



# Divine Mercy Sunday to Third Sunday of Easter – 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, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Easter Octave

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

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy/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

### Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm Repose of the soul of Sally James by the James family

### Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

9:30am Repose of the soul of Arturo Nuesca Lopez by his loving family

### Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Stanislaus

9:00am For the family of Mariette Brault

### Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00am Repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Rejean Dorval by the James family

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

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

### Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm Healing intentions of Linda Dupré by the Spiritual Directors Formation Apostolate

### Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Kateri Tekakwitha

9:30am Healing intentions of Rob Rubben by Stephanie Dumais

### Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00am For the family of Mariette Brault

### Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

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

### Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Sally James by Ken and Heather Sisk

### Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Intentions of Dr. Agnes Tanguay by Carol Gaboury

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

## Divine Mercy Sunday (Year B)

Saint Faustina writes in her *Diary*:

“My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy” (*Diary* #699).

What will it be like to contemplate the love and mercy of God for all eternity? To some, this might not at first seem that appealing. Won't it become boring if all we do for all eternity is contemplate God's mercy? If that is a question that resonates with you, then the reason this idea initially lacks appeal is because you cannot fathom how fulfilling and glorious this will be. Jesus said, “My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.”

God willed that this Sunday, the eighth day of the Octave of Easter, be celebrated as the Feast of Mercy. By placing this Feast on the last day of the Octave of Easter, God is telling us that the message of this Feast reveals the ultimate purpose of our lives. Easter is the culmination of the perfect plan of redemption. And Divine Mercy Sunday is the culmination of that perfect plan. Therefore, nothing is more important than trying to understand the message this Feast presents.

If we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus, but never allow the Mercy that is given by that act to transform us, then we have missed the point. The Divine Mercy is the point of life. It's the only thing worth seeking. It's the only source of satisfaction and fulfillment. It's the only cure for our ills. It's the only source of true riches. In three short words: It Is Everything! When Jesus says that our eternity will be spent contemplating His Mercy, He doesn't only mean that this is something we will do after we die. True, the fullness of the revelation of His Mercy will be set before us when we enter into the Beatific Vision and contemplate God forever. But “eternity” includes today. It includes the here and now. Therefore, our contemplation of The Divine Mercy must be the single most important goal in our life today. When it is, everything else in life will fall into place in support of this goal. We were given this special day, this most solemn Feast of Mercy to use this day as an opportunity to deepen our contemplation of this Gift. Begin by reading about God's Mercy as it was revealed to us through Saint Faustina. Try to spend time reading Jesus' words, His explanations, descriptions and revelations about His Mercy. As you do, if you find that it is incomprehensible, don't worry. It is incomprehensible! However, since Jesus promised us that our eternity would be spent in contemplation of His Mercy, then we must believe that the more deeply we enter into that contemplation now, the more glorious our lives will become. If we can truly taste of this Mercy, gain a small glimpse of its grandeur, and comprehend even a small aspect of its meaning, then we will truly find much satisfaction in this endeavor.

Reflect, today, upon The Divine Mercy. As you do, humble yourself through prayer by admitting to God and to yourself that His Mercy is beyond what you will ever comprehend. Do this in prayer. Reading about God's Mercy is important, but it will only be through prayer that we begin our contemplation. And it will only be through this contemplation that we will begin to live the central purpose of our lives.

*Glorious Divine Mercy, pour down upon me; open my mind to Your depth and breadth. Help me to begin to contemplate You in Your fullness so that I can begin my eternity with You now. My loving Savior, You have revealed so much about Your Mercy. May I not only learn about this Gift but also receive it into my life. 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.

April 7-14, 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

### What's Happening at Our Lady's

#### Wednesday, April 10

6:00 pm - Reconciliation for First Communion Candidates

#### Thursday, April 11

10:00 am – Legion of Mary Meeting

7:00 pm – CWL Meeting

#### Friday, April 12

7:00 pm - Youth Group Meeting

#### Saturday, April 13

4:30pm – Mass for First Communion Candidates

#### Sunday, April 14

9:00am – Mass for First Communion Candidates

10:45 am – Mass for First Communion Candidates

#### Thursday, April 18

10:00 am – Legion of Mary Meeting

#### Friday, April 19

7:00 pm - Youth Group Meeting

**Seniors' Mass.** Join us on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> for the Seniors' Mass at 9 am, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

**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)

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



Welcome to the family of God:

**Amanda Emily Cooke**  
**Ubong Sunday Udoh**  
**Travis Van Every**

## POWER

Power is the ability to influence the course of events. Catholic Women's League resolutions have changed lives. By joining us, you will be part of the power of resolutions. See CWL on the church website.

**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

"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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

Please consider purchasing a 50/50 ticket from the Knights of Columbus charity draw. The grand prize will be drawn on April 28. Proceeds from the draw help local councils like 12401 fulfill their charitable goals.

To purchase a ticket follow the link [www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/)