

Twenty-Eighth 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 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

Tuesday, October 15th - St. Teresa of Jesus

7:00pm Repose of the soul of Peter Labrash by Mary Ellen James and family

Wednesday, October 16th – St. Marie-Marguerite D'Youville

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

Thursday, October 17th – St. Ignatius of Antioch

9:00am Repose of the soul of Rita Bourassa by Gladys and Carlo Schippers

Friday, October 18th – St. Luke

9:00am Intentions and well-being of all seniors

Saturday, October 19th

4:30pm Prayers for vocations to the priesthood by the CWL

Sunday, October 20th – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Lise Tessier by the Geerts family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

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“Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” [Mark 10:24-27](#)

Have you ever been “exceedingly astonished” by the demands of the Christian life? Hopefully, you have been. And if you have been, hopefully, you are no longer. Being exceedingly astonished is one of many purifications we must go through to enter the Kingdom of God.

The “eye of a needle” is a reference to one of the gates in the wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. After dark, the gate would be closed and the only way to enter was through a small door in the center of that gate. A person could pass through by ducking down, but a camel could not enter unless it got down on the ground and literally crawled through. This took much effort and direction from the master of that camel, but it was possible.

The point of this story is to emphasize that we will not be able to easily stroll into Heaven. In this case, Jesus was speaking about how easy it is for a person with money to become so attached to that money that they fail to obtain the riches of Heaven. The rich young man, to whom Jesus was just speaking, went away sad because Jesus lovingly invited him to detach from his earthly wealth to obtain the riches of Heaven. Jesus said to him, “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” To that, the rich young man went away sad.

Greed and an all-consuming attachment to material wealth have the potential to destroy your soul. That's a fact. There is no way around it. But this teaching applies to every other form of attachment also. When we are attached to any sin to a serious degree and refuse to separate ourselves from that sin, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, if the love of God does not motivate us to turn from sin, perhaps fear of hell will.

When the disciples witnessed this rich young man preferring his wealth over Heaven, and then Jesus standing His ground and making it clear that it is very hard to make it to Heaven, their astonishment would have challenged them personally. But that is good. It is good because it reveals that they were also convicted of their unholy attachments and their astonishment arose from a holy fear within. As they saw the rich young man walk away, they would have thought about those things that they also held onto that needed to be purged from their lives. “Astonishment” in this case is the holy realization that they needed to change. The good news, however, is that when a person does change and becomes freed from the attachments that keep them from God, then they will no longer have any attachments that will lead them to be astonished at God's demands. The ultimate goal is to overcome the astonishment caused by the demands of discipleship so that conformity to these demands becomes a way of life.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has taught that is difficult for you to face. Is there any commandment that you tend to ignore? Any teaching that you attempt to rationalize? Any demand that appears to you to be too much? If you are to enter the eye of the needle, you must be wholeheartedly committed. Jesus will not shy away from demanding a total surrender of your life to Him. Reflect upon those attachments that you continue to hold onto and try to see Jesus speaking to you about those attachments as He spoke to this rich young man. Overcome all astonishment and make unwavering submission to the will of God your way of life. This is the only way to enter the gates of the Kingdom of God.

Most demanding Lord, Your invitation to discipleship is an invitation to surrender every sinful attachment over to You to be freed of those sins. You ask and demand of me everything, dear Lord. May I accept Your demands of holy love and respond generously, holding nothing back, so that I can share in the riches of the Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.



October 13, 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

What's Happening at Our Lady's

Tuesday, October 15

7:30 pm – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 16

10:00 am – Our Lady's Littles Group

6:00 pm – Baptism Parents Meeting

Thursday, October 17

9:45 am - Legion of Mary

Friday, October 18

9:00 am – Seniors' Mass

Sunday, October 20

12:30 pm – Baptism

1:30 pm – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Seniors' Mass. Join us on Friday, October 18th for the Seniors' Mass at 9 am, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

A reminder to all parents with children wishing to make their First Communion during the 2025 Easter season, a parent information meeting and registration will be held on **Friday, October 25th at 6:00 pm in the OLMM church.**

Parents and Candidates in grade 6 or above, who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, are asked to attend an information night and registration on **Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the OLMM church.** For more information regarding this important evening please contact the parish office at [613-445-3054](tel:613-445-3054).

SCAM ALERT We would like to remind you that there is an increase in scams circulating, via emails, websites, or phone calls where the felon impersonates someone to obtain money or uses scareware to gain access to your computer or bank account. **Please DO NOT respond to any requests for private information or money.** Rather notify the Ontario Provincial Police, Russell County Detachment at 613-443-4499. Please note, that our parish office or Fr. Gerard would never solicit funds through emails or phone calls.

VALUES

The Catholic Women's League is an organization built on Catholic values, embracing all aspects of Christian family life. Standing together, members grow in faith and witness to the love of God through ministry and service. To be the cornerstone for women who believe helping one another is a call for all. Come join us today.

"Renewed in Liturgy" is a ministry serving in our diocese organizing annual conferences on "Liturgy" since 2000. This year's series will be on November 8th, 15th, and 22nd, 2024 (7:00-9:00 pm at the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish; 20 Grant Street Ottawa) with speakers, His Grace Bishop Scott McCaig, Rev Fr. Sean Wenger, and Rev Fr. Daniel Van Delst. Please Register online at www.renewedinliturgy.com or call for more info at 613-355-6023

Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays? If so please feel free to sign up and host an upcoming coffee Sunday. Sign-up sheets are posted on the kitchen counter. Thank you all in advance.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

The Knights of Columbus "United Charity" annual appeal delivers charitable programs where the need is great. In the past year, the K of C have....

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- Delivered over 251,000 care packages to those affected by the war in Ukraine
- Supported 1,237 pregnancy resource centers serving at-risk women.
- Protected persecuted Christians around the world

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