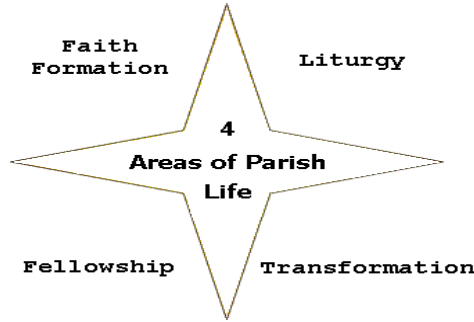




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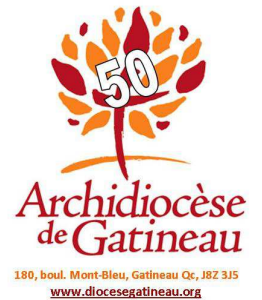
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 26 & 27, 2014

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading I Acts 2.42-47
Responsorial Psalm Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His steadfast love endures forever
Reading II 1 Peter 1.3-9
Gospel John 20.24-28

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 did not want much more to do with this. 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

Wednesday	April 30	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy Parishes
Saturday	May 3	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Connie Kane by Richard & Madeleine Lavell
Sunday	May 4	OLV @ 9:00 am	Mike Kelly (Cormack) by Maureen & Norbert Ricard Leslie Teske by Isabel & Thomas Laframboise Larry Miller (8 th Ann.) by Alma & Family Ginette Pearson (5 th Ann) by Brian & family

Second Sunday of Easter

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples, not as a spirit, but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as this Sunday's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas' doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas' human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism, we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

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Our Easter Faith

Why are there 50 days of Easter?

Easter is not just "Easter Day", it is the 50 days from Easter Day until the Day of Pentecost. During this season, Sundays are named "xxx Sunday of Easter" rather than "xxx Sunday after Easter". For example, "The Fourth Sunday of Easter", is the official name rather than trying to say "The Third Sunday after Easter".

Easter, Ascension and Pentecost do not form three seasons. The Easter Season celebrates the three dimensions of the resurrection, ascension and the sending of the Spirit.

These 50 days, one-seventh of the year, form our great "Sunday" of the year. "Alleluia! Christ is risen". He is risen indeed. "Alleluia" forms the greeting in every service during Eastertide. Similarly "Alleluia! Alleluia!" is added to the dismissal and the people's response to help to give these celebrations a distinctive festal feel.

This is also why the Pascal Candle is lit at every service up to and including the Day of Pentecost and why we sing "Glory to God in the Highest" from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost.

Thank You!

Thank you to all parishioners, family and friends who came as a family community to celebrate Easter.

Thank you to all who in any way contributed to our Ash Wednesday, Reconciliation, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday Vigil, Easter Sunday – servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, participants who received and presented oils, organists, choir, fire and light attendants, preparation of church for celebrations, preparation of reflections for bulletins, etc. These celebrations could not have been accomplished without your help.



The Transformation Committee would like to thank parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy for their continued generosity. This year's contribution from our parishes to the Share Lent collection is \$892.00. Through your generous donations to **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**, you are helping to build a more just world.

St. Malachy Wardens' Meeting

The next St. Malachy Wardens' Meeting will be Wednesday, April 30, at 7:00 pm in the Church Rectory.

OLV NEWS

Spring Supper and Auction

This year's Spring Supper and Auction will be held on Friday, May 23rd. Please get your tickets as soon as possible, as demand for tickets is already strong. As in the past, the menu will consist of roast beef, salad, potatoes, turnips and carrots, followed by a wonderful dessert. So don't be disappointed.

As in past years, we are asking parishioners to donate items for the auction, preferably gift certificates from local businesses, gift baskets of homemade items, or plant arrangements. Donations should be received no later than May 21st.

This year we have something new: we will have music provided by Roger Payette and Gerry Charron. We are sure those in attendance will enjoy this new addition to our supper.

Tickets are \$25.00 for adults, \$10.00 for children 6 to 12 years of age, and free for children under the age of 6.

Financial Report 2013

In today's bulletin, you will find a copy of our financial report for 2013. This report also provides a comparison with fiscal year 2012. As can be seen, the past two years have resulted in growing deficits, which threatens the sustainability of our parish. All parishes facing deficit financing are required to provide the Diocese with an action plan to address the deficit. Over the next few weeks, the Wardens will be developing a plan to balance the 2014 budget and in doing so, will seek Parishioner input and support.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
April 19 & 20, 2014 - Easter Sunday	\$1,299.00	\$781.00
April 18, 2014 - Holy Land	\$ 203.00	\$ 44.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 83.00	\$ 90.10
Development & Peace	\$ 502.00	\$390.00

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 contact the Secretary for a registration form. The next time you are with us, you may leave this form in the collection basket. Welcome!