



Fourth 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 10th

4:30pm For all mothers by the CWL

Sunday, May 11th – 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

Wednesday, May 14th – St. Matthias

9:30am Birthday intentions of Juliet Trolio by the James family

Thursday, May 15th

9:00am Special intentions for Pierre and Audrey Lemieux

Friday, May 16th

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

Saturday, May 17th

4:30pm For our mothers, grandmothers and Godmothers by the James family

Sunday, May 18th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Lucien and Pauline Ouellette by Dale and Lorraine Harper

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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Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.” [John 10:27–28](#)

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is endearing. Many artists have depicted the gentleness of Christ as He leads His sheep or carries a straying lamb on His shoulders. We are given this image today as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday.

In our short Gospel passage today, Jesus addressed some of the Jews who were trying to trap Him in His speech. Before this passage, they asked Him, “How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us.” To that, Jesus responded, “I told you and you do not believe.” Jesus answered this way because the people questioning Him were not interested in actually knowing whether He was the Messiah. Instead, they wanted to accuse Him of blasphemy. But Jesus tells them that He already told them who He was through His works: “The works I do in my Father’s name testify to me.”

Do you see the works of God in your life? If you do, then it is important to understand that Jesus’ works are one of the primary ways that He speaks to you and leads you as your Shepherd. God certainly speaks to us through His Word as it is revealed in the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church. But He also speaks to us through His works. Among the many works of God in your life is the work of grace by which God enables you to grow in virtue. Therefore, it is important to look for the ways that supernatural virtue grows in your life.

The discernment of the will of God enables us to hear His voice and follow Him. And one of the best ways to discern the will of God is to look for the ways that God is touching your life. Where you see virtue increase, the will of God is present and is calling you to grow in that area. Conversely, if there is something in your life that leads you to sin, and, thus, a decrease in virtue, then this is also God’s voice telling you to avoid these things.

Reflect, today, upon God’s actions that are perceptible in your life. Even though God speaks clearly to us through His revealed Word, He also speaks to us and shepherds us through His discernible touching of our souls. Where you see virtue increase, you will find the will of God. Where you see virtue decrease, you will not find the will of God. Listen to God as He speaks to you this way so that you will hear His voice, follow Him, and receive eternal life.

My revealing Lord, You speak to me day and night, calling me to follow You as my Shepherd. May I learn to perceive Your voice as You speak to me in varied ways so that I can more readily follow You wherever You lead. Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I trust in You.

May 11, 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

Seniors' Mass. Join us on Friday, May 16th, for the Seniors' Mass at 9 am, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall.

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.
- **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.

During the month of May in this Jubilee Year of Hope, members of the Legion of Mary will be leading the Rosary in the church every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Please join us.



Congratulations to all the children who received Confirmation on May 3rd at Notre Dame Basilica in Ottawa: Reagan Butt, Charity Croskery, Lydia Gernon, Maia Lemma, Caelyn Murphy, Lysandra Perron, Clara Vinueza-Acosta, Sara Vinueza-Acosta, Owen Walkington.



“PURPOSE” – Faith, service and social justice are the cornerstones of the Catholic Women's League. They give purpose to our lives. Come and grow with us.

Parish Clean-Up Day is Saturday, May 24th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Volunteers are needed for this year's parish spring clean-up. We need to clean, sweep, and rake in and around our parish, including the parking lot. We would also like to do a spring cleaning in the church to give everything a fresh look. Lunch will be provided. Those who wish to volunteer are encouraged to sign up. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

For those of you who are still lucky to be blessed with your Mom, this is beautiful. For those who aren't, it's even more beautiful. “Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space . . . not even death!” - CTTO

GONE TO THE FATHER

Fr. Rolland Charles Lafleur
(OLMM Pastor 1984-1990)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

The next K of C Council 12401 general meeting will take place in the parish hall on Thursday, May 22, 2025 starting at 7:00 pm. This will be the last meeting of the fraternal year so we encourage all members of council 12401 to attend.