



The Resurrection of the Lord – Year C

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, April 19th – Holy Saturday

4:30pm NO MASS

8:00pm Intentions of Kirsty and Travis Van Every by the Brewer family

Sunday, April 20th – The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am Repose of the souls of those whose names are listed in the Easter Flower List

10:45am Birthday blessings for Rachel Workman By Josée Wan-Kam

Wednesday, April 23th

9:30am Repose of the soul of Cathy Walsh

Thursday, April 24th

9:00am Healing intentions of Cherie Gambell

Friday, April 25th

9:00am Birthday intentions of June Pare by Jay Dupuis

Saturday, April 26th

4:30pm Healing intentions of Hélène Compeau by the James family

Sunday, April 27th – The Second Sunday of Easter

9:00am Repose of the soul of Mary Jeanette Eagles by William Eagles

10:45am Intentions of the parishioners by the Pastor

Easter Sunday (Year C)

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. [Matthew 28:1-4](#)

Today's angelic salutation to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary at the empty tomb should teach us that the message of the Resurrection is among the most important lessons we can ever learn. Furthermore, the message of this angel, given to these holy women, was intended not only for them, it is also spoken to us today.

The angel made an appearance that depicts absolute power and sanctity. He arrived with the speed of lightning. His countenance was radiant with Heavenly light. He instantly moved the large stone and sat upon it, pointing these holy women to the empty tomb. Today, if we have the eyes of faith, we will also receive an interior revelation from Heaven, just as these women did. Though we will not see with our eyes what they saw, we will see and hear through faith all that was spoken to them.

The message of the Resurrection of Christ is being spoken to you today. Do you hear it? Do you comprehend the voice of this angel from Heaven? If you do, the first thing you will hear are the words, “Do not be afraid!” Fear is one of the greatest obstacles to the reception of the Word of God in our lives. The evil one sows fear; the angels of God dispel it. So begin by considering whether fear clouds your ability to receive the Word of God.

The angel then said, “I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified.” In other words, these women had not yet understood the Resurrection. They were still seeking the dead body of our Lord. Similarly, we often find ourselves focusing upon our losses, sufferings and trials. As a result, it can be difficult for us to see the ways that our Lord desires to transform the crosses in our lives and bring from them the glory of the Resurrection. The angel then said, “He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.” When we allow God to transform every cross in our lives, those crosses and sufferings disappear as they give way to the new life God brings forth from them.

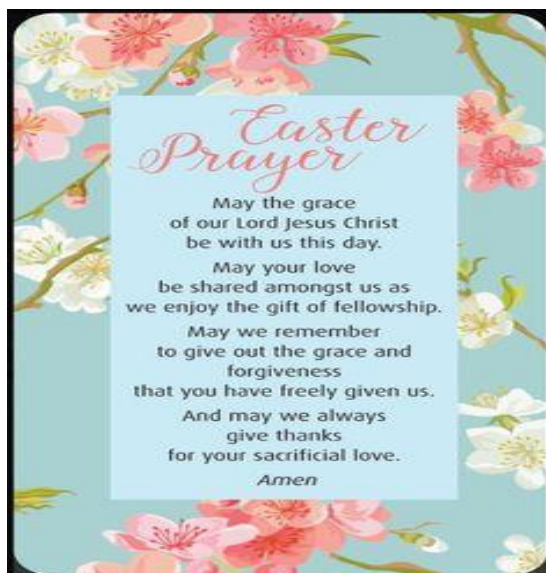
Finally, the angel tells the women, “Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead...’” When we come to faith in the death and Resurrection of Christ, we cannot keep it to ourselves. We must go forth and proclaim the Resurrection of Christ to others. It cannot be contained.

Reflect, today, upon the most glorious, awe-inspiring, life-changing message of Christ's Resurrection. If you find that you do not understand this message, then this Easter Season is an important time for you. It must be a time in which you dispel any fear that clouds your thinking. It must be a time when you listen most attentively in faith. It must be a time when you hear God speak to you about His glorious triumph over sin and death. It must be a time when you more fully penetrate the mystery of the Resurrection. And it must be a time when you recommit yourself to go forth and share that message with others. Listen to the angels of God. Receive their message and allow Christ's Resurrection to change your life forever.

Most holy angels of God, please come to me, speak to me and reveal to me the most glorious message of the Resurrection of Christ. Lord, I pray that my heart be freed of all fear and that my mind be opened to all that You wish to reveal to me. I do believe in the glory of Your Resurrection; help me to believe with all my heart and to proclaim that truth to others. Jesus, I trust in You.

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



April 20, 2025

Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?
WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form in the foyer or office.

You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your interest in the one-day pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory. This is a wonderful opportunity for us during this year of jubilee to spend a day in prayer and reflection. I am happy to give some more details:

- **Departure date:** Saturday, June 7th, 2025, leaving by coach from Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church at 9am. Returning the same day at 6:30pm.
- **Cost:** \$55 for adults and \$25 for children. This price is based on a full coach load (we have a good number signed up, we still have seats available).
- **** It is important that all money is paid by Friday, May 23rd.** All money is paid through the office by cash or cheque (payable to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church) or E-transfer to admin@olmm.ca.
- The schedule for the day will include Mass, silent adoration, free time for walking the grounds, visiting the chapels, and shopping in the Oratory store. For those who wish, you can sign up for the different onsite tours and museums once there.
- **Contact Person:** Jennifer Snell, a member of the Legion of Mary, is helping me coordinate the day and can be contacted on her cell (613 864 4201) if you have any questions.

I am looking forward to sharing the day with you all.

God bless,
Dn. Allan



"PEACE" – The Catholic Women's League help members grow in their relationship with God and with each other, a true peace.

CWL Bursary Applications are available to any student of our parish currently in their graduating year or within 1 year post-graduation from Grade 12 for the annual CWL bursary award of \$500. For more information and/or to obtain an application, please refer to the parish website: http://www.olmm.ca/groups_cwl.html or the parish office. Completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted by April 30th, 2025. Applications can be mailed in or dropped off at the office. For any questions, contact Winnie Kerfoot, Bursary Committee Chair, at wkerfoot@gmail.com

The CWL wishes all parishioners the peace of Christ our Saviour this holy season of Easter.



Catholic Education Week 2025 begins on

Sunday, May 4, 2025. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "*Pilgrims of Hope*."

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2025 was inspired by the following considerations:

- In February of 2022, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the upcoming 2025 holy year would be "Pilgrims of Hope." "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. (from Vatican News, a short video on the history of the Jubilee/Holy Year: <https://x.com/VaticanNews/status/1783768498885275868>)
- The Holy Father asks us to focus prayerfully on the bonds that unite our whole human family, to reflect on the rampant poverty in our world, and to think about the plight of the many refugees forced to leave their homes. He also summons us, as stewards of Creation, "to contemplate the beauty of creation and care for our common home."
- A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey of movement toward a goal, often lived together with others, and that certainly describes Catholic education. Hope – one of the three theological virtues – is grounded in our Easter faith in Jesus' resurrection and renewal; this is what enables us to be builders, dreamers and leaders in Jesus' name. Pope Francis invites us to keep moving ahead in faith, in joy, and in hope, as part of a pilgrim people. Even in challenging times, our eyes are focused on the future.

The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "*We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us.*" (Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope).



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12401 CORNER

K of C Council 12401 will be holding its next parish breakfast on Sunday, April 27, after the 9:00 am and 10:45 am masses. All proceeds will be going to Chris Smith, our parish youth group leader, to help support his trip to the 2025 Jubilee of Young People to be held in Rome in July. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child under 12, and \$30 for family.