

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time~Year A

Diocesan Theme: THE FAMILY: HOME OF LOVE, MERCY AND JOY.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace..." (Galatians 5.22)

Parish Mission Statement: "LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES"

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21st ~St. Agnes

4:30 pm For the intentions of the Quinton family by Theresa James

Sunday, January 22nd ~Third Sunday in ordinary time

9:00 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Bibiana Dodd by the CWL members

Tuesday, January 24th ~St. Francis De Sales

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Anna Balkovec by John and Lisa Serjak

Wednesday, January 25th ~ The Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 am

Thursday, January 26th ~St. Timothy and St. Titus

9:00 am For God's blessing and favor upon Chantal & A.J. Plant and their entire family by Fr. Anthony Mary Ibeazor

Friday, January 27th

9:00 am

Saturday, January 28th ~St. Thomas Aquinas

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Vivian Roy by her family

Sunday, January 29th ~Fourth Sunday in ordinary time

9:00 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Marcel Lemery by Jacqueline Lemery and family

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

January 15th, 2017~\$3,331.30

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY:

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice. That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

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Reflections

In today's first reading, it was said, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined." Similar words are found in the Gospel of John where it is stated, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him."

Today's second reading reveals to us that walking in the light means to be united in Christ. In this particular letter, St. Paul appealed to the Corinthians to be in agreement with each other, that there be no divisions among them. In the Catholic faith community where Christ is present, there should be perfect harmony among the believers because of their fellowship and unity with Christ. We must be united in our thinking. We must fix our eyes on Christ. And we must accept the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit that sanctifies us through the church sacraments for the glory of the heavenly Father. These are sound Catholic teachings that have been, are today, and shall be until the end of time.

Today's Gospel reading made us realize that what was prophesied by Isaiah was fulfilled through Jesus. After John the Baptist had been imprisoned by Herod Antipas, as prophesied, Jesus withdrew "to Galilee" and began His own proclamation.

Many came to hear the message of Jesus, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." They followed Jesus wherever He went. When Jesus preached, they sat and listened carefully to every word that He said. By the Word of God, they were lifted out of the shadow of death, the light of God having dawned on them.

When we received the Sacrament of Confirmation, we were sent forward to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom and to defend the Catholic faith. As we continue with the celebration of the holy mass, let us ask the Lord Jesus to give us the strength and perseverance to answer His calling so we may faithfully serve the Lord according to His divine will.

Have a great week

January 22nd, 2017

Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?

WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office.

You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tues. Jan. 24th~Adult choir~7:30~church
Tues. Jan. 24th ~First communion class~6:00-7:00 pm~hall
Wed. Jan. 25th~Edge youth group ~6:30-8:30pm~hall
Thurs. Jan. 26th~Confirmation class~6:00pm-7:00pm~hall
Thurs. Jan. 26th~K Of C~general meeting~7:30pm-hall

NEXT WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Tues. Jan. 31st~Adult choir~7:30~church
Tues. Jan. 31st~First communion class~6:00-7:00 pm~hall
Wed. Feb. 1st~Edge youth group ~6:30-8:30pm~hall
Thurs. Feb. 2nd ~Confirmation class~6:00pm-7:00pm~hall

MAN OF THE SHROUD EXHIBIT: The "Man of the Shroud" exhibit is coming to St. Isidore Roman Catholic Church, Kanata, **April 4-11**. This is a scholastic exhibit, with a dramatic actual-size digital authentic reproduction of "The Shroud of Turin" printed on linen. Guest speakers: Mr. Barrie Schwartz, official photographer for the "Shroud of Turin Research Project" and Dr. Phillip Wiebe, Professor of Philosophy at Trinity Western University. A great educational field trip opportunity, with student and adult seminars provided during the exhibit. Free event is made possible by The Vancouver Shroud Association and the Archdiocese of Ottawa; donations accepted. Everyone is welcome. Info: <http://www.the-shroud.org/>; follow on twitter@TheShroudOrg.

Alpha Program - Beginning Monday, February 6, 2017. We are pleased to announce that the Alpha course is coming soon. It will be held in the parish hall from 6.45PM- 8:30PM on Monday nights starting February 6. Please start passing the message on to family and friends who are seeking to find out more about the faith and God. More details over the next few weeks. Please speak to Deacon Allan for further information.

During the flu season, it is acceptable to omit the handshake at the "Sign of Peace". Please note that there are hand sanitizers available at both entrances to the Church.

"CDSBEO schools are now accepting new student registrations for September 2017! We invite parents to call the school to make an appointment to visit during Kindergarten Registration Week, which begins Monday, January 16. Please visit the CDSBEO website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca for information on how to register your child. We look forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten!"

PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL is available to go home with a family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for one week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Margaret Robertson, Eleanor Kelly,
Addie Pittman, Marthe Lepine,
Alyssa Gauthier and
Melanie Joannette.

BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT



*Samuel Asher Leo Harps,
Jason Evans Kavanaugh,
Jacob James Robbie Kavanaugh*
Welcome to the family of God

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