

Thirty-Third 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, November 16th

4:30pm Repose of the souls of Laurier Dupelle, family members and friends by Margaret and family

Sunday, November 17th – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the souls of the deceased members of the KOC by the KOC Council 12401

Wednesday, November 20th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Carole LeBrun

Thursday, November 21st – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am For the deceased Legionaries by the Legion of Mary

Friday, November 22nd – St. Cecilia

9:00am Healing intentions of Cindy Wackett

Saturday, November 23rd

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Fred Kolman by the Kolman family

Sunday, November 24th – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Mary Jeanette Eagles By William Eagles

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Jesus said to His disciples: “In those days after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.” [Mark 13:24–25](#)

The “tribulation” of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

Before Christ’s second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution accompanying her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the “mystery of iniquity” in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675).

Is this “final trial” happening today? Though it is impossible to apply Jesus’ prophecy and the *Catechism’s* teaching to one specific moment in time, the fact remains that this trial and tribulation will take place. That is for certain. But how and when it will take place we do not know. It might be that it already has taken place or that it is taking place right now. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words.

With that said, this final trial and “mystery of iniquity” takes place in our lives in various ways. When we devote ourselves to the love and service of God, we can be certain that our faith will be tested and that persecution will be experienced in one way or another. Knowing this, however, should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and to help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus’ words must instill hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil.

Jesus also said that when we see persecutions, trials, and tribulations, we must “know that He is near, at the gates.” In other words, the greater the suffering one endures for their faith, the more present God is. He is there, at the gate of your heart, waiting for you to run to Him in trust and hope.

As we approach the end of our current Church year, most of our readings at Mass will focus upon the end times. We will read about Jesus’ glorious return in glory, the end of the world, and the establishment of His permanent Kingdom as Heaven and Earth are united as one. It could take place today or tomorrow, or it might not take place for thousands of years. But it will happen. On that day, the day of the final judgment, the only thing that will matter is our fidelity to God. For that reason, we must daily strive to live as if that day were today. We must diligently prepare for that day and live for that glorious moment alone. If life is easy right now, we should work to be more selfless and sacrificial to be prepared. If life is challenging right now, we must enter those challenges with hope and trust, uniting every suffering to Christ’s sufferings as a sacrifice of love.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus’ prophecy that “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.” As you do, know that these are words spoken not only to the Church as a whole but also to you. Jesus wants you to know that any suffering and tribulation you endure, every “darkening of the sun” or any way that you feel “shaken” are opportunities for you to turn to God in trust. Invite our Lord into these experiences and know that they are signs of His closeness to help purify you and prepare you for the glorious day of His return.

Most glorious Judge, You will return one day in glory to judge the living and the dead. Before that day, You have revealed that Your Church will endure much suffering. Please give me hope during those moments in my life so that I can offer to You every suffering I endure as a sacrifice of love, offered in union with Your perfect sacrifice. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.

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.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca and our Facebook page
Email: admin@olmm.ca

November 17, 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 OLMM

Monday, November 18

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

Tuesday, November 19

4:30 pm – First Reconciliation/Communion Prep
5:30 pm – CGS Level 3

Wednesday, November 20

10:00 am – Our Lady's Littles Group
5:30 pm – Liturgy Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 21

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

Sunday, November 24

1:30 pm – CGS Level 1

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

We will be selling advent candles(\$20.), wreaths(\$20.), and missals(\$5.) in the foyer after weekend masses on November 17th and 24th.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal begins Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

Please join us as a parish in praying this Novena. This will be a great opportunity for us to pray for family, friends, and the parish.

There will be a special Mass in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Wednesday, November 27th at 9:30 am followed by refreshments in the parish hall.

Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

November 27th marks the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. On this day, we commemorate the apparition of Our Blessed Mother to Saint Catherine Laboure and celebrate the vision Our Lady revealed to the young saint - the Miraculous Medal. It was in Paris, in the year 1830, part of a period when the Catholic Church was under attack from its many enemies, when "times are evil in France and in the world," as Our Lady said. While doing silent meditation, Saint Catherine had a striking vision of the Blessed Virgin, her beauty indescribable, standing on a globe. Rays of light shone forth from the precious gems on the Blessed Mother's hands symbolizing the graces that she bestows upon us. Catherine saw an oval frame formed around her, bearing the words "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee." A voice then said to Catherine, "Have a medal struck after this model. Persons who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck."

VISION

The Catholic Women's League's envisioned future is to be an inclusive and engaged community of Catholic women – inspired by faith. Its vision is to ensure that it remains a vital participant in the church, a valued partner for social justice, a respected advocate at all government levels, and connected to the world.

The CWL wants to thank everyone who came out to support and enjoy our lunch and Bazaar last weekend. We raised over \$4600 and still counting! Thank you to all our members who volunteered and contributed to this successful event. All our efforts were rewarded. God is good!

The parish Financial Statements for July to September 2024 is now available. For more information, please email the office at admin@olmm.ca

This November, our Vocations Director, Fr. Connor, is launching a new effort in the archdiocese: to ask every Parish to establish Vocation Ministries. Our goal is to help ALL young people hear and respond to the call of Jesus in their lives!

To kickstart this, we're holding a "**Hundredfold Workshop**" on Saturday, November 23rd, 9 am – 3 pm. This will be an inspiring day where you'll learn best practices to get our youth to be open to their vocation of marriage, priesthood, and religious or consecrated life. Register now at: <https://ottawacornwall.ca/event/hundredfold/>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

The mission of the Knights of Columbus is to deliver four key programs to our parish community. These programs are

- Faith: Knights are called upon to help strengthen men and their families in the catholic faith
- Family: Knights help to strengthen the bonds of families in our parish
- Community: Knights are called to serve others through charitable works in our parish and community
- Life: Knights are called to help vigorously defend the dignity of each human being at each stage of life

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus go to www.kofc.org