



First Sunday of Advent – Year C

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 members to develop their faith and service to others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Gisèle Langevin

Sunday, December 1st – First Sunday of Advent

9:00am Intentions of Brianna, Jeremy, Riley and Amelia by the Urlocker-Lalonde family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Wednesday, December 4th

9:30am Benefit and intentions of Darcy Kopp

Thursday, December 5th

9:00am Benefit and intentions of Janyce Elser-Ethier

Friday, December 6th

9:00am Intentions of Richard and Julie Larocque

Saturday, December 7th – St. Ambrose

4:30pm For all our family members by Cathy Gambell

Sunday, December 8th – Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am In thanksgiving for Fr. Gerard, Deacon Allan and for all priests and deacons who served at OLMM

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“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” [Luke 21:34–36](#)

“That day.” These two words are spoken twice in the passage above. To which day is our Lord referring? Clearly, He is referring primarily to the day of our final judgment and is warning us to make sure we are prepared for it in case it were to come at an unexpected moment. So how do we prepare?

Animals have the natural gift of instinct. They know how to survive, how to reproduce, how to gather food, and how to avoid danger. They know this because God has implanted this knowledge within them. By this natural gift of instinct, they know what to do and what to avoid.

We, as humans, also have basic natural instincts. But our natural instincts are only sufficient to help us accomplish that which the animals accomplish. Therefore, if we are to gain even greater knowledge and are to know how to properly prepare ourselves spiritually for the sudden and unexpected coming of Christ, then we need more.

The way we most properly prepare is through a special grace by which God reveals Himself and His will to our human reason. When that happens, we will know the best way to be fully prepared for “that day” the moment it comes. Perhaps one of the best ways to describe this ability is by describing it as a “supernatural instinct.” When our natural instincts become open to grace, and when the information on which we base our daily decisions in life comes to us by an ongoing and personal revelation from God through the infused gift of faith, then we will find that we simply know what to do and what to avoid. By analogy, just as a bird knows to fly south for the winter or a salmon knows to return to its place of birth to lay its eggs, so we will “know” within our spirit how to best serve the will of God and, thus, be most fully prepared for His imminent return. “Supernatural instinct” is nothing other than us allowing the grace of God to enter our lives so as to take control of everything we do and to lead us into the fulfillment of the perfect and glorious will of God. When that happens, we can be certain that we are perpetually prepared for all that comes and will never be caught by surprise like a trap.

Reflect, today, upon whether you are daily led by the knowledge of God’s will alive within you as a supernatural instinct. If this language seems foreign to you, then perhaps it is a time to ponder the question “Why?” Why aren’t you led by God’s grace through an ongoing gift of supernatural knowledge of His will? And if this language does resonate within you, then spend time pondering this gift and being grateful for the way that God has truly taken over your day-to-day life.

My revealing Lord, I pray that I will always know Your will and be led only by Your gentle but unmistakable promptings of grace. Please lead me, dear Lord, so that I will be perpetually prepared for Your glorious and final coming the moment it arrives. Jesus, I trust in You.

Intentions of the Holy Father for December **FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Have you moved or changed your phone number in the past two years? If so please contact the office with your updated information so we can input the information for the upcoming tax receipts. Thank you.

Gone to the Father
ROLLAND FORGUES



December 1, 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

PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Parish Advent Reconciliation

Fr. Gerard is available to hear confessions during the following schedule:

Friday, December 6th ~ 3:00 to 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 7th ~ 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday, December 13th ~ 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 14th ~ 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th ~ 4:00 pm

~ 6:00 pm

~ 8:00 pm

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th ~ 10:00 am

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31st ~ 4:30 pm

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1st ~ 10:00 am

CHURCH DECORATIONS & FLOWERS

Parishioners can help beautify the church for Christmas by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Christmas. If you have a loved one you would like to honor in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. The deadline for envelopes to be in is December 15th. Thank you!

OLMM Spiritual Library

Do you have a suggestion for books for the Spiritual Library?

The Spiritual Library committee would like to purchase some new books – children, youth, and adults for the Christmas season. Please give us your suggestions. Contact: Jane Munro 613-443-3692.

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!

Waupoos Family Farm.

This year our parish has been asked to sponsor two sisters and their 4 children.

This is the information on their children: Boy - age 10, Girls ages - 9, 6, and 3. There is a sign-up sheet and a list of gift ideas in the foyer. Please bring your labeled unwrapped gifts to the church foyer before Saturday, December 14th. For any additional information, please contact Karen Urlocker at 613-445-2962 Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting families in need at Waupoos Family Farm!

Christmas Market

ENCOURAGE CATHOLIC EDUCATION
ALL WHILE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

Friday Dec 6 from 6pm-8pm

45 des Bénévoles St., Limoges

vendors, crafts,

music, Nativity

play, carolling,

bake sale,

hot chocolate

hot cider and

more...

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT



ENTRANCE FEE:
FREE WILL OFFERING



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

The Knights of Columbus Council 12401 will be holding a parish breakfast on Sunday December 8 after the 9:00 am and 10:45 am masses. We look forward to seeing everyone.

The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child under 12 and \$30 for family.