

Tenth Sunday to Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 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 Medal parish through the liturgy, faith formation and sacramental life, provides opportunities for members to develop their faith and service to others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 8th – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Dick James by the James family

Sunday, June 9th – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Réal Fortier by the KOC Council 12401

Tuesday, June 11th – St. Barnabas

7:00pm Blessings for the 2nd wedding anniversary of Theresa and Stewart by the James family

Wednesday, June 12th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Rose Haggmann by the Joiner family

Thursday, June 13th – St. Anthony of Padua

9:00am For the family of Mariette Brault

Friday, June 14th

9:00am Intentions of James Gambell by Cathy Gambell

Saturday, June 15th

4:30pm For our fathers, grandfathers and godfathers by the James family

Sunday, June 16th – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of all fathers by the CWL

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, June 18th

7:00pm Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Briere by the James family

Wednesday, June 19th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Elena Cinelli by the Rosary Apostolate-Ottawa

Thursday, June 20th

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

Friday, June 21st – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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

Saturday, June 22nd

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Kenneth Barrie by the James family

Sunday, June 23rd – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Thanksgiving for Bernard Mark John by Georgia Gabriel John and family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

“Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin.” For they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” **Mark 3:28–30**

Jesus spoke these words to the crowds who had gathered around His home in Capernaum because two groups of people had just spoken very critically of Him in a public way. First, some of His extended family arrived and said to everyone, “He is out of his mind.” And then some of the scribes from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul.” Thus, Jesus states clearly that their blasphemy is a sin against the Holy Spirit and will have everlasting consequences. Why is it that certain sins will never be forgiven? What exactly is a sin against the Holy Spirit? Traditionally, our Church has identified this sin in a couple of ways. First, it is a sin of final impenitence, that is, the sin of obstinately persisting in grave sin. Obstinacy, or the refusal to repent, is a sin that cannot be forgiven, simply because the person committing it never seeks forgiveness. They become so entrenched in their sin that they refuse to change. Thus, the mercy of God is incapable of entering into them. Second, it has also been identified as presumption, meaning a person sins while expecting God to forgive. Presumption is more subtle; however, it also has the effect of keeping a person from the sincere repentance that is needed for forgiveness. The presumptuous person never fully repents and amends their life as long as they remain in their sin. Of all the many sins you struggle with or might struggle with in the future, pay special attention to the sins against the Holy Spirit. Though we should never think we have a right to God’s forgiveness, we must always believe that God’s mercy is so great that the moment we humbly acknowledge our sin and sincerely repent of it, God will forgive. But the key is “sincerity.” In order to be forgiven, the repentance within us must be sincere, authentic, real and complete. We cannot fool God. We can certainly fool ourselves, but not God. One of the best ways to regularly be certain that you are not guilty of any sin against the Holy Spirit is by going to the Sacrament of Confession and confessing your sins with openness, thoroughness and humility. Own your sin. Acknowledge it. Experience sorrow for it. Resolve to change. Then confess it and trust in God’s mercy. Reflect, today, upon any way that you lack sincerity and thoroughness in your repentance from sin. Are you honest with yourself about the sins you have committed? Have you taken ownership of those sins? If so, have you also confessed them to God and firmly resolved never to commit them again? Take repentance seriously so that you never even begin to fall down the slippery slope that leads to any sin against the Holy Spirit.

Most merciful Lord, You offer forgiveness to all who come to You with humility and sincere sorrow. Please fill me with these virtues and give me the resolve to change as I open myself to Your unfathomable mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

The CWL sends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who dropped off groceries and donations for the Food Bank. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

June 9 - 16, 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

Intentions of the Holy Father for June For migrants fleeing their homes

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

Seniors' Mass. Join us on Friday, June 21st for the Seniors' Mass at 9 am, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

Youth Group

The next Youth Group meeting will be on Friday, June 14th, 7:00pm at the church hall. Children ages 12 to 19 are welcome to participate. For more information and to register, contact Chris Smith at cdansmith@hotmail.com.

The CWL has a prayer card for you with two prayers. The first is for an increase in vocations for priests, deacons, nuns, and consecrated people. The second one is the prayer of St. Gertrude for the Holy Souls in Purgatory to be released as well as for the conversion of all people. Please pray for these special intentions for the month of June and beyond!

Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays? If so please feel free to sign up and host an up-coming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted on the kitchen counter. Thank you all in advance.

A special thank you to Richard James for being the PPC chair for the past 6 years. Your leadership, guidance, devotion and selfless acts of service to our parish is truly remarkable. May God continue to bless you and your family.

SISTERHOOD

In this world today, everyone yearns for connections. The Catholic Women's League provides so many ways to form a sisterhood with many other women, be it a home, in a parish or through servant leadership. Come join a family of sisters across the country.

Ottawa Pastoral Care Fall 2024

As the summer begins and we look forward to nice weather and a break from regular routines, we are pleased to confirm registration is open for fall 2024 OPCTP courses. Check out the brochure links below for program details including registration and payment information. Early bird registration for the basic course is available until September 4th. Register early to confirm your space!

This fall we again offer the **Basic Training Course** both in-person (afternoons) and online by Zoom (evenings). Both courses begin Monday, September 16, 2024 and run weekly until November 25, 2024 (excluding Thanksgiving Monday). Our Fall 2024 Basic Training Course brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Fall-2024-.Basic-Course-Brochure.pdf>

We are also excited to present a **Continuing Education** event on Tuesday November 5th from 7- 9pm by Zoom. This session, called A Pastoral Response to the Challenges of MAID, will explore an approach focusing on compassion, empathy and journeying with patients as they search for meaning in their suffering. The presentation will not condone or condemn MAID as a treatment option. Instead, it will focus on how pastoral care volunteers can journey with patients, listen to their struggle and assist them with their own meaning-making around life and death issues. The session will be led by Roshene Lawson, Clinical Chaplain with Bruyère Continuing Care at St. Vincent Hospital in Ottawa. The program brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Fall-2024.Con-Ed-Brochure.pdf>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

The mission of the Knights of Columbus is to deliver four key programs to our parish community. These programs are:

- Faith: Knights are called upon to help strengthen men and their families in the catholic faith.
- Family: Knights help to strengthen the bonds of families in our parish.
- Community: Knights are called to serve others through charitable works in our parish and community.
- Life: Knights are called to help vigorously defend the dignity of each human being at each stage of life.

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