



## Fifth Sunday of Lent~Year B

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

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30pm**~For the repose of the soul of Eileen Mannion by her daughter Deirdre Larocque

**Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>~Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 am** For the repose of the soul of Jeannine Lalonde by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

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

**Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**8:20am at STA**

**9:30am at OLMM**

**Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9:00 am**

**Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00 am**

**Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm**~For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

**Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>~Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**9:00 am**~For the intentions of Jim Gannon on the occasion of his confirmation by the Kwok family

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

### ~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Alice Lavigne, Melanie Joannette,  
& Marie Kirkham

### YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018~\$3,876.60**

**Thank you for your generosity and support**

### INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH;

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

### Reflection

There are only a couple weeks left in Lent, actually somewhat less than that, as there is a Sixth Sunday of Lent next week, but Lent officially ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

As our Lenten season approaches its completion, the readings on this Fifth Sunday of Lent focuses on the salvation offered to us by Jesus and our own need for penance and reconciliation always, but especially at this time.

Jeremiah was one of the longest serving prophets. He was a prophet through the reign of five kings of Judah. One of Jeremiah's most common themes, one that is addressed in our First Reading, was the restoration of God's covenant. He addresses this new covenant in this way: "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah."

Although the Second Reading taken from the Letter to the Hebrews is brief, it richly fulfills Jeremiah's prophecy and another perspective of our redemption and salvation. We are called to obey the Lord and Lent is a time for us to work on that. Jesus struggled with obedience at times; however, He finally obeyed perfectly.

We may nonetheless misunderstand what Jesus is praying for when He asks that the cup be taken away from Him. In reality His prayer was not to escape God's will, but to accept it — that prayer was definitely heard. Is that our prayer, to appeal to God to relieve us of suffering and to make our lives more ideal? Or is our prayer to accept God's will. Is that not what we pray every time we say the Our Father when we invoke the Lord by saying "Thy will be done?" That is our true challenge, to accept and live with God's will, not to dispute it.

This Gospel is so full of information for us. Just after the Lord announces His hour has come, He also says, "Whoever serves me must follow me." To be a disciple of Jesus we must follow Him. That does not mean you quit your job or abandon your family, but it does mean that everything you do should be as a servant and follower of Jesus.

Blessings,  
Have a great week!

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**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 First Sunday Of Lent**

**Lent Penance Service**

Lent is a time to "make straight the way of the Lord." The best way of preparing the way of the Lord, therefore, is to rid our hearts, through the sacrament of reconciliation, of those clutters that may impede Christ from coming into our hearts, so as to make room for Him. So please join us this Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm for our Parish Lent Penance Service. Visiting priests will be available.

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**Our Knights of Columbus council 12401** delivered 59 bags/59lbs food and \$70 cash to the food bank on February 25<sup>th</sup>. We wish to thank the parish for their generosity.

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**Academia Stella Maris' Spring Workshops** : Spring semester registrations are now open; register and find more details online at [www.academiastellamaris.ca](http://www.academiastellamaris.ca) or by phone 343-883-6600 before March 28. Workshops offered this Spring: Ancient Greek Culture and Thought: Piety in Sophocles and Plato; Applied Latin: Aquinas' commentary on the Lord's Prayer; Greek II; Latin IV; Excellence in writing; Logical Fallacies II; French Part III.

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**Parishioners wishing to sponsor a child in Honduras** or make a general donation are asked to use the specially marked envelopes available in the pews. Please follow the instructions contained in the envelopes. Thank you.

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**Chrism Mass: At Notre Dame Cathedral**, Tues., Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass.

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**Communion and Liberation - Way of the Cross:** On Good Friday, March 30, through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Led by Most. Rev. Terrence Prendergast S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa. Departure at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent St. Arrival around 12:00 Noon at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Info: David McConkey ( [clonottawa@gmail.com](mailto:clonottawa@gmail.com)).

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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING:** Notre Dame Cathedral, Sun., May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. For couples celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 + years of marriage in 2018. Families & friends are most welcome. Forms must be returned before April 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board beside the side entrance.

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



Congratulations to all the children who received Confirmation on March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tristan, Meagan, Brynn, Trinity, Victoria, Jaynah, Sarah, Samuel, Katelyn, Frederic, Destiny, Sydney, Connor, Addyson, Liam, Cassandra, Ryan, Conor, Valerie, Abby, Isabel, Emily, Jacob, and Teagan.



**LENT**

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

March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Led by the KoC



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**EASTER FLOWERS:** Parishioners can help beautify the church for Easter by making a donation for church flowers 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. Cutoff date is March 25<sup>th</sup>.



Holy Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>~7:00pm  
Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Good Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>~Outdoor "Way of the Cross" (meet at the arena at 10:00am)  
Passion Service~3:00pm  
Easter Vigil Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>~8:00pm  
Easter Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup>, ~9:00am, 10:45am