

Twenty-Seventh 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, October 5th

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

Sunday, October 6th – 27th 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

Tuesday, October 8th

7:00pm Intentions of Denise Parenteau by Cathy Gambell

Wednesday, October 9th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Rob Rubben by the Mazur family

Thursday, October 10th

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

Friday, October 11th

9:00am Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin by Allison and Keenan McPherson

Saturday, October 12th

4:30pm Healing intentions of Cherie Gambell by the Gambell family

Sunday, October 13th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin by the KOC Council 12401

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.

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



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The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, “Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?” They were testing Him. [Mark 10:2](#)

The Pharisees were not interested in the deepest truths of God. They were only interested in twisting God’s truths to prove their self-righteousness. The question they posed to Jesus was a trap, but Jesus didn’t fall into it. He asks them what Moses taught about love in marriage and then explains that their understanding of Moses’ teaching was based on the hardness of their hearts and not God’s original intent as was revealed in the beginning.

Our Church’s teaching regarding the indissolubility of marriage flows from the teachings found in the Book of Genesis, which Jesus subsequently confirmed and clarified in today’s Gospel. When a true marriage bond is established by the free and total consent of a man and woman, that bond can only be separated by death.

From a much broader perspective, the marriage bond of which Jesus speaks also reveals to us the depth of commitment that God has made to each one of us and the reciprocal commitment He invites us to make. God’s covenant offered to us is freely given, total, and irrevocable. This is important to understand. God will never change His mind when it comes to the commitment He has made to each one of us. For our part, we must continuously seek to reciprocate that commitment by giving ourselves to the will of God in the same way.

Though much more could be said about this exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees regarding earthly marriage, we must also see in this exchange a common trap that we will encounter in our marital covenant with God and our love of others. Just as the Pharisees used the law of marriage to try to trap Jesus in His speech, caring nothing about the deeper truths that this teaching revealed, we can also use the Law of God in a way that reveals our hardness of heart. Love, be it that of marriage or the love that is the basis of our union with God, can easily be used as a weapon rather than a source of unity. Regarding others, we can easily fall into the trap of using the precepts of love as a source of manipulation and persuasion. “If you loved me, then you would...” Regarding our love of God, we can often reduce our love into a reluctant following of God’s most basic laws, such as “I have to go to church.” If love is to be pure and holy, it must rise above erroneous interpretations of love and be lived in the way it was intended to be lived. Pure love is always self-giving. It is sacrificial. It always looks to the good of the other. Love is total and must be irrevocable. Love forges a bond that should never be broken. It must endure everything and is possible only when it is grounded in the love that God has for us.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you love. Does the hardness of your heart lead you to misrepresent the love God wants you to share with others? Do you minimize the requirements of love? Is your love total, irrevocable, and freely given? Is your love self-seeking or self-giving? Reflect upon the pure and holy nature of the love God has offered to you, and recommit yourself to offer this same depth of love to God and others so that the covenants that result from your love will always endure.

Lord of the Covenant, Your love is perfect. It is pure, it is selfless, self-giving, total and irrevocable. Please help me to love You with this same love so that I can share in the divine marriage covenant to which I am called. May this holy love also overflow into every relationship so that You will be the foundation of those holy bonds. Jesus, I trust in You.

October 6, 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

Monday, October 7

7:00 pm – OCIA

Tuesday, October 8

7:00 pm – Sacramental Prep Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

10:00 am - Our Lady's Littles Group

6:00 pm – Baptism Parents Meeting

7:00 pm – Kirstie Brewer and Travis Van Every
Wedding Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

9:45 am – Legion of Mary

7:00 pm – CWL Meeting

Friday, October 11

1:30 pm – Kirstie Brewer and Travis Van Every
Wedding

7:00 pm – Youth Group

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.

Upcoming Ottawa-Cornwall Development & Peace Council Events

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 Knightsbridge Road. Please follow locally posted signs. No charge but please register at kiegan.irish@devp.org 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 Bassej at University of Saint Paul, 223 Main Street, Ottawa. No charge but please register at kiegan.irish@devp.org or 613 738 9644 ext. 238.

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!

ALLED: A CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT: We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for CALLED, A Catholic Women's Retreat (A Sister Retreat of Women of Bethany) to be held on Nov. 1-3, 2024, under the theme: 'Made for More'. We are excited to offer a weekend of refreshment, spiritual renewal, and faithful inspiration; a retreat for women to encounter Jesus! We are also thrilled to announce our speaker this year is Karen Bourgon! Details are on our website: <https://serene-wob777.wordpress.com/>. For assistance with registration or any questions, please send an email to: calledwomensretreat@gmail.com or womenofbethany@gmail.com. Space is quite limited; please share with the women in your life who you know need a weekend away with the Lord!

This retreat costs \$195 for overnight attendance or \$110 for day attendance, payable by e-transfer or cheque.

*Registration Deadline: October 18, 2024 (Overnight Attendance); October 25, 2024 (Day Attendance)
Cancellation Deadline for a full refund: October 18, 2024*

*Event Address: Centre de l'Amour, 220 Rte. 21, Plantagenet, ON K0B 1L0
<http://www.centredelamour.org>*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

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 <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/>. Proceeds from the draw help the K of C charities.