



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B

Diocesan Theme: **Christ is Everything for Us!** “Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith” (Galatians 6.10b).

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



### **Saturday, Sept. 8- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**4:30pm**-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 the soul of Steve Sediva by Marie & Angelo Bertolozzi

**10:45am**-For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

### **Tuesday, Sept. 11**

**7:00 pm**-For the intentions of Ryan and Samantha Cox on the occasion of their wedding by the James family

### **Wednesday, Sept. 12**

**8:30am**-STA

**9:30am**-OLMM

### **Thursday, Sept. 13-St. John Chrysostom**

**9:00 am**

### **Friday, Sept. 14-The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross**

**9:00 am**-For the repose of the soul of Madeleine Guillet by the Baker family

### **Saturday, Sept. 15-Our Lady Of Sorrows**

**4:30 pm**-For the repose of the soul of Allan Green by the James family

### **Sunday, Sept. 16- Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 am**- For the intentions of the Salvatorian Fathers

**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:**

SEPTEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018-\$3,584.00

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.

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

### **Sunday Reflection**

This Sunday's readings once again illustrate the timeless message of stewardship interwoven throughout the Word of God. Today's readings offer beautiful illustrations of two of the “Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship” — hospitality and service — and the joy that a life lived for others can bring.

The first reading from Isaiah starts off with a powerful message of hope meant to be shared. “Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, He comes with vindication; with divine recompense He comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared.” What a message of encouragement and consolation the prophet is instructed to give!

In our second reading, from the letter of St. James, we see that all are equally worthy of our hospitality. “If a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Sit here, please,’ while you say to the poor one, ‘Stand there,’ or ‘Sit at my feet,’ ...have you not become judges with evil designs?”

Clearly, we are to welcome and serve everyone who walks through our church's doors, extending warmth and a dignified greeting to all. The person who wanders in late to Mass, who is not dressed to our personal standards, may be just the person who is most in need of the message of hope we read of in Isaiah this week.

Sometimes we can offer that message simply with a smile and offer to come and sit next to us in “our” pew. The Gospel reading from Mark gives further illustration of hospitality and service, and the connection between the two. In this passage we find Jesus on the go, and “people brought to Him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged Him to lay His hand on him.”

This scripture passage illustrates a wonderful aspect of stewardship living – we simply cannot outdo our God in generosity. The more we give of ourselves to welcome and serve others for His sake, the more He blesses and strengthens our own faith. This week let's challenge ourselves to step out of our comfort zone to reach out to someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus. We may just find ourselves astonished at what miracles He accomplishes!

Blessings,  
Have a great week!1

September 9<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**

**THIS WEEK AT OLMM**

Tues. Sept. 12-Adult choir-7:30-church  
Thurs. Sept. 13- CWL meeting-7:00pm-hall  
Thurs. Sept. 13-KoC-executive meeting-7:30pm-kitchen  
Fri. Sept. 14-Baptism prep. meeting-7:00pm-hall

**Life Chain**

On Sunday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the corner of Castor and Concession St.

**RCIA**

Just a reminder we have a program called RCIA, which stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, for anyone wishing to become Catholic. 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** 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**COFFEE SUNDAY** 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.

**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.

**PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF THE**

**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 16 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 & PEACE FALL 2018 CAMPAIGN  
SHARE THE JOURNEY**

Dear sisters & brothers in Christ:  
It is in solidarity with the 68.5 million displaced children, women, and men through-out the world that D&P invites all of us to embark, this fall, on a journey of faith, love, and hope. "Hope is the force that drives us to 'share the journey,' because the journey is made jointly: by those who come to our land, and by us, who go towards their heart, to understand them, to understand their culture, their language," stated Pope Francis on September 27, 2017. Please read the campaign materials in the church to learn what we, who have so much, can do for those who have nothing.