

Second Sunday of Lent~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, March 11th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Claudette Pare by Andre and June Pare

Sunday, March 12th~Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Dottie Vandemark by the Doyle family

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

Tuesday, March 14th

7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15th

8:30 am~at STA

Thursday, March 16th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Ron Lacroix by the Lacroix/Coleman family

Friday, March 17th

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of John McCarthy by the CWL members

Saturday, March 18th

4:30 pm For the special intentions of Yvette Riel and Antoine Barretto-Duval

Sunday, March 19th~Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Ovila Boucher by the Doyle family

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

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

March 5th, 2017~\$4,259.45

Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH:

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

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

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Email: admin@olmm.ca

Sunday Reflection

Looking before me, what do I see? I see the children of the Lord gathered as a faith community to celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. Our Christian gathering, one of thousands that are taking place today throughout the world, is a perfect example of how the grace of God is working through each and every one of us to merge us as one body.

Today's First Reading from the Book of Genesis

involved the divine calling of Abraham to become the spiritual father of the people of God. Without the fiat of Abraham, salvation would not have come to us. Having been blessed by the free grace of the Heavenly Father, the atoning sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, we owe our gratitude to our spiritual father, Abraham. The reward of Divine blessings that Abraham received, we too have received it. May God be praised forever!

Today's Second Reading from the Second Letter of Timothy

is a reminder that God calls each and every one of us. God wants us to become holy, reminding us that we have received our life and immortality through the gospel. Therefore, we are called to "Join... in suffering for the gospel.

During today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew,

we heard that in the company of Peter, James and his brother John, Jesus transfigured on a high mountain. My brothers and sisters in Christ, today's three readings remind us that the Heavenly Father sent His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, so we may be saved through the grace and mercy of a loving God who never abandoned us. Before we were created, the Lord God called us with a holy calling. Through Christ, He showed us the way, the truth and the life.

Instituted by Christ Himself, the holy catholic church commands us to prepare ourselves for the great Feast of Easter that approaches. So we may be holy on that day as Jesus is holy, we are called to repent of our sins and receive the sacrament of confession. Then, having been made righteous in Christ, the Lord God will no longer remember our sins. And having been raised to a state of holiness, we will all qualify to join together in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Easter Sunday.

Have a great week!

March 12th, 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. March 13th~Rosary making group
~7:00 -8:30pm in the hall
Tues. March 14th~Adult choir~7:30~church
Tues. March 14th~First communion class~6:00-7:00
pm~hall
Wed. March 15th~Edge youth group~6:30-
8:30pm~hall
Thurs. March 16th~Confirmation class~6:00pm-
7:00pm~hall

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 or at [613-443-2870](tel:613-443-2870).

Parishioners who wish to sponsor a child in Honduras or make a goodwill donation in cash or by cheque are asked to make use of the specially marked envelopes in the foyer. Envelopes can be deposited in the regular church collection basket at any mass.

Applications are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within one year of graduating from grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$400.00. For more information and/or to obtain an application form please refer to the parish web site or after March 28 contact Mary Payment, Bursary Committee Chairperson at [613-496-1170](tel:613-496-1170). Deadline for completed applications is April 30, 2017.

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of 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 pews including your donation. Thank you.

The church is in need of reliable counters for the weekly collections. If you can spare about an hour every second week please call the office. Thank you.



March 15 – If you are in Gr. 6 – 8 then come on out and enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Escape Room with the EDGE. Come wearing as much green as you can and eat our green snacks. Inspired by Escape Manor's fun and exciting escape adventures. We will escape the dark clutches of the basement and journey towards the king's castle and all his hidden treasures on a quest to figure out the mystery that is God in the trinity.

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>

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

"Notice - On Sunday, March 26, the church will be CLOSED from 12 noon till 5pm for a Special K of C Event."

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

March 17 – Led by Fr. Paul
March 24 – Led by the CWL
March 31 – Led by the EDGE
April 7 – Led by the KoC