

Twenty-Fifth 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, September 21st – St. Matthew

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin by
Sylvie Dupuis

Sunday, September 22nd – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin by
the James family

Tuesday, September 24th

7:00pm

Wednesday, September 25th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Sylvie Barrett by the
Mazur family

Thursday, September 26th – St. John De Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues

9:00am Repose of the soul of Ron Lacroix by the
Kolman family

Friday, September 27th – St. Vincent De Paul

9:00am Thanksgiving for Donna McKlusky in
providing flowers for the altar during August
by the Decorating Committee

Saturday, September 28th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Arturo Nuesca Lopez
by his loving family

Sunday, September 29th – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Jeannine Lalonde by
the Urlocker-Lalonde family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

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They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, He began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. [Mark 9:33–34](#)

One of the desires that we all have is for greatness. This is a good and natural desire. This desire is manifested in competitiveness in sports and games. It becomes a driving force in business and politics. It drives us to do better in life, such as in school, artistic endeavors, and hobbies, working hard to perfect various skills and talents to excel. The problem is that every good and natural desire we have is now disordered to a certain degree because of original sin. As a result, the desire we have for greatness can become an obsession, a cause of discouragement when we fail, a source of jealousy when others appear to do better, and can lead us to pursue empty and fleeting goals in life.

Even within the life of faith, we can be affected by both the natural desire for greatness and the fallenness of that desire. The natural desire for greatness, when mingled with faith, will lead us to the desire to be a saint and to do great things for the Kingdom of God. But as a fallen natural quality, we can also fall into the trap of seeing ourselves in competition with others within the Church, and we can become jealous of those who appear to be holy and who are recognized for their good work for Christ.

Just before the passage quoted above in which the disciples were discovered to have been arguing among themselves about who was the greatest, Jesus predicted to them, for the second time, that He would suffer and die. Recall that after the first prediction of His passion, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a high mountain and was transfigured before them. Perhaps some of the other disciples became jealous of this apparent special treatment. Then, after Jesus predicted His passion to them for the second time, they might have wondered if some of them would likewise share in a similar experience as the Transfiguration.

Regardless of what motivated the disciples to argue among themselves about who was the greatest, the fact remains that they did so. This was not the result of a holy and purified desire. It was the result of a good desire for greatness that became distorted and turned into an unholy competition based on jealousy and selfishness.

In Heaven, we will all know who is the greatest. Interestingly, the Scriptures, the official Church teachings, and many of the saints reveal to us that there will be levels of glory in Heaven. This is why Jesus said elsewhere, “Store up treasure in Heaven” ([Matthew 6:20](#)). In Heaven, we will all be in awe of those holy souls who are filled with the greatest depths of glory forever. Most likely, they will be widely unknown on earth but loved and admired in Heaven for the greatness of their holiness.

Reflect, today, upon the desire within your soul for greatness. Pray that this desire will not fall into selfishness or lead you to see others as competitors. Instead, pray that your desire for greatness will lead you to holiness so that you will be able to store up for yourself the most abundant treasures in Heaven and radiate that glory forever.

Most glorious Lord, You are Greatness Itself. You are our eternal glory. I thank You for the natural desire for greatness that has been instilled within my soul. Please purify that desire, and help me to direct it toward holiness so that I will be able to store up in Heaven the many treasures You wish to bestow. 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 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



**Berkley Anne Prudhomme
Odin Malcolm Prudhomme
Jett William Smiley**

September 22, 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

This Week at Our Lady's

Wednesday, September 25

10:00 am – Our Lady's Littles Group

Thursday, September 26

9:45 am – Legion of Mary Meeting

7:00 pm – KOC Meeting

Friday, September 26

7:00 pm - Youth Group Meeting

OLMM will once again celebrate a monthly Children's Mass on the second Sunday of each month at the 9:00 am Mass. The children and youth of our parish (SK to Grade 12) will have the chance to participate in various ministries before, during and after the Mass. For example, children and youth can sign up to be greeters, ushers, lectors, gift bearers, etc. The children will also be invited to participate in the closing song specially. If your child is interested in participating in this event, please fill out the registration form available in the church foyer. Families who register will be notified in advance when it is their child's turn to participate.

First Friday Adoration (New Schedule!!!)

Friday, October 4th at 3:00 pm to Saturday, October 5th, at 3:00 pm followed by Confessions at 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm. We would like to have two adorers per hour. If you would like to become a regular adorer or want more information please call the office at 613-445-3054 or email at adoration@olmm.ca.

Starting in October, our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program will be offered in the church hall. Levels 1 through 3, for children aged 3 to 12 years old, will be running. Please pick up a registration form in the church foyer for more information.

First Promises of Sr. Caroline

The Servants of the Cross cordially invite you to the ceremony of the First Promises of Sr. Caroline Protasevych, SC, to be received by The Most Reverend Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall. Saturday, October 5th, 2024, 11:00 am Mass, St. Mary's Parish - 100 Young St. Ottawa, ON

TRUTH

The CWL is more than sandwich makers! Yes, service is part of our ministry – as we feed many in sadness, friendship and celebration – but we are so much more. Did you know members of the Catholic Women's League donate more than a million dollars to charities across the country per year as well as thousands of volunteer hours? Truth be told – we can do more – with you on our team! Join today!

Join Us on September 30th for Reconciliation Through Art

For the past two years, you have heard a lot about the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Through your generosity, our parishes have raised close to a million dollars for the Fund. To date, 11 projects have received grants from the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. The newest grant recipient is the Métis Artist Collective who is hosting Reconciliation Through Art on September 30th at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum (3 Rosamond St. East.) The day, which runs from 10 am to 8 pm, will feature art, storytelling and performances from local and Indigenous artists. The artists will be selling their art, explaining and demonstrating their craft, and telling the stories behind their pieces. There will also be workshops, presentations, and storytelling throughout the day. We invite you to make the drive over to Almonte both to support these artists as well as see how your financial contributions do indeed make a difference. To get all the details *about what promises to be a wonderful event including your free tickets go to reconciliationthroughart.ca*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

Reminder: Council 12401 will be holding its general meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2024, in the parish hall. Fellowship begins at 7:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. Looking forward to seeing everyone.