

Fourth 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 29th

4:30pm **Repose of the soul of Ron Lacroix by the Kolman family**

Sunday, March 30th – Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00am **Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor**

10:45am **Repose of the soul of Marguerite Hilcox by Mark and Gerri Brewer**

Wednesday, April 2nd

9:30am **Intentions of Betty Smith and the repose of the soul of her husband, Barry Smith by Chris Smith**

Thursday, April 3rd

9:00am **Repose of the souls of Ian and Mary Cogan by the Urlocker-Lalonde**

Friday, April 4th

9:00am **Repose of the soul of Ron Lacroix by the Kolman family**

Saturday, April 5th

4:30pm **Repose of the soul of Jean Gaede by Jay Dupuis**

Sunday, April 6th – Fifth 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 APRIL For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

SUNDAY MORNING SMILE

En route to church to make his first confession, a nervous seven-year-old asks his mother what he could expect. "Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," she told him. He looked relieved. "Whew! Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."



The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So to them, Jesus addressed this parable. [Luke 15:1–3](#)

This is good news! Our Lord “welcomes sinners and eats with them.” For that reason, there is room at His table for you!

Sometimes it’s hard to admit that we are sinners. Of course, we know in our minds that we are. But our pride can easily lead us to justify our sin, downplay it and conclude that we are not that bad after all. If you find yourself thinking this way, be careful. Doing so will make you like the Pharisees and scribes in the passage above.

They did not see themselves as sinners, which is why they condemned Jesus for welcoming sinners and eating with them.

The passage above comes from the beginning of Chapter 15 of Luke’s Gospel and serves as an introduction to three subsequent parables. First, our Lord tells the Parable of the Lost Sheep, then the Parable of the Lost Coin, and then the Parable found in the rest of today’s Gospel passage, the Parable of the Lost Son. In the first parable, the shepherd who finds his lost sheep rejoices. In the second parable, the woman who finds her lost coin rejoices. And in the parable we read today, the father who finds his lost son rejoices and throws a party to celebrate.

Return, again, to the passage above that introduces these three parables: “Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus.” Once they drew near, Jesus spoke to them about the joy of finding that which was lost.

As you ponder this parable, try to understand the effect that it would have had upon the tax collectors and sinners who all drew near to our Lord. They were spiritually hungry, just as the prodigal son was. They had a past full of regret, just like this boy. They were unsatisfied in life and were looking for a way out, just as this son of the loving father was. For these reasons, those tax collectors and sinners who drew near Jesus would have been mesmerized by all that Jesus taught them and filled with hope that they, too, could share in the joy that was so generously bestowed upon this wayward son.

Reflect, today, upon the touching image of these tax collectors and sinners drawing near to Jesus. Though they may have had a certain fear and caution, they would have also had hope. Think about how they would have related as they discovered that there was hope for them, too. If you struggle with being like the scribes and Pharisees, reject that temptation. Instead, see yourself as one of those sinners who drew near to our Lord and you will be the cause of joy in the Heart of the Father in Heaven.

Most loving and compassionate Lord, tax collectors and sinners were drawn to You. They found in You someone who could free them from the burdens they carried within. Please help me to see myself as one of those humble souls in need of You and Your mercy. I reject my pride that leads me to self-justification and pray for humility so that I can come to You and gladden the Heart of the Father in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

March 30, 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

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.

First Friday Adoration

Friday, April 4th, after the Stations of the Cross to Saturday, April 5th, at 3:00 pm. We would like to have two adorers per hour. If you want to become a regular adorer or want more information, please call the parish office at 613-445-3054 or email adoration@olmm.ca.

Spiritual Library - More new adult books on the Lenten season are available in the Spiritual Library.

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.

Chrism Mass

Join us on April 15th at 5 pm at the Notre-Dame Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass. The Chrism Mass is a special annual Mass where our Archdiocese gathers together to receive the new holy oils for the year. Priests renew their vows and the Archbishop blesses three different oils which are then distributed to parishes: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2025

For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2025! At Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, May 4, at 2:30 pm. The registration form is now available at <https://forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwD0Kq>. Please register before Easter to ensure your place! For questions, please contact Annmarie at annmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca.



“HUNDREDS OF RESOLUTIONS” – Over its history, Catholic Women’s League members have proposed hundreds of resolutions; some become laws, others serve as seeds for change - all serve to educate members. We invite you to discover more!

CWL Bursary Applications are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within 1 year post-graduation from Grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$500. For more information and/or to obtain an application, please refer to the parish website: http://www.olmm.ca/groups_cwl.html or the parish office.

Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by April 30th, 2025. Applications can be mailed in or dropped off at the office. For any questions, contact Winnie Kerfoot, Bursary Committee Chair, at wkerfoot@gmail.com



Handicraft Holy Land Christians



On the weekend of April 12-13, we will welcome our special guest Vanessa from Sebastien Cardinal’s team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand-carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much-needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers."

Cash, debit, credit cards, and cheques will be accepted.

You can visit and support us at www.HolylandChristians.ca

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