

First Sunday of Lent – Year A

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, February 21st

4:30pm Rest of the soul of John Jackson by the Gambell family

Sunday, February 22nd – First Sunday of Lent

9:00am Rest of the soul of Jim Munro by the Gambell family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Wednesday, February 25th

9:30am Rest of the soul of James Stroeder by Florence and David Oldford

Thursday, February 26th

9:00am Intentions of Archbishop Marcel Dampousse by the CWL

Friday, February 27th

9:00am Rest of the soul of Michael McLaughlin by Margaret McLaughlin

Saturday, February 28th

4:30pm Rest of the soul of Lucille Gauthier by Mary Ellen James and family

Sunday, March 1st – Second Sunday of Lent

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Intentions of Bob and Angie Maidment by Gerri and Mark Brewer

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LENT 2026

Everyone is invited to come to the church and pray the Stations of the Cross with us each Friday at 6pm...

February 27th – Led by KOC

March 6th – Led by Legion of Mary
(24-hour Adoration won't start until after Stations of the Cross)

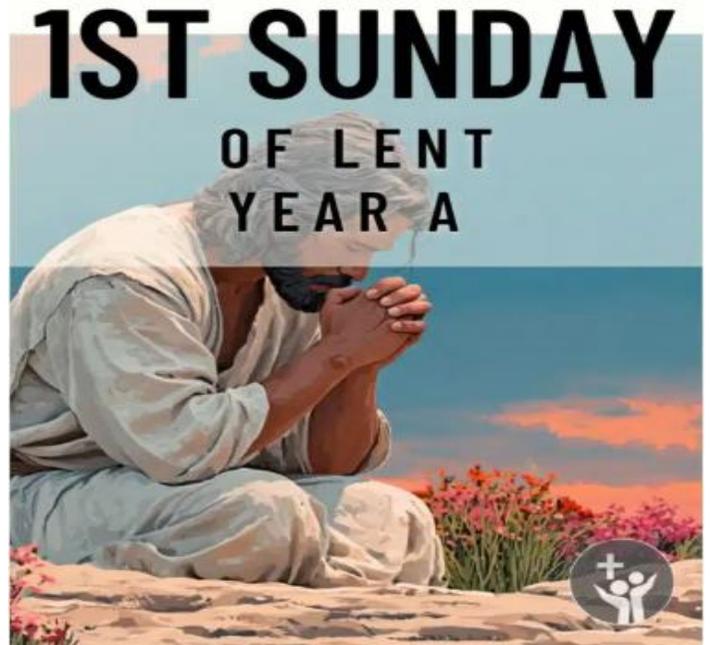
March 13th – Led by CWL

March 20th – Led by Youth Group

March 27th – Led by Children's Faith Formation



THERE IS NO MASS AFTER THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.



Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11V

In Genesis, Adam falls in a garden of abundance. He lacks nothing, yet he doubts God's goodness and reaches for more. The temptation is subtle: You need something beyond what God has given you. In contrast, in Gospel of Matthew 4, Jesus stands in the desert—hungry, alone, and weak—yet refuses the devil's offers of bread, safety, and power. Where Adam grasped, Jesus trusts. Where Adam disobeyed, Jesus obeys. As Paul the Apostle teaches, Christ is the new Adam who reverses the fall. We, amid our abundance, are also often tempted. We think, if only I had more than enough, I wouldn't be tempted. Lent invites us into that same desert. Abundance does not free us from temptation—self-denial does.

Pray: keep your eyes on Jesus. Fast: deny yourself some of the abundant goods.

Give alms: give away what you give up.

Intentions of the Holy Father for February

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

February 22, 2026

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.

Archbishop's Fund for Mission Advancement – Special Collection (February 21-22)

On the First Sunday of Lent, we invite your contribution to the Diocesan & Missionary Works special collection, which supports the **Archbishop's Fund for Mission Advancement**. This fund helps Archbishop Dampousse respond quickly and generously to real needs and to opportunities that support the mission of the Church, especially here in the Archdiocese of Ottawa–Cornwall.

Most of what is given stays right here in our diocese, supporting evangelization, youth and family ministry, Catholic education and campus ministry, and other charitable works close to home.



During Lent, adults from across our Archdiocese gather for the Rite of Election, publicly affirming their desire to enter the Catholic Church. At Easter, they will be fully welcomed into the Church through the sacraments of initiation.

The entire Archdiocese is invited to celebrate this moment of grace. Our presence is a visible witness to the faith of the Church welcoming them and the prayers that are surrounding them.

Date: March 1, 2026

Time: 2:30pm

Venue: Notre-Dame Cathedral-Basilica

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, March 29th**.



Why become a Catholic Women's League member? Each week we will present a word that may spark your interest.



“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, 2026. Applications can be mailed in or dropped off at the office. For any questions contact Winnie Kerfoot, Bursary Committee Chair at wkerfoot@gmail.com



Please join us on Wednesday, March 18th, at 6 pm for our parish Lenten Penance Service. Visiting priests will be available.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER



Council 12401 will be holding its next general meeting on Thursday, February 26 in the parish hall.

- 6:30 PM Rosary
- 7:00 PM Fellowship with Coffee and sweets
- 7:30 PM General Meeting

Looking forward to seeing all the members on Thursday evening.