Matthew 22 34-40

Thirtieth 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"

The Greatest Commandment



Saturday, October 28th~St. Simon and St. Jude 4:30pm For the intentions of all married couples Sunday, October 29th ~Thirtieth Sunday in **Ordinary Time 9:00 am** For the birthday intentions of Joseph Urlocker/Lalonde by his family **10:45am** For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor Tuesday, October 31st 7:00 pm Wednesday, November 1st~All Saints Day 8:20 am~at STA 9:30am~at OLMM~For the healing intentions of Carolyn Pol by the Urlocker/Lalonde family Thursday, November 2nd~All Souls' Day 9:00 am~For all souls in purgatory by Donna McKluskv Friday, November 3rd 9:00 am Saturday, November 4th ~St. Charles Borromeo **4:30 pm** ~For the deceased family members of the McKlusky family by Donna McKlusky Sunday, November 5th~Thirty First 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 Roger Rochon by Pauline Tyo and family October 22nd, 2017~\$2,830.50 Thank you for your generosity and support

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR NOVEMBER;

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

~<u>IN OUR PRAYERS</u>~

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

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at <u>www.olmm.</u>ca *Email: admin@olmm.ca*

Gospel Summary

Trying to trick Jesus into saying something contrary to Moses, the Pharisees asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. Jesus responded by saying that we are to love God with all our heart, our soul, and mind. Secondly, we are to love our neighbor as our self.

Reflection For Families

Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbor, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.

Bringing The Gospel Into Your Family

Read your parish bulletin together (or newspaper, etc.) to see where your family might live out this gospel message. What neighbor is in need of your help? Keep in mind that whatever you do for this person, you do also for God.

Discussion Starters

1. A time I remember when someone showed compassion to me was when.....

2. The thing about me that makes it difficult for me to love completely is.....

3. One sacrifice I make in order to follow these two commandments is....



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 am

October 29th, 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.

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THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon. Oct. 30th~Rosary making group~7:00-8:30pm~hall Tues. Oct. 31st ~Adult choir~7:30~church Wed. Nov. 1st~Alpha Session~6:00-9:00pm (Cancelled)

The Parish is Seeking A Part time Maintenance Worker OLMM is seeking a self motivated and reliable individual to complete various maintenance tasks around the church and rectory. Tasks include, but not limited to cutting grass, painting, cleaning windows, general repairs and upkeep as well as dialoging with professional contractors. Please submit your name and credentials to the parish office.

The Prophecy Fulfilled: Bible Study on The Gospel of Matthew: Six sessions with Fr. Daryold Winkler held every Wednesday evening during the month of November at 6:30 p.m. and repeated every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. beginning Nov. 1 or Nov. 2. St. Elizabeth Parish, 1303 Leaside Ave. No cost. Info: 613-725-2242.

We will be having a special prayer service at the OLMM cemetery on Thursday Nov. 2nd, at 3:00pm. We will be doing prayers of the departed, blessing of the headstones and praying the rosary together.

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.

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.

On All Saints day Wednesday November 1st, there will be a special mass at 7:00pm. All the children are invited to come dressed in their saintly costumes.

Theology, Philosophy and literature workshops for high school, primary level students and adults!

Private Catholic School Academia Stella Maris is offering new 6 week workshops in Metcalfe at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish starting November 9, 2017: Theology - What is Love? ; Philosophy - Intro to Moral Philosophy ; Socratic Analysis of the classical text *The Lost World* To register and to receive more information please visit

www.academiastellamaris.ca or call Stephanie at <u>343-883-6600</u>. Please register before November 4, 2017. First Friday Adoration~ Friday, November 3rd, 4:00 pm to Saturday, November 4th, 4:00pm. Academia Stella Maris' Fall Fundraiser: Paint with Paint and Sip: An evening of painting a nativity scene with the guidance of painter Lorena Sollows. Fri., Nov. 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Sainte Euphémie, Casselman OR Sat., Nov. 25, 6:30-9:30p.m. at Blessed Sacrament. Tickets: www.academiastellamaris.ca.

Seminar by Shaunti Feldhahn: Kindness Changes Everything. The Chamber, Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centrepointe Dr., **Fri., Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.** Registration at 7 p.m. Cost: \$25/person, \$40/couple. Sponsored/hosted by Neeje Association for Women and Family (http://neeje.ca/). Info: gdroussy@bell.net; 819-770-3578.

Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead?

On November 2 the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls, when we remember all who have died. During the month of November, Catholics continue to pray for the deceased, trusting them to God's loving mercy.

For most Catholics, the idea of praying for the deceased is really second nature. We have blessing prayers for the body of someone who's just died, we have wake services, funeral masses, graveside services, and often memorial masses on the anniversary of someone's death.

To some people, this doesn't appear to make much sense. Once someone has passed on, they're in God's hands, so what's the point in all that prayer? They're facing God's judgment, so what can our prayers accomplish anyway? Well, we believe they can accomplish a lot.

First of all, Catholics believe in purgatory. Without going in to too much detail, this means that some of us aren't ready for heaven when we die, and aren't evil enough to face eternal damnation. So, some period of purification is necessary before we're ready to face God's glory. In part, our prayers for the deceased ask God to show mercy to those souls. From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"THE FINAL PURIFICATION, OR PURGATORY "- (1030) All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. But our prayers for the deceased are not only prayers of supplication. They are also prayers of praise, which remind us of God's goodness and mercy. If you listen closely to the prayers at a Catholic funeral, you'll hear a clear expression of our hope in the resurrection.

Gone to the Father

🕆 Fred Gaede