



## Third Sunday of Easter – 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, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 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

**Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

**9:30am** For the intentions of the caregivers who make their vocation to provide hospice and palliative care by the CWL

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am** Intentions of Liane (Gambell) Texmo

**Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm** For all mothers by the CWL

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9:00am** Repose of the soul of Jean Gaede by the CWL

**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.

### HONOURING MARY

“The mood of springtime is embedded in the church’s interior, nature’s blossoming, the warm air of May evenings, human gladness in a world that is renewing itself... all these things enter in. Veneration of Mary has its place in this very particular atmosphere, for she, the Virgin, shows us faith under its youthful aspect, as God’s new beginning in a world that has grown old. In her we see the Christian life set forth as a youthfulness of the heart, as beauty and a waiting readiness for what is to come.”

**Pope Benedict XVI**



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When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.” So he said to them, “Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.” So they cast it, and could not pull it in because of the number of fish. John 21:4–6

Recall the first miraculous fish catch in the Gospels. In Luke 5:1–7, Jesus was preaching to the people on the shore from where He sat in Peter’s boat just a short distance away. After preaching, Jesus told Peter, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Peter did so, and there was such a large catch of fish that the Apostles needed help hauling it in.

In today’s Gospel, some three years later after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples from the shore and instructed them to cast their nets “over the right side of the boat.” They did so and caught 153 large fish. In commenting on these two passages, Saint Augustine teaches that the first miraculous catch was a sign that the Gospel would be preached to all people, which is indicated by Jesus simply saying, “lower your nets.” But after the Resurrection, Jesus specifically tells the disciples to cast their nets “over the right side” to indicate that grace is now given to those who stand on His right side and are separated from the condemned who are on His left. Thus, this second miraculous catch symbolizes the end of the age when the good and the bad are judged.

Saint Augustine also notes that the 153 large fish, caught off the right side of the boat, are a symbolic representation of those who conform not only to the Ten Commandments but also receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit by grace. He explains that  $10 + 7 = 17$ , and if you add all the numbers together between 1 and 17, you arrive at 153. Thus, these 153 fish represent everyone who receives His gift of grace and obtains salvation. The boat represents the Church, and the gift of salvation is offered by Christ through His Church.

Facing the reality of hell is not pleasant, but it is a message that must not be ignored. It is a message that is real and, therefore, hell is a possibility for us all. Therefore, it is important to remind ourselves from time to time of this spiritual truth. Are you among the 153 large fish found on the right side of the boat? Do you allow the ministers of Christ within the Church, represented by the disciples in the boat, to draw you to Christ through preaching and the Sacraments? Though all of us might quickly answer “Yes” to that question, we should never fail to be attentive to the fact that salvation requires action on our part. It requires that we accept Christ Jesus by following His Commandments and live by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as it is dispensed by the Church.

Reflect, today, upon the symbolism found in this Resurrection account. Consider the fact that the Gospel has, indeed, been shared with you. Have you listened to the Word of God as it is preached by the Church? Do you immerse yourself in the grace given through the Sacraments? Do you follow the Ten Commandments faithfully? Do you continually open yourself to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Seek to be among that catch of fish caught on the “right side.” Never doubt that hell is real and possible. For that reason, never waver from your fidelity to Christ, so that you will remain firmly grounded in His grace and share one day in His Resurrection.

*My resurrected Lord, You have offered Your grace and mercy to all, but not all have responded. I pray that I will always be among those who continually respond to Your invitation. I repent of my sin, dear Lord. Please help me to stay faithful to Your commands of love and to be daily immersed in Your transforming Spirit. Jesus, I trust in You.*

May 4, 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

### OLMM Rosary Makers

OLMM is starting a rosary-making group on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 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](mailto:autumwind@rogers.com).

### OLMM Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Oratory

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:

- **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, and we still have a limited number of 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](mailto: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.

***Congratulations to Adiya Baker, who received First Communion on April 27<sup>th</sup>.***

### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION



**Welcome to the family of God:**

**Marcus Hewitt, Susan Renaud, Tristan  
St Kitts-Park, Brandon Amador**

Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays? If so, please feel free to sign up and host an upcoming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted on the kitchen counter. Thank you all in advance.



**"FRIENDSHIP"** – Catholic Women's League members build enduring friendships. We celebrate new members, anniversaries and special events along the way. Meetings, socials projects and conventions create bonds of friendship. Meet new friends from your parish and beyond. Join today.

**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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 in the church hall.

### **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.

**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 you 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).



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