

The Baptism of the Lord – 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 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, January 11th

4:30pm For God’s blessings on Katie and Bruce on the occasion of their marriage by the James family

Sunday, January 12th – The Baptism of the Lord

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Intentions of Michele Cochrane and family by the KOC Council 12401

Wednesday, January 15th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Pino Santilli by the Urlocker-Lalonde family

Thursday, January 16th

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

Friday, January 17th – St. Anthony

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

Saturday, January 18th

4:30pm For God’s blessings on the Arnal family as they welcome baby Chiara by the James family

Sunday, January 19th – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Blessings and intentions of Gabriel Amador on his 15th birthday by the Amador family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Intentions of the Holy Father for January

FOR THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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The Baptism of the Lord

It happened in those days when Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in Jordan by John. On coming out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with You, I am well pleased.” [Mark 1:9–11](#) (Gospel from Year B)

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes for us the Christmas Season and transitions us into the beginning of Ordinary Time. From a Scriptural point of view, this event in Jesus’ life is also a transitional moment from His hidden life in Nazareth to the beginning of His public ministry. As we commemorate this glorious event, it’s important to ponder a simple question: Why was Jesus baptized? Recall that John’s baptism was one of repentance, an act by which he invited his followers to turn from sin and to turn to God. But Jesus was sinless, so what was the reason for His Baptism?

First of all, we see in the quoted passage above that Jesus’ true identity was made manifest through His humble act of baptism. “You are my beloved Son; with You, I am well pleased,” spoke the voice of the Father in Heaven. Furthermore, we are told that the Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Thus, Jesus’ baptism is in part a public declaration of Who He is. He is the Son of God, a divine Person Who is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This public testimony is an “epiphany,” a manifestation of His true identity for all to see as He prepares to begin His public ministry.

Second, by His baptism, Jesus’ incredible humility is made manifest. He is the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, but He allows Himself to become identified with sinners. By sharing in an act that was focused upon repentance, Jesus speaks volumes through His action of baptism. He came to unite Himself with us sinners, to enter our sin and to enter into our death. By entering the water, He symbolically enters into death itself, which is the result of our sin, and rises triumphantly, allowing us to also rise with Him to new life. For this reason, Jesus’ baptism was a way of Him “baptizing” the waters, so to speak, so that water itself, from that moment onward, would be endowed with His divine presence and could be communicated to all who are baptized after Him. Therefore, sinful humanity is now able to meet divinity through baptism. Lastly, when we share in this new baptism, through water that has now been sanctified by our divine Lord, we see in Jesus’ baptism a revelation of who we become in Him. Just as the Father spoke and declared Him as His Son, and just as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, so also in our baptism we become the adopted children of the Father and are filled with the Holy Spirit. Thus, Jesus’ baptism gives clarity as to whom we become in Christian baptism.

Lord, I thank You for Your humble act of baptism by which You opened the Heavens to all who are sinners. May I open my heart to the unfathomable grace of my own baptism each and every day and more fully live with You as a child of the Father, filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.

January 12, 2025

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, January 13

1:00 pm – CGS Level 1

4:00 pm – CGS Level 2

7:00 pm – OCIA

Tuesday, January 14

5:30 pm – CGS Level 3

6:30 pm – Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 15

10:00 am – Our Lady's Littles Group

6:00 pm – Baptism Parents Meeting

Thursday, January 16

9:45 am – Legion of Mary

Friday, January 17

9:00 am – Seniors' Mass

Sunday, January 19

12:30 pm - Baptism

1:30 pm – CGS Level 1

Seniors' Mass. Join us on Friday, January 17th for the Seniors' Mass at 9 am, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

Home Outreach

Do you know anyone unable to leave their home due to poor health or immobility? The OLMM Legion of Mary members would like to visit those who would appreciate some social time and possible prayer. Please contact Cathy Gambell via email – p.c.gambell@sympatico.ca

Spiritual Library

Adult DVDs are being removed from the Spiritual Library and will be available for FREE to parishioners. They can be found on a table in the church hall.

POWER

Power is the ability to influence the course of events. Catholic Women's League resolutions have changed lives. By joining us, you will be part of the power of resolutions. See CWL on the church website.

The 2024 income tax receipts are ready for pickup in the foyer.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

Amen.

[Prayer by Pope Francis](#)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

Council 12401 would like to thank all parishioners who gave to the Miriam Center with our baby bottle drive before Christmas. We raised close to \$1500. This is greatly appreciated and will go a long way to help women and their families who are in need.

K of C are holding their next segment of the 50/50 draw with the early bird draw taking place on February 14. Tickets are available for purchase online at <https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/k-of-c-ont/>. Proceeds from the draw help the K of C charities and our local council.



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> **Gr 6-8 retreat**
Jan. 18th 2025 | 10-4:30pm

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