



Divine Mercy Sunday – 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 26th

4:30pm Healing intentions of Hélène Compeau by the James family

Sunday, April 27th – Divine Mercy Sunday

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

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Wednesday, April 30th – St. Marie De L’Incarnation

9:30am Birthday intentions of Stuart Mulholland by the James family

Thursday, May 1st

9:00am Spiritual blessings to Canada through the powerful intercession of St. Joseph

Friday, May 2nd – St. Athanasius

9:00am Intentions of the Lemieux family by the Watson family

Saturday, May 3rd – St. Philip and St. James

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Anne Margaret De Waal and comfort for her family by Luke James and family

Sunday, May 4th – Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am Repose of the soul of Jean Gaede by Jay Dupuis

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Sunday Morning Smile

A bus struck a man who was Catholic. He's lying near death on the sidewalk as the crowd gathers. "A priest. I need the last rites!" the man gasped. But no one stepped out of the crowd. A policeman finally yelled, "A PRIEST, PLEASE! Isn't there a priest in this crowd?" Finally, out of the crowd stepped a little old man in his 80s. "Mr. Policeman," he said, "I'm not a priest, I'm not even a Christian. But for 50 years I've lived behind the Catholic Church on 1st Avenue, every night I overheard their services and recall a lot of it, maybe I can be of some comfort to this poor man." The policeman agreed and cleared the crowd so the man could get through to where the injured man lay. The old man knelt down, leaned over the man and said in a solemn voice, "B14... I19... N38... G50... O72."

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Today is the Feast of all Feasts! It is the Feast of Mercy! This Feast originated from the private revelations given to Sr. Maria Faustina Kowolska, a Polish cloistered nun who died in 1938. In the year 2000, she was canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II, and the Feast of Mercy was instituted as a universal Feast of the Church. To better understand this Feast, let's read some of the private revelations Jesus gave to Saint Faustina:

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (*Diary* #300). "This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies" (*Diary* #420). "On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. I desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (*Diary* #699). "Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it" (*Diary* #742). "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy" (*Diary* #367). "I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy" (*Diary* #1059). "Tell all people, My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls" (*Diary* #1074). "My daughter, write that the greater the misery of a soul, the greater its right to My mercy; urge all souls to trust in the unfathomable abyss of My mercy, because I want to save them all" (*Diary* #1182).

Reflect, today, upon God's infinite and unfathomable Mercy. The Divine Mercy is especially for those who struggle with sin. Jesus says, "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy" (*Diary* #723). The Divine Mercy is the very tenderness and compassion of God. Run to Him, trust in Him, open your soul to Him and allow Him to pour forth an ocean of Mercy on this holy day.

Most Merciful Lord, I desire to receive the superabundance of Your Mercy poured forth from Heaven today. Please open my heart so that I will turn to You in my need. I am a sinner, dear Lord, but for that reason, I am in most need of You in my life. Help me to trust in You with all my might. Jesus, I do trust in You!

April 27, 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

First Friday Adoration

Friday, May 2nd, at 3:00 pm to Saturday, May 3rd, 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.

OLMM Rosary Makers

OLMM is starting a rosary-making group every Saturday, 12:30 to 2:30pm, in the church hall. Students, seniors, and adults are welcome. Supplies and training will be provided. For more information, contact Pam Latour at 613-558-0131 or email autumwind@rogers.com.

Spiritual Library

Thank you to the K of C for the donation of a book, *The Life of the Founder of the K of C, Blessed Michael McGivney*. Although classified as a youth book, the illustrated comic book format appeals to Knights and their families. Excellent background reading on the beginning of the K of C.

We are deeply grateful to those who donated for the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. We've been able to adorn our altar with beautiful flowers this Easter season.

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your interest in the one-day pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory. This is a wonderful opportunity for us during this year of jubilee to spend a day in prayer and reflection. I am happy to give some more details:

- **Departure date:** Saturday, June 7th, 2025, leaving by coach from Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church at 9am. Returning the same day at 6:30pm.
- **Cost:** \$55 for adults and \$25 for children. This price is based on a full coach load (we have a good number signed up, we still have seats available).
- **** It is important that all money is paid by Friday, May 23rd.** All money is paid through the office by cash or cheque (payable to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church) or E-transfer to admin@olmm.ca.
- The schedule for the day will include Mass, silent adoration, free time for walking the grounds, visiting the chapels, and shopping in the Oratory store. For those who wish, you can sign up for the different onsite tours and museums once there.
- **Contact Person:** Jennifer Snell, a member of the Legion of Mary, is helping me coordinate the day and can be contacted on her cell (613 864 4201) if you have any questions.

I am looking forward to sharing the day with you all.

God bless,

Dn. Allan



"RESILIENCE" – The Catholic Women's League celebrated 100 years of service in 2020. The resilience over the next 100 is in your hands. Come be a part of the journey.

We pray together: All parishioners are invited to pray for the availability of good palliative and hospice care in all regions of Canada.

On Wednesday, May 7th, OLMM-CWL members will gather at 9:30 a.m. Mass to pray for this important need. The Mass will be offered for this special intention. Following Mass, we will pray together in the Church for the Sanctity of Human Life and the need for good palliative and hospice care at the final stage of life.

Please join us at this time, We will conclude our prayer time at 11:00am and invite you to join us for coffee at the church hall.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to Bob Maidment for 30 years of music service to our parish. We appreciate all your hard work, dedication and reliability as a member of the music group. You are an inspiration to others. We wish all the best in your next chapter!

Catholic Education Week 2025 begins on Sunday, May 4, 2025. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us." (Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

K of C Council 12401 will be holding its next parish breakfast on Sunday, April 27, after the 9:00 am and 10:45 am masses. All proceeds will be going to Chris Smith, our parish youth group leader, to help support his trip to the 2025 Jubilee of Young People to be held in Rome in July. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child under 12, and \$30 for family.