# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time-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"



# Saturday, Sept. 1

**4:30pm-**For the repose of the soul of Bill Melenhorst by Riek Melenhorst & family

**Sunday, Sept. 2-Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am-**For the repose of the soul of Bradley Norton by Nana & Papa

**10:45am-**For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor **Tuesday, Sept. 4** 

**7:00 pm**-For the intentions of the Rebelo family on the occasion of Johnathons wedding by the James family

Wednesday, Sept. 5

9:30am

Thursday, Sept. 6

**9:00 am-**For the intentions of Liam Marshall by his Godparents

Friday, Sept. 7

**9:00 am-**For the repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

**Saturday, Sept. 8-The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 4:30 pm-**For the intentions of Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence by Nellie Nahri

**Sunday, Sept. 9- Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am-**For the repose of Steve Sediva by Marie & Angelo Bertolozzi

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 Joanette, & Marie Kirkham

# YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

AUGUST 26th, 2018-\$2,940.45 Thank you for your generosity and support

# INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER:

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

# CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca Email: admin@olmm.ca

# **Gospel Summary**

The Pharisees and Scribes in today's Gospel reading were eager to point out the religious traditions that some of the disciples were breaking. Jesus chided them, pointing out that they were more concerned with keeping the traditions than they were with keeping God's laws. Jesus explained that what is most important is what comes from within a person, and from a person's heart.

# **Reflection For Parents**

A story passed on by a Native American father to his son describes the torment of two wolves living inside the father's head. One wolf was evil and vicious. The other was kind and loving. When the son questioned his father about which wolf reacted in certain situations, the father explained that it was whichever wolf he fed.

Reread Verses 21-23 From Today's Gospel. Reflect on whether you are feeding any of the attitudes or behaviors listed. Invite God to create a new heart in you and to give you a right spirit. Think about what you can do to feed your heart and spirit so that they grow in generosity, goodness, purity, truth, and faithfulness.

# **Bringing The Good News Into Your Family**

Prepare together several cut-out hearts from red construction paper. Write on the hearts, "You have a good heart!" Gather the hearts in a basket, and place the basket on your family prayer table. Talk with your family about ways you know that a person has a good heart. For example, if a family member takes time to help mom fold laundry without being asked to do so, that family member has a good heart. If another family member donates his or her change to the parish's ministry to the poor, that person has a good heart. Invite family members to give a heart to each person they see doing a "good heart" action at home in the coming week. At the end of the week, you may wish to see who has collected the most hearts and to give that person a small prize or a special treat.

#### **Discussion Starters**

A family rule I find hard to follow is... because...

A family rule I think is important to follow is... because...

Someone I know who has a good heart is... because...

Blessings!

# September 2<sup>nd</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

# Life Chain

On Sunday Sept. 30th, Life Chain is asking you to join the pro-life movement as a witness that abortion is in fact, the killing of an innocent life, the life of a baby growing peacefully in its mother's womb. These little ones cannot speak for themselves and so we will stand peacefully and prayerfully to raise awareness of the atrocity of abortion. Join your friends, family and neighbors as we attempt to protect the vulnerability of those waiting to be born. Meet on Sunday, September 30th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the corner of Castor and Concession St.

#### RCIA

As Catholics, we have a precious treasure, one that we not only possess but also can help others to share with us. That treasure is our faith, and we may have friends or relatives who are thinking about becoming Catholic, or may need just a suggestion or question from us to consider joining the Catholic Church. Once they have made a decision to explore the faith, we have a program called RCIA, which stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, to teach them about and guide them on their journey. Whether the person is baptised, not baptised, or even a Catholic who has not been confirmed, this program provides instruction on the basics of the faith. RCIA not only teaches on the intellectual level; it also helps the person to develop in their faith on the spiritual level. The program will be starting in the fall. If you know someone who could be a candidate for becoming Catholic, please invite them to contact the parish office for more details.

# 40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power to end abortion. Our parish will be participating in the Ottawa 40 days for life campaign by covering 12 hours of the prayer and peaceful vigil. The location of the prayer vigil will be slightly different this year because there is a new law which restricts our prayerful presence in a daily prayer vigil across the street from the Bank Street abortuary, so we will gather at Bank and Queen streets. This will take place on Sunday October 21st, between the hours of 7AM and 7 PM. We encourage everyone to volunteer for 1 hour. Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

Please contact Robert Desmarais at r.desmarais@hotmail.ca for more information.

#### WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, welcome to our Parish. Please take a moment to fill in the registration form found on the table in the Church foyer. Say "hello" to Fr. Robert and share fellowship with parishioners at one of our events.

**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.

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**MIRACULOUS MEDAL** is available to go home with a family this week. If you wish to take home Our Lady for one week, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the foyer.

**HONDURAS:** Anyone wishing to donate new or gently used clothing and footwear for children aged 6 to 14 at Santa Teresa school in Honduras should bring them to church and place them in the specially marked bins located in the foyer. Sunday September 23rd is the last day on which donations can be made. For more info. contact Marc Lalonde.

# 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 25 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."

# **Development and Peace - Caritas Canada campaign, Share the Journey**

Every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes because they fear for their lives and safety. Rehana and her family had to find refuge in Bangladesh. "The army opened fire on our village. Our children were terrified. Each day, they asked if we would be attacked, tortured, or burned by the army," she told us. Participate in the Development and Peace Share the Journey campaign to learn more about the causes of forced migration and show your solidarity with those forced to flee their homes.