



**Our Lady of Victory**  
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**April 30/ May 01, 2011**

**St. Malachy**  
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**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**FOOD FOR THE WEEK**

**Reading I** Acts 2.42-47

**Responsorial Psalm** Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

**Reading II** 1 Peter 1.3-9

**Gospel** John 20:24-29

Thomas was a modern man, finding faith hard. He was let down by the others who ran away, the leader who denied Jesus; his trust had been abused. He didn't want much more to do with them. He wanted to believe but needed some proof.

But faith grows within a community. We find growth in our faith through the community – in the Mass, sharing our faith in a group, a good spiritual book, sharing our doubts but never closing the door to Jesus, sharing our faith in thanks.

**MASSES**

<b>Wednesday</b>	May 4	11:00 a.m.	- Bernard Gravelle by Regis Lemieux - Kenneth Sarto & Collette Cameron by the Estate of Irene Gendron Cameron - Special Intention by a Parishioner
<b>Saturday</b>	May 7	7:00 p.m.	- Veronica Belter by Lorene Farnand - Jack & Josephine Miller by Alvin & John Miller - Annie Burns (12 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by Agnes & Erma
<b>Sunday</b>	May 8	9:00 a.m.	- Larry Miller (5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary) by Alma & Family - Lyall & Nan Sicard by Kathy, Donna & Dorothy - Mass of Thanksgiving by Maureen Dunning

**THE FOLLOWING REFLECTION IS TAKEN FROM:**  
**DAYBREAKS – DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT AND EASTER BY VALERIE SCHULTZ**

**AN EASTER PEOPLE**

While Easter lasts one day in the secular world, we know that it is our mission to live as an Easter people. We know what it is to forgive and to be forgiven. Easter people know and are grateful for God's gifts of grace and salvation. We know that God is always close by with outstretched hands, to pick us up, dust us off, and give us another chance to do God's will.

We also must fulfill the obligation to make amends to those we have hurt or caused to suffer in any way. Only when we have made amends to the best of our ability can we go forward in light and love. We need to examine our own actions every day. We always need to be ready to make amends when we owe them to someone.

Let us keep in mind that the glory of Easter's dawn leads us ever closer to the gifts of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit brings us hope and strength. In return, we are called to accept the

responsibility we have to each other – to speak in a language that others understand, to listen with the heart, and to minister with kindness and joy.

The powerful wind and the holy breath of the first Pentecost filled the Apostles with faith and fortitude (Acts 2:1 – 4). The Holy Spirit breathes upon us in the same way all these centuries later, encouraging us to step out of safety and to go among the nations to build God's kingdom here and now. We may be led to places we never imagined ourselves going.

When we are mindful of God's presence, we will find that life is full of sacred surprises.

### **THE LORD IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!**

**Easter season** - Fifty days of Easter joy will bring us to the feast of Pentecost. God's gift of life is complete in the sending of the Holy Spirit. The Easter season is a time when Christians reflect on what it means to be God's Church, his people established in this place, witnesses to his resurrection. The new life and joy of those baptized at the Easter vigil is shared by all and we remember that it is through baptism that Jesus has made us God's holy people.

### **AN EVENING WITH FATHER KENNEDY AT OLV**

An evening with Father Kennedy is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the church at 7:30 PM. Father Kennedy, who has visited Medjugorje 25 times, will be describing his experiences and impressions in a short presentation. The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and the evening will end with coffee and fellowship. It promises to be a very interesting evening. All are invited.

### **SPRING SUPPER**

The OLV spring supper and balloon auction is scheduled for Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go on sale this week. Parishioners who wish to attend should contact Alma, as soon as possible, to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the entrance of the church prior to mass, and will be available from the wardens. Please don't wait until the last minute only to be disappointed if no tickets are available. This year, we are trying something new. Instead of a beans and ham supper, we will be serving a supper of prime rib with a potato and a tossed salad. As well, we are changing our wine list.

Our raffle this year will be different as well. Instead of a Bar-B-Q, we will be raffling a compact electric fireplace. Tickets will be available this week as well.

Our balloon auction has proven to be very successful and a lot of fun and we will be once again holding this type of auction. For this activity, we will need the assistance of our Parishioners. We need gift donations for the auction, in particular, baskets of homemade preserves, or gift certificates from local businesses. As in the past, your support will help to make this important fund raiser a success.

Tickets are \$15.00 for the event.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION**

The OLV Wardens would like to thank the donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, who donated the electric fireplace to be raffled at the spring supper. Thank you for your generous support.

### **DID YOU KNOW**

Our Lady of Victory - This title was given to our Blessed Mother in honor of an important historical event, where Europe was threatened by a Turkish invasion. On October 7<sup>th</sup> 1571, the battle of Lepanto was fought and a decisive sea victory resulted in protecting the Christian faith. When the then reigning Pope St. Pius V realized the great danger the church was in, he called upon all the Marian groups in Rome to rally the faithful to pray fervently through the intercession of Our Lady to protect Europe from this grave threat. The faithful, through the rosary, prayed for victory and Europe was saved. In honor of her intercession, Pope Pius V named a feast day, Our Lady of Victory. The feast was later changed to Our Lady of the Rosary, so both titles refer to the same date.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **HEART & SOUL GOSPEL CHOIR SPRING CONCERT**

Concert at OLV Church on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Ticket \$5.00 – Refreshments will be served.

#### **PILGRIMAGE ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY, MONTREAL**

St. Elizabeth's Parish, Cantley, is organizing a pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal on May 25, 2011 accompanied by Fr. Lomer J. Rooney. Cost \$50.00 each. Details from Parish Office at 819 827-2004 or [info@steelisabeth.org](mailto:info@steelisabeth.org)  
Liturgy Committee at St. Elizabeth's

#### **THE RELAY FOR LIFE FOR CANCER**

The Relay for Life will be held on Friday, June 10, 2011 under the Brady Bridge. All are invited to attend this event either as walkers or visitors. Please note that soft drink cans, beer and soft drink bottles are still being collected by Monique and all money raised goes to this event.

I am again participating in the 12 hour walk in the Relay for Life. Please support me by making a pledge so that each step I take will be one step closer to finding a cure for CANCER. You can see me anytime also for purchasing luminaries for this event. Thank you for your continuing support.

**Monique Simpson**

**OLV GARAGE SALE**

When doing your Spring Cleaning remember there will be a garage sale on September 17<sup>th</sup> at OLV. Donations would be appreciated. Call Monique at 819 986-3166 for more information or for item pick up.

<b>WEEKLY RECEIPTS</b>	<b>OLV</b>	<b>ST. MALACHY</b>
April 17, 2011 (Sunday)	\$ 512.00	\$ 215.00
April 24, 2011 (Sunday)	\$ 964.00	\$ 949.00
April 24, 2011 (Holy Land)	\$ 349.00	
April 24, 2011 (Fuel)	\$ 391.00	\$ 262.00

**ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?**

Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! You may have come from other places. You may have been "away for a while". Be assured that we love to have you among us. We would appreciate it very much if you identified yourself at Mass. It would also help if you would take the time to fill out a registration form. The next time you are with us, you may leave it in the collection basket or give it to one of the ushers or to the priest. Welcome.