

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 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, February 8th

4:30pm Baptismal anniversary of Sara and Clara by their family

Sunday, February 9th – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Mary Jeanette Eagles by William Eagles

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Wednesday, February 12th

9:30am Blessings for Miriam Beare on her birthday by the Dumais family

Thursday, February 13th

9:00am Repose of the soul of Murray Fleet by Mary Ellen and family

Friday, February 14th – St Cyril and St. Methodius

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

Saturday, February 15th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Maureen Conway by the James family

Sunday, February 16th – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Peter Adams by the KOC Council 12401

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After He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command, I will lower the nets.” When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. [Luke 5:4-6](#)

Jesus had just cured Simon Peter’s mother-in-law as one of His first miracles. As a result of this and other miracles, Peter’s entire hometown of Capernaum, as well as many of the surrounding towns, were quickly coming to faith in Jesus. Today’s Gospel takes place during this initial excitement over our Lord. In it, Jesus personally invites Peter to become an Apostle, promising to make him a fisher of men.

There is much symbolism in this passage worth pondering. First, notice that Jesus uses something very familiar to Peter to invite him to become one of the Twelve Apostles. He used his trade of fishing. This is similar to the way God used a star to draw the Magi, who were astrologers, to Bethlehem.

Another symbolic action Jesus uses is putting “into deep water.” It was not enough to simply go a short distance from shore. Instead, the deep water was to symbolize the fact that the Gospel was to go forth to the ends of the earth, just as the fishermen were to fish in the depths of the sea.

Finally, the fact that they “caught a great number of fish” symbolizes the superabundance that would come forth through Peter’s apostolic ministry. And the fact that the “nets were tearing” points to the fullness that everyone will experience when they embark upon the mission of Christ.

Though the symbolic aspects of this Gospel passage are worth much prayerful pondering, there is another line within the Gospel that might speak to you just as powerfully. Peter had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. The fact that he relates this to Jesus suggests that he was tired and perhaps even discouraged. Any fisherman could relate to this. But the important lesson Peter teaches us is that he does not give in to that discouragement. And the reason he doesn’t give in to discouragement is because it was Jesus Who commanded him to lower the nets.

In our own lives, we can all get discouraged at times. But the real test of our fidelity to God is whether or not we continue to listen to His commands of love and respond generously, dispelling any temptations to discouragement when things do not seem to be going our way. If we can do this, it is especially in these moments that God often uses us in powerful ways.

Reflect, today, upon the voice of God in your life. What is it that you sense Him calling you to do? What is that “deep water” to which He is calling you? As you ponder this, reflect especially upon the words of Peter, “Master...at your command, I will lower the nets.” Say “Yes” to the command of our Lord. Do so even if it is difficult, and especially if you do not feel like doing what He asks of you. If you do, you will find that in this act of fidelity, God will bring forth an abundance of good fruit.

My miraculous Lord, You gave a command of love to Saint Peter, and he obeyed You with generosity. As a result, You brought forth an abundant catch. Please give me the strength of will to obey all that You speak to me, so that You will bring forth an abundance of good fruit in my life also. Jesus, I trust in You.

Intentions of the Holy Father for February

For Vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

SUNDAY MORNING SMILE

There was a high school English teacher who was well known for being a fair but hard grader. One day after receiving a B minus on his theme paper, a student in hopes of bettering his grade and in the spirit of the Valentine's season, sent her an extravagant heart-shaped box of chocolates with the inscription: “BE MINE.” The following day, he received in return, a valentine from the teacher. It read: “Thank you... but it’s still a BE MINUS!”

February 9, 2025

Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?
WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form in the foyer or office.

You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week at OLMM

Monday, February 10

9:00 am – CWL Diocesan Meeting

1:00 pm – CGS Level 1

4:00 pm – CGS Level 2

7:00 pm – OCIA

Tuesday, February 11

10:30 am – SMTCS Children's Mass

5:30 pm – CGS Level 3

6:30 pm – Confirmation Class

Wednesday, February 12

10:00 am – Our Lady's Littles Group

6:00 pm – Baptism Parents Meeting

Thursday, February 13

9:45 am – Legion of Mary

7:00 pm – CWL Meeting

Sunday, February 16

12:30 pm - Baptism

1:30 pm – CGS Level 1

Blessed Palms From Previous Years

A container will be in the foyer until February 26th to collect blessed palms from previous years. These will be burned for Ash Wednesday.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Get your volunteer hours. OLMM is in the process of converting Sacramental records electronically. If you have time to spare on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school hours, your church needs you. Training and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact the office via email:

admin@olmm.ca

WAUPOOS FAMILY FARMS, which offers vacations to low-income families, is now accepting applications for its Easter and Victoria Day vacations! This wonderful ministry even has a chapel onsite with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. During non-vacation seasons, it opens its facilities to parishes and ministries for retreats.

If you or someone you know could benefit from their vacations visit their Facebook page and learn more.



“LOVE” – Love is more than a feeling, it's a decision. It requires practice, focus, patience and faith. Come join the Catholic Women's League and share the love.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Please check the Lost & Found in the church hall for missing items. All items not picked up by February 14th will be donated to St. Mary's Clothing Closet.

The office will be closed from February 18th to 21st. Phone and email messages will be checked sporadically.

VALENTINE'S DAY PRAYER:

Dear Lord, on this day, when we celebrate romantic love, I thank you for this gift. It does indeed enrich our lives. Yet you call us to so much more than what romantic love entails. You call us to love, not just our friends, but also our enemies. You challenge us to love those who do not return our love. Help me, Lord, to express my love for those who are closest to me: my spouse, my children, my family and my friends. But, even more, I ask that you help me to love as you loved, to broadcast your love even and especially to those who cannot or will not reciprocate. Teach me to love even those I don't like, the people I'd rather avoid. May I love as you love, Lord. I pray in your name, Amen.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

The next Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 9th, after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. mass. The cost is \$10 / adult, \$5 / child under 12, and \$30 for the family. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.