

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time-Year B

Diocesan Theme: **Christ is Everything for Us!** “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life”.
(John 6.68).

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 16-St. Marguerite D’Youville

4:30pm- For the repose of the soul of Marty Chesser by the Ottawa Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women’s League

Sunday, October 17-Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:45am-For the repose of the soul of Jared Oldford by Mom, Dad and his loving family

Tuesday, October 19

7:00pm- For the repose of the soul of Roger Parenteau by Denise Parenteau

Wednesday, October 20

9:30am- For the repose of the soul of Roger Parenteau by Denise Parenteau

Thursday, October 21

9:00am- For the repose of the soul of Roger Parenteau by Denise Parenteau

Friday, October 22

9:00am-For the intentions of the Brault family by Mariette Brault

Saturday, October 23

4:30 pm-For the repose of the soul of Marty Chesser by Dale and Lorraine Harper

Sunday, October 24-Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am- For the repose of the soul of Eugenio Caraang by the Dupuis family

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

Tuesday, October 26

7:00pm-In thanksgiving for June Pare by Cathy Gambell

Wednesday, October 27

9:30am-For the intentions of the Rosary Apostolate members of the Ottawa region

Thursday, October 28-St. Simon and St. Jude

9:00am-For the repose of the soul of Ursula Serjak by John and Lisa Serjak

Friday, October 29

9:00am-For the repose of the soul of Jake Lommen by Anne and family

Saturday, October 30

4:30 pm-For the forgiveness of sins

Sunday, October 31-Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am- For the intentions of Joseph Urlocker/Lalonde on his 18th birthday by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

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

Gospel reflection for Sunday October 17

Our Gospel today conveys how we are called to imitate Jesus through humility and service. We are reminded that the Son of God became man and surrendered His life into the hands of men so that we might be saved. The life of Jesus was centered around His Father’s mission and the service of mankind. And this is how we ought to live — in imitation of Christ.

James and John wanted to ensure they had a spot in heaven with Jesus. They were concerned about themselves in that moment — “Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.” Jesus quickly reminded them, “whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.”

Our culture constantly encourages us to do what we can to get ahead in this world, to do what feels good, no matter the effects — that power, authority, and wealth should be our goals in life. Our faith offers us something different and fulfilling — a life of humility and service. As Christian stewards, we are called to live our lives in service of God and neighbor, just as Jesus did. Our life is not about us. It is about fulfilling God’s glorious plan for each one of us.

So, we must ask ourselves, are we living out God’s plan for our lives? Is my life centered on Christ and those around me or is it centered on me?

It can be difficult to know God’s plan for our entire life. He sees the whole picture — we only see the now. All we can do is seek Him daily. If each day is centered on Him, then our entire lives will become the work of Jesus.

October Devotion In keeping with our catholic tradition, the month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The best way to celebrate the month is to pray the rosary daily and other Marian devotions. Let us pray for our protection and that of our loved ones and for peace in our world through the intercession of the Mother of God.

Intentions of The Holy Father for October:

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

The library is open for parishioners to sign out books/dvds.

--Rosary Making with Cord:

Home visit available. To pray and complete a rosary in your home. Free. Please wear a mask. For an appointment Call Cathy 613 445 1662

October 17th, - October 31, 2021

**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**

Gospel reflection for Sunday October 24

Our Psalm today, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy," sheds light on our glorious Gospel reading about the healing of the blind man, Bartimaeus.

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing — physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin.

In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us? Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying, like the crowd in our Gospel. Although that voice is persistent and strong, we are called to cry out all the more. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayer to Him in our hearts.

Our Gospel story closes with the miraculous moment when Bartimaeus is healed. The conversation with Jesus was simple. Jesus asked Bartimaeus what he would like Him to do. This man, blind for who knows how many years, desired sight. Jesus responded, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." He was healed and continued to follow Christ.

There was not much that Bartimaeus had to do to become healed. All he needed was his undoubting faith.

Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. As a result, we will remain steadfast in our relationship with Christ and will have the strength to keep going. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.

Did you know that we are putting the Sunday 9:00am mass live on zoom every week? The link for zoom is posted every Friday to our website and Facebook page. Please join us on Sundays for mass. The link to the Parish Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/olmmrussell>
The link to the Parish Website is: <http://olmm.ca>

Just a reminder that we still have to register for weekend masses. Registration is Fridays from 9:00am to noon only. Weekday masses no registration is needed but you are required to sign in when you arrive.

40 Days for Life Campaign: This year the campaign starts September 21 and ends October 30th, 40 days to pray and fast for an end to abortion. People are encouraged to remember the little lives lost because Canada has no law to protect the child in the womb from being aborted.

ACT OF *Spiritual Communion*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul.

Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as being already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

New Life Retreat: You are invited to take part in a life-changing, faith-building experience. Are you looking for more meaning in your life? Are you seeking a personal encounter with the living Jesus Christ? Are you looking to experience the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? New Life Retreat on Monday evenings, Oct. 18 – Dec. 6 via Zoom. Info/registration: <https://stmarysottawa.ca/new-life-retreat>. Free. Hosted by St. Mary Parish, Ottawa

CHURCH HUMOR

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw a picture that would illustrate the story.

Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front was a man and in the back was a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"