Twenty-Sixth 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 28 th –	
4:30pm	Repose of the soul of Arturo Nuesca Lopez
	by his loving family
Sunday, September 29 th – 26 th 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
Tuesday, October 1 st - St. Thérése of the Child Jesus	
7:00pm	
Wednesday, October 2 nd – The Holy Guardian Angels	
9:30am	Repose of the soul of Sylvie Barrett by the
	Mazur family
Thursday, October 3 rd	
9:00am	
Friday, October 4 th – St. Francis of Assisi	
9:00am	Birthday intentions of Bridget Mulholland by
	the James family
Saturday, October 5 th	
4:30pm	Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin by
	Lynne Dupuis
Sunday, October 6 th – 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:00am	Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor
10:45am	Repose of the soul of Réal Fortier by the
	James family

Intentions of the Holy Father for October FOR A SHARED MISSION

We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



Welcome to the family of God:

Benedict Joseph Mazur

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"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out..." Mark 9:43-47 Sometimes we need to wake up to the horror of sin. Sin and sin alone is capable of sending you to hell. Hell is real, and going there for eternity is a real possibility. Therefore, we must do whatever it takes to avoid that frightful possibility. At first, this teaching from Jesus might not be thought of as one of His most inspiring teachings, but it should be. It's not inspiring in the sense that it is guite graphic. But it is very inspiring in the sense that it has the potential to motivate us to action. Are you motivated to do all that you can to avoid sin? Would you even go so far as to cut off your hand or foot, and to pluck out your eye to avoid sin? First of all, this should not be seen as a literal command in which Jesus is telling us to mutilate ourselves. But He is the one Who chose such graphic language. Therefore, we should not shy away from

prayerfully pondering these images to more clearly see those things that lead us to sin. When we see them, we must take the radical step of eliminating them from our lives.

Many Church Fathers say that the hand, foot and eye in this teaching refer to our friends. Just as a hand, foot and eye are good in and of themselves, so also are friends. We are made for friendship with God and with others. However, not every friendship helps us grow closer to God. Therefore, when an earthly friend becomes a source of sin, we must eliminate that friendship.

Friendship is different from charity. We owe charity to all people, even those who are the most sinful. But acting with charity toward others is different from being friends with them. To be a friend implies mutual giving and receiving. And though we must always give of ourselves to others, we ought not always to receive from them when what they have to offer is an invitation to sin. This is how we "cut it off" and "pluck it out." When another person tries to relate to us in such a way that they lead us into sin, we must take that temptation very seriously and reject it with much vigor.

The hand, foot and eye in this teaching also represent every situation in life that tempts us to sin. People are drawn to nice things. But does possessing nice things help your soul to become holy? One could argue that they can have nice things, while at the same time remaining spiritually detached from them. Living simply is almost always better for your soul than living in luxury.

Reflect, today, upon those things or persons in your life that have become an occasion of sin for you. Do not fool yourself into believing that you can handle the temptation. If you have some source of ongoing temptation in your life, you need to eliminate it. Ponder this very graphic teaching from Jesus and try to apply it to your life. Identify those things that lead you into sin and eliminate them with much determination.

My radical Lord, You call all of Your children to a life of holiness and perfection. Please help me to take Your teachings seriously so as to eliminate all occasions of sin from my life. May I have the eyes to see these temptations and the courage to reject them with all my might.

September 29, 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 (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.

A friendly reminder to parents planning to register their children in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program: Please hand in your registration forms to the parish office as soon as possible so that the catechists can confirm enrolment numbers. Classes will be starting the week of October 20th. Registration forms are still available in the foyer for families that are interested in signing up their children, but have not yet done so.



Annual Day of Public Witness for Children Killed by Abortion

Life Chain is held at over 320 locations across Canada each year.

Please mark your calendar—the next Life Chain will be on <u>Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 2-3 pm</u>.

In RUSSELL – on Castor St. and Concession St.

They Plan to Wed, October 11th, 2024, Kirstie Margaret Anne Brewer and Travis Ronald Van Every



UNITY

The core purpose of the Catholic Women's League is to unite Catholic women to grow in faith and to promote social justice through service to the church, Canada and the world. Did you know members celebrated the 100-year anniversary in 2020? We are a nation of unified women – one voice, one heart, one mission, and there is always room for you! Join today!

Upcoming Ottawa-Cornwall Development & Peace Council Events

Saturday, September 28, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm @ Ste. Therese de Lisieux parish at 1304 rue Lisieux in Cornwall The Principles of Catholic Social Action (Justice). workshop No charge but please register at <u>kiegan.irish@devp.org</u> or 613 738 9644, ext. 238

Saturday, September 28, 1:30 pm National D&P webinar launch of 2024 Reaping Our Rights fall campaign Registration at <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcsd-</u> gorzkjE9w3cTWtSAsReQwNIKZk kau#/registration or come to

Cornwall & watch with those attending the Cornwall workshop at Ste. Therese de Lisieux at the nearby Cornwall home of one of our council members.

Saturday, October 5, Ottawa-Cornwall D&P council 2024 Reaping Our Rights fall campaign workshop 1:00 - 4:00 pm @ Our Lady of Fatima parish, 153 Woodroffe, Parking accessible only from nearby Knightsbridge Road. Please follow locally posted signs. No charge but please register

at <u>kiegan.irish@devp.org</u> or 613 738 9644, ext. 238. Refreshments & campaign materials on site. Welcome & check in at 12:30 pm, program begins at 1:00 pm.

Monday, October 7, 7:00 pm D&P Nigerian partner program report by Executive Director of HOMEF, Nmmimo Bassey at University of Saint Paul, 223 Main Street, Ottawa. No charge but please register at <u>kiegan.irish@devp.org</u> or 613 738 9644 ext. 238.

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Thank you to all parishioners who have purchased their 50/50 Knights of Columbus raffle tickets. Tickets are still available.The early bird draw is October 14 and the grand draw is December 31, 2024. To purchase your tickets go to <u>https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-</u><u>ont/</u>. Proceeds from the draw help the K of C charities.