



Fourth Sunday of Easter-Year C

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!** Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal parish through the liturgy, faith formation and sacramental life, provides opportunities for members to develop their faith and service to others.



Gospel Reflection

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to His authority by calling Himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see [John 10:31](#) and [10:39](#)). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of My sheep." Then Jesus asserts His unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but He escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as His sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and His followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and His disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that He tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

Blessings,

Have a great week!

Saturday, May, 11

4:30 pm- For God's blessings and direction over Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence by Nellie Nahri

Sunday, May, 12-Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am- For the intentions of the Parishioners by the Pastor

10:45 am- For all mothers by the CWL

Tuesday, May, 14-St. Matthias

7:00 pm- For the repose of the soul of Thomas Fells

Wednesday, May, 15

8:30 am-STA

9:30 am-OLMM

Thursday, May, 16

9:00 am- For the intentions of Michael and Peggy Hope on the occasion of their 45 wedding anniversary by Jim and Jane Munro

Friday, May, 17

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Mary Urlocker by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

Saturday, May, 18

4:30 pm- For God's protection over Christ's church, Mother Angelica, EWTN, all Nuns and Friars by Nellie Nahri

Sunday, May, 19-Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am- For the repose of the soul of Ovila Boucher by Juanita Boucher

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

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:
Pam Latour, Genny Detillieux, Natasha Baechler,
Beverley Plunkett, Marie Kirkham & Theresa Harps.

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR:

May 5th-\$3,352.00

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MAY:

The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE at www.olmm.ca

and our Facebook page

Email: admin@olmm.ca

May 12th, 2019

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

What's Happening This Week

Tues. May 14-CGS-Level three-4:30-6:30pm-hall
Tues. May 14-Adult choir-7:30-church

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.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all the children who received first communion.

Thursday April 18th

Tobin Baker, Gabriel Gernon

Sunday April 21

Anna Genest

Saturday May 4

Emily Vignola, Madison Mederios, Chloe Kozera,
Hayley Miner, Georgia Palubiski, Liam Middaugh,
Lexa Hendley

Sunday May 5

Aurora Mooney, Mercedes Donohue, Amelia Bercier,
Paige Armstrong



Happy Mothers Day!

Heavenly Father, on this Mother's Day, we thank You for our mothers through whom Your gift of life begins and through whom we are nurtured into great human beings. We lift up all mothers to Your love and care. We pray for them, for their needs of strength and support to continue to nurture a family of love, in honor and love for You, our God. Amen

Please consider giving generously to our parish addition and renovation project. Please also pray for the success of the much needed up-grades.

The OLMM Women's Group Ministry is inviting all women of the parish to join us on Saturday, May 18th for Formation & Fellowship. We will gather at 8:00am followed by mass at 8:30 am and it will finish before noon. There will be guided reflection and discussion over the topic "Searching for and Maintaining Peace" - a book by Fr. Jacques Phillippe. A retreat kit and a delicious breakfast will be provided. Please RSVP through Lisa [613-316-9755](tel:613-316-9755) or the parish office.

On May 22, 23, 24 and 25 we will be producing a parish pictorial directory in order to help us acquaint ourselves with one another and strengthen the bond of our faith community. Every photographed family will receive a free directory and a free 8X10 color portrait. All photography and viewing is done in one convenient appointment at our church. Please see our parish rep in the foyer to sign up or answer any other questions you may have. You are all members of our church family, our directory is not complete without you. Next weekend is the last weekend for signing up..

Diocesan Feast Day Mass: The Diocesan Feast, celebrated this year with Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on Thurs., June 6, 7:30 p.m. will have a youth character. Please note the change of date from Jun. 13. More details will follow.

CARE FOR CREATION IPBES Report on Biodiversity: This report states that nature is declining at unprecedented rates with one million species now at risk of extinction (<https://www.ipbes.net>). In Laudato Si, Pope Francis states, "Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right". The issue is urgent. Resource: Living Out Laudato Si: A Commentary and Practical Resource for Canadian Catholics (ccc.ca/Living_Out_Laudato_Si_En). Info: 613-738-5025 x251; jdorner@archottawa.ca.

PRO-LIFE COLF Message for 2019 National March for Life: The Catholic Organization for Life and Family has released its annual message for the National March for Life entitled "You Give Life To All Things and Make Them Holy".

The NET team is looking for places to stay on the night of May 23. There are 11 young people needing a place to sleep. If you could open your hearts and your homes for the one night please contact Joe at 613-301-1566