

First Sunday of Lent – 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, March 8th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Sandra Mary Dirk by
Andrea Kubota

Sunday, March 9th – First Sunday of Lent

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the
Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Pauline Ouellette by
Dale and Lorraine Harper

Wednesday, March 12th

9:30am For a private intention

Thursday, March 13th

9:00am For blessings and good wishes for the
marriage of Carolyn and Gil by the Brown
family

Friday, March 14th

9:00am Healing intentions of Marcella Woods by
Denise Parenteau

Saturday, March 15th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Beatrice Brazeau by
the CWL

Sunday, March 16th – Second Sunday of Lent

9:00am For a private intention

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the
Pastor

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness and rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

SUNDAY MORNING SMILE

A man bought a new Corvette, and his two sons asked him who would inherit it if he met his demise. The man pondered the question, then told them if he passed away on an even day, the son born on an even day would get it. If it happened on an odd day, the one born on the odd day would get it. A few weekends later, while river rafting with one of his sons, the man was tossed out of the boat. As he floated in the rapids, he heard his son yelling, "Dad, Dad... it's the wrong day!"

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

With Croatia and Montenegro

September 8 – 17, 2025

Spiritual Directors:

**Fr. Gerard Plant – Pastor of OLMM and
Fr. Titus Egbueh – Pastor of St. Martin De Porres**

ITINERARY

Day 1, Sun, Sep 8 **Ottawa-Dubrovnik**
Fly from Ottawa to Dubrovnik via Montreal and Vienna.

Day 2, Mon, Sep 9 **Dubrovnik**
Arrive in Dubrovnik, Croatia, get settled, and relax in the hotel. Then, celebrate Mass, dinner, and a restful night.

Day 3, Tues, Sep 10 **Dubrovnik**
Following breakfast, enjoy a walking tour of Old Town Dubrovnik. Then, enjoy lunch on your own. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the city or the beach.

Day 4, Wed Sep 11 **Excursion to Montenegro**
Following breakfast, depart for Montenegro. Enjoy a boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks. Then explore the charming town of Perast. Return to Dubrovnik for dinner and overnight.

Day 5, Thurs Sep 12 **Dubrovnik-WineTasting-Split**
Following breakfast, depart for Split with a stop at Peljesac for wine tasting. In the afternoon, explore the Diocletian's Palace and the Cathedral of St. Domnius. Dinner at a local Konoba (tavern) for a leisurely local meal. Overnight in Split

Day 6, Fri Sep 13 **Spit-Mostar-Medjugorje**
Following breakfast, travel from Split to Bosnia. Visit the city of Mostar. In the afternoon continue to Medjugorje. Arrive at the hotel and get settled for 3 nights. In the evening participate in a program consisting of the prayer of all 3 Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and the evening international Holy Mass. Afterward, participate in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Blessing of the Sick. Dinner.

Day 7 & 8, Sat + Sun Sep 14 + 15 **Medjugorje**
Spend 2 full days in Medjugorje. The spiritual program consists of talks given by the Franciscans, daily Holy Mass, private devotion, a visit to Apparition Hill, and a visit to the village of Bijakovici from where all 6 visionaries come. Have a chance to meet with the visionaries, if they are in Medjugorje. Breakfast and Dinner.

Day 9, Mon Sep 16 **Medjugorje-Sarajevo**
Following breakfast, depart for Sarajevo, and explore the capital of Bosnia (the "Jerusalem of Europe"). Conclude the day with dinner and toast to an unforgettable pilgrimage. Overnight in Sarajevo.

Day 10, Tues Sep 17 **Sarajevo-Montreal-Ottawa**
Following breakfast, fly to Montreal via Zurich. Upon arrival in Montreal, continue to Ottawa by bus or Via Rail.

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM

\$ 6,790 CAD

PRICE INCLUDES AIRPORT TAXES AND FUEL CHARGES (\$915.93 CAD) - ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TIME OF TICKETING. STAYING IN INDIVIDUAL ROOM PAY \$ 1,480

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT EDGAR AT HIS NUMBER BELOW ASAP!!! WE NEED THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS BY MARCH 9th.

GATEWAYS INTERNATIONAL

**905-889-1681 Toll Free 1-800-268-0900 Ext. 233
edgar@gateways-international.com**

March 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

PLEASE JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 14th – Led by KOC

March 21st – Led by Legion of Mary

March 28th – Led by Our Lady's Children's Faith Formation

April 4th – Led by CWL (24-hour Adoration won't start until after Stations of the Cross)

April 11th – Led by Youth Group



STATIONS WILL START AT 7:00 PM. THERE WILL NOT BE A MASS AFTER THEM.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 26th, at 7 pm for our parish Lenten Penance Service. Visiting priests will be available.

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT – Saturday, March 29th

There will be a mini-retreat open to all men of OLMM parish starting at 9:30 to 11:30 am. This is a good opportunity to help us deepen our Lenten journey.

Are you interested in an OLMM pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory?

OLMM is planning a pilgrimage by coach sometime in early to mid-June 2025. If this is something that you might be interested in participating in, then please sign up (no commitments required at this stage) so that we have an idea of numbers. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer and at the front entrance of the church.

OLMM 33 Day Consecration to St. Joseph starting March 30th, 2025

You are invited to be part of a group that would like to make a personal and family consecration to St. Joseph this Jubilee year. The preparation for this will start on March 30th, with the consecration being made at an OLMM Mass on the Feast Day of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st, 2025. More information to follow.

SCAM ALERT!!!

There is an increase in scams circulating via emails, text messages, or phone calls where the felon impersonates someone to obtain money or uses scareware to gain access to your phone, computer or bank account. Please DO NOT respond to any requests for private information or money. Please DO NOT click any link provided in the email or text messages.

Note that Fr. Gerard would never solicit funds or ask for personal favors from you.



“COURAGE” – If you only knew the courage of the Catholic Women's League members. In the 1920s, Winnifred Fulton travelled by horseback to start more than 30 councils. Today, we continue to carry the message of faith, service and social justice to Canada and internationally. Be part of the group, be a member of the CWL.

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Easter. If you have a loved one you would like to honour in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pew and include your donation. The cut-off date is Sunday, April 13th.

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 get in touch with Cathy Gambell via email – p.c.gambell@sympatico.ca

Interactive Reflection: Catholic Social Teaching

When: Saturday, March 29, 2025, 9 am - noon

Where: St. Mark the Evangelist (160 Principale St, Gatineau, Quebec J9H 3M8)

Development & Peace will lead an engaging workshop delving into the rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching. This session offers a unique opportunity to explore the Church's teachings on human dignity, social justice, and the common good. The event will be held in English. Refreshments provided. Free of charge.

For more information, please call Kiegan Irish at 613-738-9644 or email kirish@devp.org.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

Council 12401 will be holding its annual food drive starting the weekend of March 22-23, 2025.

Members of the Knights will be handing out food bags at the end of each mass. If you can please return your bags with nonperishable goods the weekend of March 29-30 it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting our community.