



OUR LADY of the MIRACULOUS MEDAL REDISCOVERS CATHOLICISM

“The Church (like so many other things in life) is not so much something we inherit from generations past or take over from our predecessors as it is something on loan to us from future generations.”

Matthew Kelly

What?

OLMM Rediscovered Catholicism is a dynamic, parish-oriented program designed to explore what it means to be a Catholic

today. Building on the results¹ of the OLMM Leadership Conference held in the fall of 2013, the Rediscover Catholicism program is designed to support our parish mission statement: **Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples.** At its heart, the program is intended to help us discover, or rediscover, the genius of Catholicism.

When?

The program will run from Sep 14th to May 10th immediately following each Weekend Mass and Monday evenings. The program will break during the Advent and Lent seasons.

Who?

All parishioners.

Where?

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How?

Our vehicle is Matthew Kelly’s book, *Rediscover Catholicism*. A

¹ Need to **KNOW** our faith, **LIVE** out our faith and **SHARE** our faith.

parishioner or guest speaker will provide a brief presentation immediately after each weekend Mass prior to the final blessing and dismissal. Presentations will follow the corresponding chapter in *Rediscover Catholicism*. The following Monday evening, all interested parishioners are invited to the parish hall to reflect on the book’s chapter and presentation and their relevance to our own everyday lives.

Why?

More than ever, the world needs to hear the Catholic voice. The voice that speaks love, forgiveness, compassion and truth. We need to rediscover our roots, our faith and what it means to be Catholic so that we can be the difference in a broken world. It is hoped that a strengthened understanding of our faith and a conviction in its teachings and truths will allow each and every parishioner **KNOW, LIVE** and **SHARE** their faith.

Materials?

A copy of Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism* will be made available free of charge to every parish family following Masses on the weekends of Sep 6-7 and Sep 13-14.

Frequently Asked Questions

Are we committing to anything if our family takes a copy of Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism*?

Absolutely not! The book and this program will affect each and every person differently. Some may join the program early on while others later. At the very least, we hope that you enjoy the book and that it has an impact on how you see and live your faith.

Why does the program extend after every weekend Mass?

The aim is to reach all members of our parish family. The program is not intended to take away from the sacredness of the Mass. It simply

offers a great opportunity for our entire parish family to collectively share in an aspect of our faith.

How long will each presentation take?

On average, presentations will last no more than 5-10 minutes.

What should I expect from the presentation?

A dynamic and inspiring Catholic message. There is no mold except uniqueness!

Can I volunteer as a guest speaker?

Absolutely! The authenticity and relevance of the program lies in the fact that it is delivered by our very own parish family members. Nothing gets more real than this. If interested please see a PMT member.

Is this a book club?

No. *Rediscover Catholicism* is simply intended to be our vehicle. Each

chapter provides key themes that can serve to guide our discussions and reflections. Ultimately, this is about us, OLMM parishioners and Catholics, exploring the application of our faith in today's world.

Is this worthwhile?

We think so! This program will encourage Catholics to leave the comfort of their own ideas regarding their faith. It will not only teach them the truths, beauty and goodness of their faith, and God's established Church, but will guide each and every one of us to re-examine what it means to be a Catholic today.

Contact. For more information please see a member of the Parish Mission Team (PMT): Dominic Goulet, Meghann Baker or Vince Détilleux.