



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time~Year A

Diocesan Theme: **The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World**

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience
...above all, clothe yourselves with love!” (*Colossians 3.12, 14*)

Parish Mission Statement: “LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES”

Mass  for the
Intentions  for the
Week

Gospel Reflection

A key to the reading:

In the Gospel Jesus tells us of the need to forgive our brothers and sisters. It is not easy to forgive. There are some offences and insults that go on hurting us. Some say: “I forgive, but not forget, I cannot forget!” “Resentment, tensions, different opinions, and provocations make it difficult to forgive and be reconciled. Why is it that forgiving is so difficult? Do I create a space in my family, my community, my work and my relationships for reconciliation and forgiveness? How? Let us meditate on the third part of the “Sermon on the Community” (Mt 18:21-35), where Matthew puts together the sayings and parables of Jesus on limitless forgiveness. As you read, think of yourself and try to look back on your life.

And then have a moment of prayerful silence so that the Word of God may penetrate and enlighten our life.

Some questions to help us in our personal reflection.

- Which part of the parable struck you most? Why?
- What counsels does Jesus give us to help us reconcile and forgive?
- Looking in the mirror of the parable, with which character do I identify myself most: the king who wants to audit his servants or with the forgiven servant who does not want to forgive his companion?
- Looking at the present situation of our family, our community, our church, our society and our world, is there among us a space for forgiveness and reconciliation so that reconciliation spreads among us? Where do we need to begin so that reconciliation may spread among us?

Final Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the Word that has enabled us to understand better the will of the Father. May your Spirit enlighten our actions and grant us the strength to practice that which your Word has revealed to us. May we, like Mary, your mother, not only listen to but also practise the Word. You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

Saturday, September 16th ~St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian

4:30pm For the repose of the soul of Dawn Cottrell by Deacon Tom and Faith Stephenson

Sunday, September 17th~Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the intentions of all students and teachers as they begin a new school year

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

Tuesday, September 19th

7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 20th ~St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and companions

8:30 am~at STA

9:30am~at OLMM

Thursday, September 21st~St. Matthew

9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Rita May Munro by Jim and Jane Munro

Friday, September 22nd

9:00 am

Saturday, September 23rd~St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Leo Beaudin by Don & Kristina Beaudin

Sunday, September 24th~Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am For the intentions of Kaetlyn Joannette by the Watson family

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

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

Sept. 10th, 2017~\$3,729.05

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER:

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca

Email: admin@olmm.ca

Have a great week!

September 17th, 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. Sept. 18th~Rosary making group~7:00-8:30pm~hall
- Tues. Sept. 19th~Adult choir~7:30~church
- Wed. Sept 20th ~PPC meeting-hall-7:30pm

Let's Appreciate Our Volunteers

Our volunteers are always caring, always sharing! Their dedication and gift of time are invaluable. The work they do in some way promote God's love within us and allows us as a community to grow and shine as sons and daughters of God. We cannot thank them enough! There will be a volunteer appreciation party in honour of ALL our parish volunteers on Tuesday, September 26 in the parish hall immediately following the 7 pm mass. As the French writer Marcel Proust once wrote: "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy: they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

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For those of our family, friends and neighbors who want to find out more about the Christian faith, then Alpha is an ideal program to meet that need. For those of us who want to meet in fellowship and explore dimensions of our faith, then please come and join us. The starting date is Wednesday September 27th, 2017, for ten weeks. We will begin with dinner and fellowship at 6:15 to 7:00pm. Then the program will run from 7:00 to 8:15pm. Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

Collection - Needs of the Church in Canada: This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the National Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly (Ontario). The collection is scheduled for the weekend of **Sept. 24.**

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:
Jenifer Gunton, Jean Gaede,
Yvette Barretto-Duval, and Noreen Plant.

Gifts and Services Campaign

Next weekend, September 23/24, is our parish annual gifts and services campaign. This is a time parishioners are invited to sign up as volunteers to help in one ministry or another in our parish. Volunteering is one of the great ways of getting involved in the life of our parish and more so a way of saying 'thank you' to God for the gifts He has given us - time, talents and abilities. There is a need for volunteers in all areas of our parish life. Please consider signing up in one or more of the different ministries in our parish as a way of contributing to the growth of the body of Christ.

FALL 2017 CAMPAIGN WOMEN AT THE HEART OF PEACE: MAY PEACE BE UPON HER

This fall D&P has launched a new campaign called Women at the Heart of Peace: May Peace Be upon Her. This campaign invites us to learn more about the role women play in conflict prevention and peace building. Join us in paying tribute to the women who build peace in communities around the world. To learn more about how you can be part of this campaign, please join us at our fall workshop, Saturday, September 30, 2017 9:00 am to 3:00pm. There is no registration fee and refreshments are complimentary. For more information, please speak with Janyce Elser-Ethier at 613-618-5749 or janyceelser93@yahoo.com.

SICK CALLS: Please call the parish office if a parishioner is ill, hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the sacrament of the sick, reconciliation or Holy Communion. Hospitals or other facilities often do not contact us regarding spiritual needs.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be serving breakfast next Sunday, September 24th after both Masses downstairs in the church hall. In addition to our traditional breakfast, our menu will include delicious omelets and best ever homemade waffles topped with fresh whipped cream. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, or \$24 for families. Come and enjoy good food and fellowship.

Have you been missing the fellowship from attending coffee Sundays? If so please feel free to sign up and host an up-coming coffee Sunday. Sign up sheets are posted just outside the kitchen. Thank you all in advance.