

FREE THE GIFT, SHARE THE WORD

WELCOME (Part 2 of 3)

The mission of the Church is to go into the world. Together we must take up the challenge of being “salt” and “light” to the world. Otherwise, we risk seeing the Church lose its reason for existence in God’s plan and its relevance to the society of tomorrow. Archbishop Durocher states, “It is to meet this challenge that I propose a first personal and communal priority to leaders in our diocese: to foster the commitment of all the faithful of the diocese, according to the talents and treasures – the gifts – of each one of them”.

GOSPEL THOUGHTS ON WELCOME

- June 29 - Peter recognizes who Jesus is in the depth of his being. To welcome another is to recognize that person as they are, with all their dignity and beauty.
- July 6 - Jesus welcomes those who ‘toil under the weight of the burden’. In so doing, Jesus makes Himself humble and meek. Let us imitate the humility and tenderness of Jesus as we welcome others.
- July 13 - We need to train our hearts to welcome the Word – and there is no better training than truly welcoming the words of others.

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE BISHOP JULY 2014 – SPORTS AND LEISURE

That sports and leisure activities may always be opportunities for brotherhood and human growth in an atmosphere of respect for other cultures.

Reflection on Social Issues:

The month of July ushers in the beginning of holidays, where many people will be enjoying the leisure activities of summer. It is an occasion to connect with family and friends and have fun together. Summer allows us the opportunity to re-energize ourselves, nourish our relationships and engage in competitive sports. During these times of relaxation, we take the time to foster and renew the bonds of friendship and family. How will I make my summer activities safer and more welcoming?

Our Faith Response:

For Christians, brotherhood and love of neighbour are the fundamental values of our faith. In Scripture, Jesus says, “Love one another” (John 15:17). This summer, am I able, during my sports and leisure activities and my encounters with others, to develop a true spirit of fraternity and solidarity in healthy competitions? Pope Francis exhorts us in the following manner: “I especially ask Christians in communities throughout the world to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion”. Can we apply this to our summer activities?

Question We Need to Ask Ourselves:

July 6 – At the start of summer, how can I become more welcoming, particularly to persons of other cultures, through my sports and recreation activities, by developing with them a spirit of fraternity modelled on Jesus?

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

Thanks Ken

After many years of dedicated service, Ken Simpson has decided to step down as a church Warden. Ken’s commitment to the well-being of our faith community is well known to all Parishioners. Thank you Ken for your hard work and dedication, the team will miss you. While Ken is leaving the team, he has graciously agreed to continue on as a resource person in charge of the furnace and furnace repairs. This is greatly appreciated.

Welcome Paul

In other Warden news, Paul Jeffrey has agreed to join the Warden team. Thanks Paul and welcome aboard. We appreciate your support.

Budget News

Over the summer, the Wardens will be meeting to develop a plan to address our budget shortfalls. You will remember that the deficit for 2013 was \$ 14,307.00. To date (as of June 17th) the deficit for 2014 is \$ 8,012.00. In September, the Wardens will present to the congregation a plan to raise revenues and reduce expenses.

Secretary Hours

Please take note that the Secretary's hours have changed for the summer. Alma will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

OUR LADY OF KNOCK SHRINE

The 60th Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2014. The Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishop, will be the presider and homilist. The day begins with the **Celebration of Holy Eucharist** at 11:00 am. Please refer to poster at entrance of Church for more details.

A committee is currently working on a presentation of pictures and information for the 60th Anniversary. If anyone has any pictures or historical information that they would like to share, we would greatly appreciate receiving them for inclusion in our presentation. Pictures from the last ten years would be most helpful. Please contact Jean Dunnigan at 819-986-8763 or send an e-mail to: mayopilgrimage@gmail.com. Thank you.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Thanks to all who contributed by donating bottles and cans, buying pickles and wind chimes. Also supporting me with your donations and support in anything I do for Cancer Fundraising. Alone this year, our parish, has helped raise \$3993.00 for the cause. Total amount this year raised was \$160,607.00.

Most of this amount will go to research and the rest will be used by the Canadian Cancer Society IN OUR REGION for supplies, information and support for our cancer patients and their families.

Again, THANK YOU – Monique

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
June 21 & 22, 2014 - Sunday	\$517.00	\$481.00
June 21 & 22, 2014 - Fuel	\$230.00	\$147.00

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!