

Fifth 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, March 21st

4:30pm Repose of the souls of Helliker - Coffey families by Margaret Helliker

Sunday, March 22nd – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

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

Wednesday, March 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord

9:30am Repose of the soul of Nancy Tytler by Pete & Cathy Gambell

Thursday, March 26th

9:00am Repose of the soul of Jim Munro by Lee and Claudette Winchester

Friday, March 27th

9:00am Repose of the souls of Kveta Kaplan by the Kaplan family

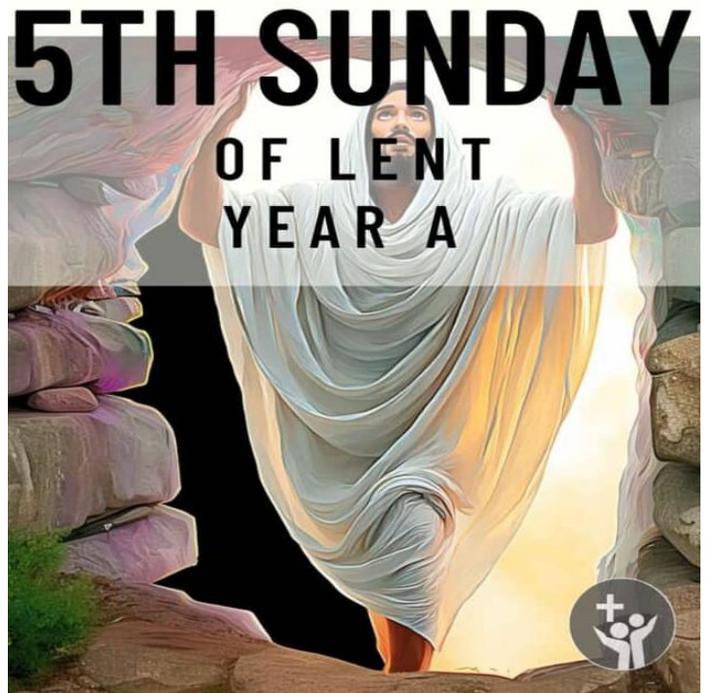
Saturday, March 28th

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Ralph Fiegen by the James family

Sunday, March 29th – Palm Sunday

9:00am Wedding anniversary of Stefania and Carlos Vinueza

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor



Readings: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

“And Jesus wept” (John 11:35). Though it is the shortest verse in all of Scripture, it carries deep meaning. In the moment, Jesus stands with Martha and Mary at the tomb of Lazarus. Even knowing He is about to raise Lazarus, He does not rush past their grief—He enters into it.

This reveals a God who is not distant or detached, but deeply personal and compassionate. Jesus, Lord of all, knows each of us intimately, just as He knew Martha and Mary. His tears show that our pain matters to Him. He does not dismiss it or stand above it; He shares in it.

In the same way, Jesus meets us in our own struggles. He draws near to us in our sorrow, not only to bring restoration, but to walk with us through it.

Intentions of the Holy Father for March

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Mass of the Lord's Supper
Holy Thursday, April 2nd - 7:00 pm

Passion of the Lord
Good Friday, April 3rd - 3:00 pm

▪ **Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4th - 8:00 pm**

▪ **Resurrection of the Lord**
Sunday April 5th - 9:00 am and 10:45 am

March 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PLEASE JOIN US ON FRIDAY, MARCH 27th AT 6:00 PM LED BY THE CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION. THERE IS NO MASS AFTER THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.



CHRISM MASS

Join us on March 31st at 5:00 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.

THE ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere.

At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026.

Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use Credit Cards, Interac, or Canadahelps, accessible at: www.commissariat.ca, in the "Support Us" link.

Fr. Robert Mokry, o.f.m.,
Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada

Bill C-218 (Right to Recover Act) would make it illegal to provide MAiD for individuals whose sole condition is mental illness. Second reading is set for early April 2026, with a vote expected by mid-April. If it fails, MAiD eligibility for mental illness begins March 17, 2027.

1 in 5 Canadians experience mental illness. We must offer care, hope, and protection—not death.

Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca and urge your MP to support Bill C-218.

ATTENTION GRADE 12 STUDENTS

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.

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



"MENTORSHIP" – Mentorship includes guidance, inspiration, and encouragement. The Catholic Women's League is a sisterhood of mentors willing to walk with you. Come be part of the journey..

Legion of Mary Ottawa

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope!*



ACIES

Saturday, March 28

@10:00 am to 12:00 pm

ST. PATRICKS BASILICA, 220 Kent St. Ottawa

Leader: Fr. Hezuk Shroff

The event will start with Legion prayers in the SCAVI downstairs followed by a talk by Fr. Shroff and procession ceremony for renewal of promise.

Our yearly consecration of ourselves to Mary, whom uses us to do work for Christ is a service where we declare "I am all thine my Queen and my mother, and all that I have is thine".

Active & Auxiliary Members

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

This Solidarity Sunday, Development & Peace — Caritas Canada's On Track for Justice campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER



The Next General Meeting of the Knights of Columbus Council 12401 will be on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.