

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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 members to develop their faith and service to others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 28th – St. Simon and St. Jude

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Rejean Dorval by the Beaudin family

Sunday, October 29th – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Repose of the soul of Rose Caron by the Joiner family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Tuesday, October 31st

7:00pm

Wednesday, November 1st – All Saints’ Day

9:30am All the souls in purgatory by Donna McKlusky

Thursday, November 2nd – All Souls’ Day

9:00am Repose of the souls of George Hendley, family members and friends

Friday, November 3rd

9:00am For the deceased members of the McKlusky family by Donna McKlusky

Saturday, November 4th – St. Charles Borromeo

4:30pm Repose of the soul of Maurice Dupuis by the Dupuis family

Sunday, November 5th – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Sean James by the James family

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

October 22nd, 2023 = \$2,803.

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Intentions of the Holy Father for November: For the Pope:

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 5th at 2:00am.

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“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.” Matthew 22:37-40
Think about the many things you desire in life. What would make up that list? Perhaps there are many good things that would be included, such as a desire for strong family relationships, good health, a happy life, good friends, and financial security. Perhaps there are other things that would be included, such as success in an occupation, nice vacations, a new home, and fun adventures in life. If you were to make a list like this that began with your deepest desire, what would come first? We might all know what should come first, but if you were to honestly examine the desires of your heart right now, what would be on the top of that list?

Ideally, the first and greatest desire of our souls would be the two greatest commandments. Above all else you will desire to love God with all your heart, soul and mind and love your neighbor as yourself. Is that the deepest desire of your heart?

What’s important to note is that we ought not love God with most of our heart, soul and mind. We don’t just love Him with 51% and then allow ourselves to disseminate the other 49% to other loves. No, 100% of our love must go to God. God must be the single and exclusive object of our love. If you were to give to God 100% of your love, what would you have left for others? The glorious nature of our love of God is such that the more love we offer to God, the more we have to give away to others. When we give our love to God, He does not take it away from us and keep it for Himself in a selfish way as if He is jealous and possessive. Instead, loving God transforms our ability to love in such a way that we have even more than we started with. We are limited creatures and we are limited in our ability to love. God is infinite and His love is infinite in nature. Therefore, when we give our limited love to God, we receive back from Him His infinite love. This love is then able to overflow from our lives and can be distributed without reserve.

So back to our original question: Do you love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind? If you do, then it means that every part of who you are is caught up in the mind and will of God. It means that you continuously seek to understand God and all that He has revealed to you. It means that you seek to comprehend His perfect will for you every day of your life. It means that you choose only that which God wills and that you do so with passion, zeal and fervor. It means that you are continuously attentive to God, respond to His gentle promptings of grace, and are led by Him every moment of every day of your life. That is a high calling! But it is the calling you have been given. Then, and only then, will you be loving yourself with the love of God by opening yourself to His outpouring of love, and only then will you be able to act as an instrument of God’s love to those around you.

Reflect, today, upon the high and definitive calling you have been given to love God with every fiber of your being. Your love must become all-consuming. It must be total and without hesitation. It will require the complete sacrifice of your life, the full purging of your sins, the denunciation of all selfishness and a heart that is open to the infinite power of God’s transforming touch. Because God commanded this, it is possible. It is possible to become a great saint. Shoot for nothing less. Never give up on this high calling, and know that it is the only way to the fulfillment in life that you deeply desire.

My loving Lord, You have given everything to me and ask for everything in return. Please help me to understand Your perfect love and to choose it with all my might. I do love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You with all that I am. Jesus, I trust in You.

October 29, 2023

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 in the collection basket.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS: Throughout this month of November, let us remember to pray for all our beloved dead and all the souls in Purgatory. As a sign of our prayers, we are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the book of remembrance in front of the altar.

We will be having a special prayer service at the OLMM cemetery on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, at 3:00pm. We will be doing prayers of the departed, blessing of the headstones and praying the rosary together.

First Friday Adoration

Friday, November 3rd, 4:00pm to Saturday, November 4th, 4:00pm. We would like to have two adorers per hour. If you would like to become a regular adorer or want more information please call Bernie Ethier at 613-862-2610 or email at bernie.ethier@gmail.com.

Next Week's Special Collection

Next week we will have our second special collection for the Archdiocese's fundraising campaign in support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. Located across from Cornwall are the Mohawks of Akwesasne a community of more than 12,000 proud Indigenous people. The Akwesasne Kateri Prayer Circle has received a grant for a four-part Akwesasronon Healing and Reconciliation Project. The initiative will include teaching the Kanienkeha (Mohawk) Language through hymns and song, leading to an Akwesasronon youth choir. It will also work in collaboration with the Native North American Travelling College to create a youth healing and reconciliation program. It is through your generosity that we can help make these initiatives possible. Learn more at www.journeyforhealing.ca

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Info coming soon . . .



HUMANITY

Love one another. Catholic Women's League members go beyond charitable acts with compassion, love, sympathy and tolerance, seeking out issues of injustice.

Established in 2020, **Renewed in Liturgy Ministry** is an annual event spread over three evenings in November. It helps Catholics of Ottawa-Cornwall Diocese to gain an in-depth understanding of celebration of Eucharistic Liturgy.

This year's speakers are, Most Reverend Yvan Mathieu, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall, Rev Fr. Rob Arsenault, CC and Rev. Fr. Pierre Champoux. The sessions will be held on Nov 10, Nov 17 and Nov 24 at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Ottawa. See below for more details.

Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead?

On November 2 the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls, when we remember all who have died. During the month of November, Catholics continue to pray for the deceased, trusting them to God's loving mercy.

For most Catholics, the idea of praying for the deceased is really second nature. We have blessing prayers for the body of someone who just died, we have wake services, funeral masses, graveside services, and often memorial masses on the anniversary of someone's death.

To some people, this doesn't appear to make much sense. Once someone has passed on, they're in God's hands, so what's the point in all that prayer? They're facing God's judgment, so what can our prayers accomplish anyway? Well, we believe they can accomplish a lot.

First of all, Catholics believe in purgatory. Without going into too much detail, this means that some of us aren't ready for heaven when we die, and aren't evil enough to face eternal damnation. So, some period of purification is necessary before we're ready to face God's glory. In part, our prayers for the deceased ask God to show mercy to those souls.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"THE FINAL PURIFICATION, OR PURGATORY" – (1030) All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

But our prayers for the deceased are not only prayers of supplication. They are also prayers of praise, which remind us of God's goodness and mercy. If you listen closely to the prayers at a Catholic funeral, you'll hear a clear expression of our hope in the resurrection.