



Palm Sunday of the Passion 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, April 12th

4:30pm Healing intentions of Liane (Gambell)
Texmo

Sunday, April 13th – Palm Sunday

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the
Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Mildred Spencer by
Gerri and Bob

Wednesday, April 16th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Chelsey Cassidy by
her brother and sister-in-law

Thursday, April 17th - Holy Thursday

9:00am NO MASS

7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Friday, April 18th – Good Friday

9:00am NO MASS

3:00pm Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 19th - Holy Saturday

4:30pm NO MASS

8:00pm Intentions of Kirsty and Travis Van Every
by the Brewer family

Sunday, April 20th – The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am Repose of the souls of those whose names
are listed in the Easter Flower List

10:45am Birthday blessings for Rachel Workman
by Josee Wan-Kam

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“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He said in reply, “I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!” [Luke 19:38–40](#)

At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus agonized in prayer and was arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the Garden. As He descended, He encountered “the whole multitude of his disciples,” who “began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.” They then cried out:

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.”

Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. But they were not amazed with joy. Their amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation. Jesus’ response was very clear: “I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!” That begs the question: If these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most certainly they would have! They did so just several days later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds.

Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint John and a few others remained. Therefore, His prophecy came true when Jesus died on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds. “And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised” ([Matthew 27:51–52](#)).

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God. There is an important lesson to learn from these two moments from that first Holy Week. At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, many offered Him praise. It’s easy to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and when many others are doing so. Contrast this with the end of Holy Week when Jesus was persecuted and killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and ending their worship of our Lord. For that, the stones did cry out and the earth quaked. As we enter this Holy Week, consider whether you are more like the “whole multitude” of Jesus’ disciples who praised Him when it was easy and popular, or whether you are more like our Blessed Mother and Saint John who remained faithful to Him when it was anything but popular to do so. Do you persevere in your praise and adoration of God during difficult times? Or do you allow fear of what others may say, fear of rejection and other forms of humiliation to deter you from your sacred calling?

Reflect, today, upon these two contrasting moments of that first Holy Week. Join today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King. As you do, turn your eyes to the King Whom you worship. Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His death. Commit yourself to fidelity, especially when it is hard to do so. Do not waver in your commitment. Look at the love in the heart of Jesus’ mother and pray to her that you will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our Lord.

Most glorious King, You were fittingly worshiped and adored as You entered Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. I commit myself to that adoration and praise, and I pray that I will honor and love You, not only when it is easy but also when it is unpopular. May I never allow fear to deter me from my love of You and follow You all the way to the glorious throne of Your Cross. Jesus, I trust in You.

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.



**Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Holy Thursday, April 17th - 7:00 pm**

**Passion of the Lord
Good Friday, April 18th - 3:00 pm**

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19th - 8:00 pm

Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday April 20th - 9:00 am and 10:45 am

April 13, 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

Chrism Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral

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.

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.

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the Turn Debt into Hope campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, our parish collected \$805. This sum will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East.

If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



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.



“STRENGTH” – The strength of belonging to a sisterhood of thousands of women is powerful and our impact makes a difference in our parishes, communities, country and beyond. The Catholic Women’s League is the largest of women’s organizations in Canada. Imagine the many gifts and talents shared for the good of others. There is strength in numbers. Come join us!

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

The Annual Good Friday Collection

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See to dioceses and parishioners throughout the world. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. The Church and our Christian brothers and sisters count on your help to retain a faith-filled Christian presence in this land of our Lord. Please give generously during Good Friday celebrations on April 18, 2025. If you are unable to attend the service, it is possible to contribute online at Commissariat.ca/supporting-us and donate via CanadaHelps or Interac e-transfer – receipts will be issued.

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Council 12401 would like to extend a sincere thank you to all parishioners who donated nonperishable food goods or made a cash donation to our local Good Neighbors Food Bank. Thank you for making our community stronger. A special thank you to the ownership of the Embrun Giant Tiger for their donations of the grocery bags.