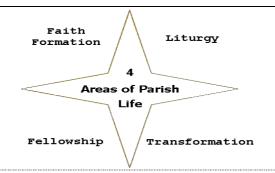


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 10 & 11, 2014



St. Malachy 3889 Route 315 Mayo, Québec J8L 3Z8

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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# Food for Thought

Reading I Acts 2.14, 36b-41

Responsorial The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm

**Reading II** 1 Peter 2.20b-25 **Gospel** John 10.1-10

Jesus talks a lot about giving life and about the fullness of life. It is not just for hereafter. Eternal life is our faith in Him and in His Word.

We are called to be life-givers, to facilitate the full life of justice, compassion and peace. We are called to be ministers of life, serving the God who loves all life.

### **MASSES**

Wednesday	May 14	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy Parishes	
Saturday	May 17	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	John Sellers (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by Virginia & Family Special Intentions by a Parishioner	
Sunday	May 18	OLV @ 9:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Doherty by Regis Lemieux Bruce, Mildred & Domino Chenier by Bill Chenier Connie Kane by OLV Society	

# **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

This fourth Sunday of the Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In each cycle, the reading is from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter sets the framework for Jesus' teaching about himself as the Good Shepherd.

Today's reading falls between the stories of Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus. Both of these stories were proclaimed in the Gospels found in this year's season of Lent. Following the controversy that ensued when Jesus healed the man born blind, Jesus directs his allegory about the sheep and the shepherd toward the Jewish religious leaders of his time, the Pharisees.

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.

The relationship between the sheep and their shepherd is based on familiarity. Sheep recognize their shepherd and will not follow a stranger. At the end of the day, shepherds lead their sheep from pastures to a common gated area called a sheepfold. There, one shepherd protects all of the sheep until the next day when each shepherd returns to lead his own sheep to pasture. As shepherds move among the sheep, the sheep follow only their shepherd.

Today's Gospel also gives us the opportunity to reflect on Christian leadership. Jesus' words suggest to us that those who will lead the Christian community will be known by their faithfulness to Jesus. The leaders will recognize that Jesus is the gate for all of the sheep and that having a good relationship with Jesus is the primary characteristic of a Christian leader. Jesus' allegory also suggests that faithful Christian leadership requires a good relationship with the community: the shepherd knows his sheep, and they know him. Christian leaders follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by being faithful to him and by being a good shepherd.

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#### **OLV NEWS**

## **Spring Supper and Auction**

This year's Spring Supper and Auction will be held on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets will go on sale May 2<sup>nd</sup> and can be obtained before Mass or from the parish Secretary. Up to May 9<sup>th</sup>, tickets will be reserved for parishioners from both parishes, after that tickets will be available to the general public. Demand for tickets is already strong. 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

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.

## **Heart and Soul Spring Concert**

Come and lift your spirits and listen to the Heart and Soul Singers on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7:30 pm. The concert will be approximately one hour long. Advance tickets will be \$5.00, tickets at the door \$8.00. Free for children.

Coffee and desserts will be served after the concert.

#### **Wardens Meeting**

The next OLV Wardens Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the church rectory.

# ST. MALACHY NEWS

# **Shrine Committee**

There will be a Shrine meeting to discuss the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our 2014 Annual Pilgrimage on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm at St. Malachy's Church in Mayo.

Everyone welcome.

# **Happy Mother's Day**

To all our Mothers and Grand-Mothers on this very special day, we take the time to both reflect on and thank you for your love and devotion. God Bless.

## May – The Family is Our Focus

The Archbishop has indicated that each month we will receive propositions on certain social themes. These themes are in concert with the leadership of Pope Francis. May has been identified as the month of the family

#### Reflection

The family is the first school of prayer, where children may learn of and experience a sense of God, thanks to the teaching and example of their parents. We live in a fast paced society, with both parents working, children involved in various activities one wonders where the time goes. A major challenge parents face today is how to sustain their family's spiritual life? How to find the time to stop and increase the quality of their family life?

#### Questions we need to ask ourselves

May is a good month for celebrating with family: Will I make time to reflect on the importance of family. How much room do I make in my life for the members of my family?

May 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> has been designated in Quebec as the week of the family.

On Mother's Day, will I take time to celebrate with my family the joy brought by mothers? What special attention could I bring to my mother?

During the upcoming week, will I decide to be a more significant part of my own family? This week will I try to be more present to a particular member of my family who may be in need?

### **Garage Sale**

At the **Centre d'Accueil**, 111 Gérard-Gauthier Street (Buckingham Sector) on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Donations of articles (no clothing/shoes) will be greatly appreciated. All of the profits from this event are for the benefit of the residents at Centre d'Accueil. For more information, please contact Mrs. Jean Lavell at 819-986-3564.

### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

The Robitaille family invites you to a BBQ at Maxi on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, from 10:00 – 4:00. All monies raised goes to the 2014 Relay for Life with **all money** STAYING in our region.

Julie will be cutting her hair on Saturday at 2:00 pm. She will be donating her hair to Angel Hair for Kids Foundation and the money to our Relay.

Please see Julie or Monique to donate to this beautiful gesture.

Thanks.

Robitaille family

#### **Prayers**

Please remember Gladys Miller in your Prayers. Her funeral took place at St. Malachy Parish on May 05. Also, our Prayers and Sympathy are with her brothers, Philip, Richard, their families and friends.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 3 & 4, 2014 - Sunday	\$644.00	\$235.25
May 3 & 4, 2014 - Clergy	\$325.00	\$202.00

<u>Are You New To Our Parish</u> - 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!