

## Twenty- Second 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, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

**4:30pm** Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin by  
Kristina & Don Beaudin

**Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am** Birthday intentions of Alfred Lalonde by the  
Urlocker-Lalonde family

**10:45am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Gregory The Great**

**7:00pm**

**Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** Repose of the soul of Jean-Guy Malboeuf by  
Nicole and Denis Leduc

**Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin by  
Al and Elaine Freeland

**Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm** Birthday intentions of Maria Victoria Vinueza  
by her family

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am** Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

**10:45am** Repose of the soul of Callum Cunning by  
Bernice Lamarche

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When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. [Mark 7:1–2](#)

What a foolish thing for these Pharisees and scribes to be concerned about! They were in the presence of the Son of God, the Savior of the World, a man of perfect virtue and pure goodness, and all they could do was observe that some of Jesus' disciples failed to follow the scrupulous teaching on how they should wash their hands before a meal. The reason for this was their pride.

These teachers of Israel had devised a large body of detailed, unwritten, human laws that they treated with the same binding force as the Law of Moses that they received from God. However, the scribes' and Pharisees' human traditions were not from God; they were a body of regulations flowing from their own self-righteous need to act as interpreters of the Law.

Therefore, whenever someone failed to follow the traditions the Pharisees and scribes taught as binding, they took it personally and reacted with judgment.

Jesus went on to respond to the Pharisees and scribes by quoting to them the Prophet Isaiah: “*This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts*” (See [Isaiah 29:13](#)). What's interesting is that Jesus didn't really engage them in conversation about this, defending Himself or His disciples in their eyes. Instead, He rebuked the Pharisees and scribes in a general way so as to dismiss their criticism as false, and then turned away from them and addressed the crowds.

We will all experience unjust condemnation at times. If we are in the wrong, then we must receive the condemnation as if it were from God and repent. But if the condemnation flows from someone's wounded pride or error, then Jesus set the example on how we ought to respond. The best response is to reject their error and then refuse to become engaged in the conversation further. Too often when we are criticized unjustly, we also take it personally. We tend to fight back and justify ourselves, trying to prove that the other person is wrong. But when we do that, we are most likely acting out of our own wounded pride. This will result in angry sulking feelings and the experience of oppression that the evil one inflicts upon us. Jesus' model is to reject the lie and then refuse to engage it further. The reason for this is that the unjust condemnation is actually the seed of the evil one. The person delivering it is only the instrument. So we rebuke the lie of the evil one and refuse to get into a personal battle with the person delivering the lie. Doing so brings freedom from oppression and allows our hearts to remain at peace, no matter what we endure.

Reflect, today, upon any ways that you have taken some conversation personally, allowing it to oppress you with anger, becoming defensive or argumentative. Know that whenever that happens, this is an attack from the evil one as he seeks to oppress you. Do not accept that abuse. The guide for each of us is the peace and joy that comes from the Holy Spirit. Even the greatest martyrs remained at peace and felt joy in the midst of their persecution. Reflect upon any ways that you have allowed the evil one to agitate you and leave you upset with your wounded pride. Do not fall into his trap. Hold on to the truth and remain at peace, and that will be all the defense you need to make.

*My persecuted Lord, You endured much criticism in life, but You never allowed it to steal Your peace. You remained perfectly strong, rejecting the lies and turning from them. Please give me the grace I need to always turn away from the lies of the evil one and to listen only to Your clear and gentle voice. Jesus, I trust in You.*

### Intentions of the Holy Father for September FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

### BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Welcome to the family of God:

Ophelia Winsome Vanderhulst

September 1, 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

### First Friday Adoration

Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm. We would like to have two adorers per hour. If you want to become a regular adorer or want more information please call the parish office at 613-445-3054 or email at [adoration@olmm.ca](mailto:adoration@olmm.ca).

### Legion of Mary 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm**

The Regia of Ottawa invites ALL Legionaries to gather in prayer to commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Legion of Mary in Canada. This event is open to all and will take place at St. Patrick's Basilica, 281 Nepean St. Ottawa, ON.

Bilingual Rosary – 9:30 am

Mass – 10:00 am

Potluck Brunch in the Scavi – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

### OCIA

As Catholics, we have a precious treasure that we not only possess but can also help others share with us. That treasure is our faith, and we may have friends or relatives who are thinking about becoming Catholic or may need a suggestion or question from us to consider joining the Catholic Church. Once they have decided to explore the faith, we have a program called OCIA, which stands for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, to teach them about and guide them on their journey. Whether the person is baptized, not baptized, or even a Catholic who has not been confirmed, this program provides instruction on the basics of the faith. OCIA not only teaches on the intellectual level; it also helps the person develop their faith on the spiritual level. The program will be starting on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. If you know someone who could be a candidate for becoming Catholic, please invite them to contact the parish office at 613-445-3054 or email [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca) for more details.

The parish Financial Statements for January to June, 2024 is now available. For more information, please email the office at [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)

## STRENGTH

The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women's League is the largest women's organization in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others. There is strength in numbers. Come join us!

### Ottawa Pastoral Care Fall 2024 training programs

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

**The Knights of Columbus " fall 50/50 draw is now taking place. Get your ticket by going to the following link:**

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/186>

**The Early bird draw is October 14, 2024 with the grand draw on December 31, 2024. All tickets purchased support the K of C charities including our local council 12401.**