

## Thirty-First 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

#### **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints’ Day**

**9:00am**      Repose of the souls of all deceased  
McKlusky family Members by Donna  
McKlusky

#### **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – All Souls’ Day**

**9:00am**      Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor  
**4:30pm**      Repose of the souls of George Hendley,  
family members and friends

#### **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am**      Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor  
**10:45am**    Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin by  
Jacques Langevin

#### **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30am**    Intentions of Maria Isabel Vinueza on her  
15<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family

#### **Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am**      Birthday blessings for Charles Chartrand by  
his family

#### **Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am**      Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 55<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding anniversary of Theodore and  
Catherine Gambell

#### **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am**      For all the souls in purgatory by Donna  
McKlusky

#### **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**4:30pm**      Repose of the soul of Sean James by the  
James family

#### **Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00am**      Repose of the souls of Bernie Eagles and  
Mary Jeanette Eagles by William Eagles  
**10:45am**    Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

### Intentions of the Holy Father for November For Those Who Have Lost A Child

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

### *Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)*

The scribe said to him, “Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, ‘He is One and there is no other than he.’ And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Mark 12:32–33

This scribe got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus’ teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened carefully to Jesus’ answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn’t ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus’ answer. So he asked Jesus, “Which is the first of all the commandments?” To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbor as ourselves.

We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world.

Evangelization is different from proselytism. Proselytism is a hostile and forceful preaching of the truths of God. It is argumentative and lacks basic respect for the freedom and dignity of others. Evangelization, on the other hand, is an essential practice that every follower of Christ must engage in. At the heart of evangelization is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. One who evangelizes does not attack another. They do not criticize and condemn. Instead, they seek to understand the full truth themselves and then openly share that truth with those who are open to it. In many ways, this scribe did just that. He listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good. Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others and Jesus praised Him for his good work.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. If you do, others will discover in you the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate your truth-seeking in their own lives.

*Lord of all Truth, in You and You alone will we discover the truths that set us free. Give me the grace and courage I need to always seek out the truth You teach. As I discover and understand all that You teach, help me to express my discoveries with joy and enthusiasm so that others will also be drawn to You. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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.

November 3, 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 Day's*

#### **Monday, November 4**

1:00 pm – CGS Level 1  
4:00 pm – CGS Level 2  
7:00 pm – OCIA

#### **Tuesday, November 5**

2:00 pm – OLMM Cemetery Committee  
4:30 pm – First Reconciliation/Communion Prep  
5:30 pm – CGS Level 3  
6:00 pm – Altar Servers Training (Church)

#### **Wednesday, November 6**

10:00 am – Our Lady's Littles Group  
6:00 pm – Baptism Parents' Meeting

#### **Thursday, November 7**

9:45 am – Legion of Mary  
6:00 pm – First Reconciliation/Communion Prep

#### **Friday, November 8**

10:00 am – CWL Bazaar setup

#### **Saturday, November 9**

10:30 am – CWL Bazaar

#### **Sunday, November 10**

8:30 am – CWL Bazaar

### **Help Take Us Over the Finish Line – November 2 & 3**

During the last two years, your generosity has helped the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall raise more than \$950,000 for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). This money has allowed many worthy projects in our community to receive grants from the IRF. They have included an ongoing Equine Assisted Learning program with Ojibwe Spirit Horses, a confirmation class visiting the tomb of Saint Kateri, the translation of a Catholic hymnal into Mohawk, a Métis art exhibition, Algonquin and Mohawk language revitalization and on it goes.

Our goal is \$1.2 million, and with your support for the upcoming special collection the weekend of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will reach our goal this year (2 years ahead of schedule) and allow many more exciting and important projects to be funded. Together, we, Non-Indigenous and Indigenous, can continue the journey toward healing. For more info about the IRF, the projects or to donate today go to [journeyforhealing.ca](http://journeyforhealing.ca)

**There will be a special Mass** for St. Mother Teresa Catholic School students on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. All are welcome.

### **Attention Altar Servers!!**

There will be an altar server training on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

## WELCOME

My Catholic Women's League is a place of comfort as I share a seat with like minded women of faith and purpose. With councils across Canada – I am confident of a warm welcome no matter where I visit. Our sisterhood spans the nation. Come be a part of our family!

### ***More Than A Bake Sale Bazaar 2024***

CWL is hosting this event at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal parish Hall

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024**

**10:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.**

**BAKE TABLE**

**CWL CRAFT TABLE**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**MEMBERSHIP TABLE**

**LUNCH**

CASH or CHEQUE only! Come prepared, please.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024**

**AFTER BOTH MASSES**

**BAKE TABLE**

**CWL CRAFT TABLE**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**MEMBERSHIP TABLE**

**COFFEE**

**Starting in November until further notice**, the Tuesday Adoration at 6:00 pm and Mass at 7:00 pm is temporarily cancelled.

**We will be selling** advent candles(\$20.), wreaths(\$20.) and missals(\$5.) in the foyer after weekend masses starting November 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS:** Throughout the month of November, let us remember to pray for all our beloved dead and all the souls in Purgatory. As a sign of our prayers, we are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the book of remembrance in front of the altar.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER**

The Knights of Columbus have over 2 million members and are active in 13 countries. Together we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus and become a role model. For more information visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)