



First Sunday of Advent – 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 members to develop their faith and service to others.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 2nd

4:30pm Birthday intentions of Fr. Anthony

Sunday, December 3rd – First Sunday of Advent

9:00am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

10:45am Repose of the soul of Alan Exley by Joseph and Wilma Fatica

Tuesday, December 5th

7:00pm

Wednesday, December 6th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Dan Hudder by the Marsolais family

Thursday, December 7th – St. Ambrose

9:00am

Friday, December 8th – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am Repose of the souls of Mary and Bob Urlocker by the Swain family

7:00pm Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Saturday, December 9th

4:30pm Intentions and blessings of the new OLMM. CWL executive by Heather Sisk

Sunday, December 10th – Second Sunday of Advent

9:00am Repose of the soul of Tara Bankley by the Bankley family

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

November 26th, 2023 = \$2,801.

Thank you for your generosity and support

Intentions of the Holy Father for December

FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

We pray that people living with disabilities: may they be at the center of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Have you moved or changed your phone number in the past two years? If so please contact the office with your updated information so we can input the information for the upcoming tax receipts. Thank you.

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“Jesus said to His disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.” Mark 13:33

To which time is our Lord referring? He is referring to the time of His coming. But it must be understood that even though He came to us once in the flesh long ago, and though He will return again in the flesh to judge the living and the dead at the end of time, He never ceases to come to us day and night by the transforming gift of grace. Are you attentive to this coming? Or do you miss out on the countless blessings of God’s grace that He wants to bestow upon you every day, all day?

The world has many distractions. We are distracted by the lure of riches, the indulgence of our appetites, and the constant noise of modern media, electronic gadgets and the like. These and many other daily distractions make it very difficult to be constantly “watchful” and “alert.” This is because our attention span is limited. Though some may learn to “multi-task” to a certain extent, no one can continually divide their attention between the presence of God and the distractions of the world.

Some may argue that it is necessary to engage the world today. It is not possible to continually pray and think only about God. But those who would be tempted to think this do not understand the attentiveness and watchfulness to which we are called.

Being watchful and attentive simply means that God is central in our lives and is the motivation and purpose of all we do every day. Our love for and service to God cannot be divided. We cannot set aside some time for the world and other times for God. Instead, everything we do, every day, all day, must have the glory of God and the fulfillment of God’s perfect will as the central and exclusive purpose of our lives. Thus, if we interact with the world, tune into social media, fulfill household chores, put in extra hours at work, etc., we must constantly ponder the simple question, “Lord, am I doing this for Your glory and in accord with Your will?” We must never fail to ask ourselves that question. We must always have the glory of God and the fulfillment of His will as the central purpose and motivation for all that we do. If we can live this way, then we will discover that it becomes increasingly easy to always and everywhere be attentive to and watchful for God’s will.

Reflect, today, upon that to which you most often turn your attention. What is it that you think about the most each day? To what are you most attentive and watchful? If the answer to that question is not the ongoing promptings of God and His grace, then make note of that fact. Humbly pray that you can change and begin to form a transforming habit of daily keeping your attention on our Lord so that He will become your daily guide and focus in all things.

Lord of all grace, You come to me day and night, speaking to me, calling me and desiring to guide me. May I learn to turn my full attention to You every day so that nothing but You and Your holy will lead me always. Jesus, I trust in You.

December 3, 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

PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 8th ~ 9:00 am

~ 7:00 pm

Advent Confessions

Thursday, December 14th ~ 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th ~ 9:00 am

~ 4:30 pm

~ 6:30 pm

~ 8:30 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th ~ 9:00 am

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31st ~ 9:00 am

~ 10:45 am

New Year's Day

Monday, January 1st ~ 9:00 am



There will be a special Mass on Friday, December 8th at 7:00pm for the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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. On Sunday December 24th at 8:30pm mass we will offer the intention for their souls. Thank you!

The parish is in need of a part time bookkeeper to start as soon as possible. The bookkeeper is responsible for maintaining a complete and accurate set of records for financial reporting purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and other general duties. Working knowledge of Quickbooks accounting software and previous bookkeeping experience with a parish is an asset. Please see the full job posting and job description on our website on how to apply.

IDENTITY

Members may wear pins and scarves with the Catholic Women's League crest, but our true identity is seen in sharing our faith, service to the community and advocacy for social justice.

Please pickup your 2024 donation envelopes at the foyer. The envelopes are only for those parishioners that are not on automatic payment. For the special collections throughout 2024 there will be envelopes in the pews.

OLMM is sponsoring a family of 7 this year at Waupoos Family Farm. This is the information on the family; Mom, Boy 15, Boy 11, Girl 10, Girl 9, Boy 8, Boy 7. There is a sign up sheet with gift suggestions for parishioners to sign up for in the foyer. For any additional information please contact Karen Urlocker at 613-445-2962. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the church before Sunday, Dec.17th. Thank you for your constant generosity and support!

Upcoming Development & Peace Events

Monday, December 4, 2023, 4 pm – D&P School Party for Peace

This is a virtual gathering for those involved in the campaign's school programme & those attending school, who want to be involved. Reg: <https://devp.org/en/evenement/youth-dp-schools-party-for-peace>

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 6 – 8 pm – Laudato Deum : Eco-Spirituality in Action webinar.

Reg: <https://cpj.ca/events/laudato-deum-webinar/>

Saturday, February 17, 2024 1:30 pm – D&P Share Lent campaign launch webinar

Sign up to learn about the upcoming Share Lent 2024 campaign segment.

Reg: <https://devp.org/en/evenement/share-lent24-national-launch-webinar/>

Catholic Corner is a new locally owned and operated Catholic Gift Store. Currently we offer a wide variety of items including books, medals, images, games and even Catholic Coffee! We are also adding new products every week. Come join us at the Corner www.catholiccorner.ca.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

A special thank you to all parishioners for your generosity as our **Baby Bottle Drive** raised over \$1900 for the Miriam centre in Orleans. The Knights of Columbus ASAP program (Aid and Support after Pregnancy) is one of many faith based charitable programs that our council supports.

The Knights will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs this weekend and next. The cost is \$10. Please see one of the member Knights at the end of mass to get your lawn sign.