

## **Eighth 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, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm** For the repose of the soul of Tom Mascaro by the James family

#### **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>-Eighth Sunday in ordinary time**

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Claudette Pare by Mary Payment

**10:45 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

#### **Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm** -For the healing intentions of David Parenteau by Denise Parenteau

#### **Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>-Ash Wednesday**

**7:00 pm**

#### **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00 am**

#### **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00 am** -For the intentions of Agnes Tanguay by the CWL

#### **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm** For the intentions of the Guertin family by the staff of MTCS

#### **Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>-First Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Claudette Pare by the K of C members

**10:45 am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

#### **YOUR OFFERINGS FOR**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017~\$2,704.00**

***Thank you for your generosity and support***

#### ***INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY:***

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

#### **~IN OUR PRAYERS~**

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

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

### **Pastor's Corner**

In today's first reading, God assures us that He will never abandon us His children. We hear similar consoling words from Jesus Himself in the gospel: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life..." The point is clear: Jesus is not suggesting that we live a care-free life without a worry in this valley of tears. No! Rather, He asks us, His disciples, to see beyond our real fears to a God who knows us and values us. We are God's precious children, who like a caring mother, always knows the needs of His children and is ready and willing to provide for them. All we need to do is to trust in Him with all our heart!

### **Ash Wednesday**

Our Lenten journey begins this Wednesday, March 1, with the imposition of ashes. I invite you to do all you can to make this year's Lent a truly life-changing experience. Lent helps us to draw closer to God and rediscover who we are through acts of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are reminded that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. However, I also encourage you to observe other Fridays in Lent as a day of abstinence for your own spiritual good and that of your loved ones. Our Ash Wednesday liturgy in which ashes will be distributed starts at 7 pm in the church. Please join us.

### **Liturgical Changes**

In the coming days and weeks and month, we will be implementing some of the changes regarding liturgy and liturgical roles here in our parish. Some of these changes have already been in effect in the Church following the introduction of the New Roman Missal four or five years ago. During a liturgical workshop organized for our ministers and volunteers last December it was decided that these changes be implemented in our parish as a sign of our unity with the entire Body of Christ. So, as we take on these steps, I crave your patience and cooperation as we do this together in a spirit of oneness.

God is good!

Fr. Paul

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**Email: [admin@olmm.ca](mailto:admin@olmm.ca)**

Ash  
Wednesday

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Mon. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>~Rosary making group  
~7:00 -8:30pm in the hall  
Tues. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>~Adult choir~7:30~church  
Tues. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>~First communion class~6:00-7:00  
pm~hall  
Wed. March 1<sup>st</sup>~Edge youth group~6:30-8:30pm~hall  
Thurs. March 2<sup>nd</sup>~Confirmation class~6:00pm-  
7:00pm~hall



Why do we call our youth ministry program The EDGE? Well, students in grades 6 - 8 are not little children anymore but they are also not teenagers. They are sitting there on the EDGE, not quite sure where they fit in yet. Our EDGE program gives them a place of freedom to be themselves and to explore who God is with other students their age.

**Call for Conscience Campaign** seeks to include conscience protection in provincial legislation with regard to Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID). It asks MPP's to support amendments to Bill 84 that would provide robust conscience protection for health care workers and create a care coordination service which protects both patients and health care workers. Let your MPP know your views **asap** using the tool at:

<http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/ontario>

**There will be an information session** for a 30 hour Palliative Care Training Course sponsored by Eastern Counties Carrefor and Hospice Care Ottawa on Monday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:30 pm at Russell Meadows.

**HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:** If you have a family member who is homebound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist please notify the parish.

**BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT**



**Welcome to the family of God**  
Neil David Fitzsimons,  
Renata Lori Butt, and  
Nate Gerstgrasser

**MINISTRY SHORTAGE AT 9:00 A.M. MASS**

The number of sacristans, ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at the 9:00 a.m. mass has dwindled. If anyone would like to serve God and your parish by becoming involved in any of these ministries please contact Heather Sisk at [heatherasisk@gmail.com](mailto:heatherasisk@gmail.com) or at [613-443-2870](tel:613-443-2870)

**Miriam Centre - Support Services**

We offer emotional and practical support to anyone facing a difficult pregnancy. Follow-up is provided after the birth of the baby. We also reach out with love and compassion to those suffering from the loss of a child through abortion, miscarriage or infant death. We share their pain and help them experience healing and peace. Free and confidential. To contact us: 613-830-8623, [info@miriamottawa.org](mailto:info@miriamottawa.org), [www.miriamottawa.org](http://www.miriamottawa.org)

**LENT STARTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>.**

**PLEASE JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT FOR THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, AT 7:00PM**

March 3 – Led by Fr. Paul  
March 10 – Led by Dn. Tom  
March 17 – Led by Dn. Allan  
March 24 – Led by The CWL  
March 31 – Led by the EDGE  
April 7 – Led by the KoC

