

Second 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 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

Wednesday, March 19th – Feast of St. Joseph

9:30am Repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

Thursday, March 20th

9:00am Repose of the soul of Jo-Anne Sullivan by Jim and Jane Munro

Friday, March 21st

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

Saturday, March 22nd

4:30pm Birthday blessings for Georgia Langley by Gam and Pop

Sunday, March 23rd – Third Sunday of Lent

9:00am Repose of the soul of Kevin Ash by the Croskery family
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

THE IRISH FISHERMAN: It was raining hard, and a big puddle had formed in front of an Irish pub. An old man stood beside the puddle, holding a stick with a string on the end and jiggled it up and down in the water. A curious gentleman asked what he was doing. “Fishing,” replied the old man. “Poor old fool,” thought the gentleman, so he invited the old man to have a drink with him in the pub. Feeling he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whisky, the gentleman asked, “And how many have you caught?” “You’re the eighth,” came the reply.

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!!!**

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March 16, 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 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.

Seniors' Mass. Join us on Friday, March 21st, for the Seniors' Mass at 9 am, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

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
A mini-retreat will be open to all men of OLMM parish from 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.

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.



“FAITH” – Catholic Women's League members know faith is important to women. Members are called to grow in faith, and to witness to the love of God through ministry and service. We are Catholic and living it! Come grow with us!

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

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

The weekend of April 12 & 13, we will have with us a special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who, after the Masses, will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask for your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Proceeds of the sales generate much-needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted.

May God bless you for your generosity, for your help, and your prayers." www.HolylandChristians.ca



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH – March 19: Heavenly Father, lift up the example of St. Joseph to us today. Teach us his acceptance of Your plan, even when it brings the unexpected. Show us through his devotion to Your Son, a willingness to adopt all the world's children in Your name. May St. Joseph's silent service be a shining example of humility on all days of our lives. Amen

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.