



Second Sunday Of Advent~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*

A Brief Examination of Conscience Based on the Ten Commandments

Saturday, December 9th

4:30pm~For the intentions of Mr. Trump and Mr.
Pence by Nellie Nahri

Sunday, December 10th~ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am~For the intentions of the parishioners by
the pastor

10:45am~For the repose of the soul of Norm
Duhamel by Linda and family

Tuesday, December 12th~Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 13th~St. Lucy

8:20 am~at STA

9:30am~at OLMM

Thursday, December 14th ~St. John of the Cross

9:00 am

Friday, December 15th

9:00 am

Saturday, December 16th

4:30 pm~For the repose of the soul of Harriette
Nahri by Nellie Nahri

Sunday, December 17th~Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am ~ For the intentions of the parishioners by
the pastor

10:45 am~ For the repose of the Jack Tyo by
Pauline and family

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER: That
the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities,
may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith
and forming the new generations.

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends
especially:
Melanie Joannette,
Noreen Plant and Joan Cook.

**I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange
Gods before me.**

Have I treated people, events, or things more important
than God?

**You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in
vain.** Have my words, actively or passively, put down
God, the Church, or people?

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. Do I go to
Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) and on Holy
Days of Obligation (Jan. 1; the Ascension; Aug. 15; Nov.
1; Dec. 8; Dec. 25)? Do I avoid, when possible, work that
impedes worship to God, joy for the Lord's Day, and
proper relaxation of mind and body? Do I look for ways
to spend time with family or in service on Sunday?

Honor your father and your mother. Do I show my
parents due respect? Do I seek to maintain good
communication with my parents where possible? Do I
criticize them for lacking skills I think they should
have?

You shall not kill. Have I harmed another through
physical, verbal, or emotional means, including gossip
or manipulation of any kind?

You shall not commit adultery. Have I respected the
physical and sexual dignity of others and of myself?

You shall not steal. Have I taken or wasted time or
resources that belonged to another?

**You shall not bear false witness against your
neighbor.** Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished
stories at the expense of another?

You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse. Have I
honored my spouse with my full affection and exclusive
love?

You shall not covet your neighbor's goods. Am I
content with my own means and needs, or do I
compare myself to others unnecessarily?

Christ's Two Commandments

How well do we love God and others? Do we love as
Christ calls us to? In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ gives
us two Commandments: He said to him, "You shall love
the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your
soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and
the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall
love your neighbor as yourself." The whole law and the
prophets depend on these two commandments.

Blessings!

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Email: admin@olmm.ca

December 10th, 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.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon. Dec. 11~Rosary making group~7:00-8:30pm~hall

Tues. Dec. 12~Adult choir~7:30~church

Thurs. Dec. 14~K of C executive meeting~7:30~kitchen

Please help us provide Christmas Hampers for 4 families in need through Waupoos Family Farm. We are gathering gifts and gift cards for these families to help them enjoy a special Christmas at Waupoos Family Farm (www.waupoos.com). There will be a list of suggested gift items for the families in the church foyer as well as a sign up sheet for specific items. All gifts will be collected in the Waupoos Family Farm boxes in the foyer. Gift cards can be handed in at the parish office. Please bring your unwrapped contribution to the church by Sunday, December 17th. For more information please contact Carolyn Cogan at 613-608-9502 or Karen Urlocker at 613-445-2962

CHURCH DECORATIONS & FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Christmas by making a donation for church flowers and decorations 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 Christmas. If you have a loved one you would like to honor in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Deadline for envelopes to be in is December 17th. Thank you! On Sunday December 24th at 9:00am mass we will offer the intentions for all the departed.

On Wednesday, December 13th, there will be a Advent/Christmas mass at the Russell Meadows. All family members and friends of those residing at the meadows are invited to attend.

Advent Penance Service

Advent 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 Wednesday, December 13 at 7 pm for our Parish Advent Penance Service. Visiting priests will be available.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec. 24th ~4:30pm (STA)
 ~7:00pm (OLMM)
 ~9:00pm (OLMM)

Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 25th ~10:00am (OLMM)

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1st ~10:00am (OLMM)

The Beauty of Mercy: Pope Francis and Confession

Since he was elected, Pope Francis has continually emphasized the mercy of a God. Throughout his teachings, the Holy Father has put forth the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a gift of mercy.

"Among the Sacraments, Reconciliation renders present with particular efficacy the merciful face of God:"

"The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a Sacrament of healing. When I go to confession, it is in order to be healed, to heal my soul, to heal my heart and to be healed of some wrongdoing," describes Pope Francis. (General Aud. Feb. 2014)

"Each time we go to confession, God embraces us. God rejoices!" (General Aud. Feb. 2014).

"The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation flows directly from the Paschal Mystery. In fact, on the evening of Easter the Lord appeared to the disciples, who were locked in the Upper Room, and after addressing them with the greeting, 'Peace be with you!', He breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven' (Jn 20:21-23). This passage reveals to us the most profound dynamic contained in this Sacrament."

The Holy Father stresses that forgiveness of our sins is not something that we can give ourselves. In confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus. "Forgiveness is not the fruit of our own efforts but rather a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with mercy and grace.

"However, it is not enough to simply ask the Lord for forgiveness in one's own mind and heart because Jesus himself entrusted to the Church the ministry of the forgiveness of sins. "It is necessary humbly and trustingly to confess one's sins to a minister of the Church. In the celebration of this Sacrament, the priest represents not only God but also the whole community," points out Pope Francis

The shame we feel speaking of our sins to another makes us more humble, as we unburden ourselves before God, notes the Holy Father. "When one is in line to go to Confession, one feels all these things, even shame, but then when one finishes Confession one leaves free, grand, beautiful, forgiven, candid, happy. This is the beauty of Confession!"

Urging frequent confession, Pope Francis says: "Go – the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests, Jesus receives you, He receives you with so much love"

I, Fr Robert as the pastor of our Parish would like to encourage you to come to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation in the same way that Pope Francis boldly cries to all of us: "Be courageous and go to Confession!"

FR. Robert & uncle google. ;-)