

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 Hagmann 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

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With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private. [Mark 4:33–34](#)

The deepest mysteries of our faith can only be understood by someone who has deep faith. Understanding requires much more than just a keen intellect; it also requires an interior attentiveness to and familiarity with the voice of God. For that reason, as Jesus spoke to the crowds, He used parables and figures of speech rather than speaking directly about the mysteries of Heaven.

By analogy, if you were to attend a very special feast and you had well-formed taste buds, you might enjoy being served the best cut of meat cooked to perfection with a fine glass of wine. But to a small child, such a meal might not be that appealing. The same is true with music. If you were a musician who studied and played music throughout life, then you might have a greater appreciation for certain types of music. Others might simply be drawn to a certain type of music by the beat or because it has catchy lyrics.

In a similar way, a person who has only a little faith might not be immediately drawn into the deepest mystical truths of God when they are explained directly and clearly. Instead, they might find that a simplified Gospel message that uses familiar imagery or stories is better able to catch their attention and communicate the message.

This is good to understand because it's good for us to turn to the means of communication with God most suited for our depth of faith and understanding. For most people, it will be very useful to see themselves as one of those people in the crowds to whom Jesus spoke His parables. We should especially see ourselves as a part of the crowds as we begin our journey of faith. However, when a person has spent much time in prayer and meditation over the years and their faith begins to deepen, they may find that parables and stories are not as inspiring as they once were. They need more. They long for God to speak to them more clearly and deeply.

Practically speaking, as your faith grows, it is good to look for the deeper ways that God speaks to you. How does He come to you and explain His will and the truths of faith more directly as Jesus did to the Apostles? Perhaps reading the lives of the saints, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or some other spiritual book will engage you more deeply. Also, some Scripture passages may feed you more as you grow in faith, such as the passages where Jesus speaks more directly to His disciples.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you are most fully fed by God's holy Word at this point in your life. The best way to identify this is to consider what it is that has given you the most consolation and inspiration as of late. How has God's Word most powerfully resonated within you over this past year? Identifying the way that God has spoken to you recently is the best way to decide how to continue to receive from Him all that He wants to teach you and reveal to you at this point of your journey of faith. Continue to seek out God's voice, and be open to letting Him draw you ever more deeply into the beautiful depths of the mysteries of His Kingdom.

Glorious Word of God, You choose to speak to Your people in varied ways. To some, You speak through parables and figures of speech. To others, You speak more directly and intimately, revealing the depths of Your Heart. Please speak to me in the ways that will deepen my faith so that I can continue my journey into the many mysteries You wish to reveal. 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 (Revised)

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.

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

Council 12401 wishes all Fathers in our parish community a Happy Father's Day.



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.