW BATHROOMS

All three bathrooms have been backed-up previously because of hand towels, flushable wipes and diapers being flushed down the toilets. This is an unnecessary expense to the church. Please be mindful that even if the diapers and wipes are flushable, they can still cause blockage to our bathrooms. Thank you for your cooperation.

The annual Good Friday Collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request 50 years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during Good Friday celebrations on March 29, 2024. If your are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute by Interact e-transfer to teresainte@bellnet.ca or online at Commissariat.ca – receipts will be issued.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

Knights are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first . As an example Council 12401 donated over 1300 hours of volunteer time in 2023 making our parish and community a better place.

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