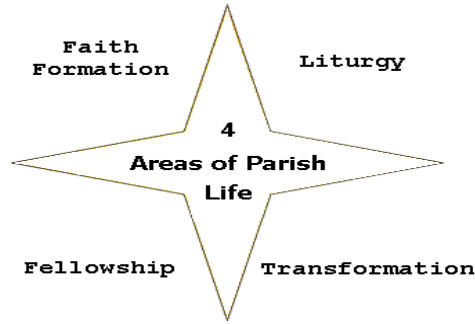




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EASTER SUNDAY
THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
April 04-05, 2015

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading 1 Acts 10.34a, 37-43
Responsorial Psalm This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad
Reading II Colossians 3.1-4
Gospel John 20.1-18++

It is the "first day of the week". Mary Magdalene is the first witness of an event which marks not just the beginning of a new week but the transformation of human history. But "it is still dark" and she does not yet understand what has happened. I ponder the mystery.

Peter and the other disciple, who had stood faithfully beneath the cross, run to the tomb. The other disciple saw and believed. Peter, whose last recorded action was to deny Jesus, still does not believe. What blocks me from fuller faith?

MASSES

Thursday	April 9 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	April 11 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Peter & Nora Cloonan by Gerry Carroll & Willie Fahy
Sunday	April 12 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Julia Martin (12th ann) by the Family Bob Dunning by Maureen Dunning Nan Sicard (7th ann) by the Family



Enjoy your day
Father Albanus

OUR EASTER FAITH DISPLAYED IN THE BANNER

The set of banners you see in the front of OLV Church will be with us for the next fifty (50) days, covering the entire Easter season. They are more than a piece of decoration. In vivid images, they capture what as church we are about in the Easter season.

The cross, which on its own is an instrument of torture and shame, has been transformed into the tree of life (remember what we sang during Lent!). That is what the resurrection of Jesus makes possible. The sun of the new creation has dawned and the roots of the cross, of the tree of life reach into the darkest corners of our human existence to bring life. Part of that new creation is that the risen Christ shares His life-giving Spirit with us; that is captured in the red banner with its flames of fire. The lower banner shows us how in the waters of baptism we have got our feet in the new creation of the risen Jesus.

Quite significantly, the banners hang above or serve as a backdrop to the two focal points of our celebration of the Eucharist: the lectern from which God's life-giving Word is proclaimed and the altar around which we share the life-giving bread and wine of the new creation, the Body and Blood of Christ. These are the two principal means of the church by which the new life we have received in baptism is nourished and sustained on a regular basis.

THE ASHES/SAND REPLACED BY THE LIFE-GIVING WATER OF EASTER

In the beginning of Lent we received the ashes as part of the summons to repent and be converted, so characteristic of the Lenten season. The ashes/sand at the entrance of the church was meant to be a reminder of that. After the forty (40) days of Lent it is time to have the baptismal water come over us again and to give the life-giving water of Easter its rightful place. It is another typical Catholic way of speaking the faith we cherish.

AT THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER MASSES – OUR BAPTISM RENEWED

Baptism inserts us into Christ's victory over death and sin. But it takes a life time for baptism "to take." Easter is a privileged time to have it renewed so that the new life that Jesus won for us in the Death and Resurrection may progressively grow on us.

APRIL MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

That human beings learn to respect Creation and care for it as a gift from God

Reflection on Social Issues: Many persons and groups in our society have taken to heart the various environmental threats. Every day we see the manifestation of collective and individual efforts. The Church appears to be somewhat lagging behind. Yet the Bible tells us that "we are stewards of creation". Mgr. Bertrand Blanchet asserts: "Concern for the environment is a 'sign of the times'. How could it be otherwise when so many threats beset it! Many associations and institutions are devoted to the protection of the environment, but very rarely are their efforts informed by the light of the faith."¹

Our Faith Response : Eco-spirituality, or the spirituality of Creation is a concept of growing interest to Christian communities. "The Green Church", an ecumenical program of growing importance in Quebec, is promoted by means of three spokes: spirituality, awareness-raising and action.¹ According to Normand Levesque, Christian ecological spirituality or eco-spirituality delves deeply into Franciscan spirituality but is also inspired by St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Kevin, St. Benedict and other saints. This type of spirituality recognizes the wisdom in Creation and attempts to protect its balances."² How can we, as believers and as Christian communities be eco-responsible as the Bible calls us to be?

Questions We Need to Ask Ourselves

Sunday, 5 April 2015: On this Easter Sunday, day of the Resurrection, I will prepare a celebration inspired by the awakening of creation.

LÉVESQUE, Norman *Prendre soin de la Création, «Un guide pastoral pour passer à l'action», éd. Novalis, 2014, p. 9.*

² <http://egliseverte-greenchurch.ca/vert/>

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

Garage Sale

Our Lady of Victory's Garage/Craft & Preserve Sale is Saturday, April 11th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Heart & Soul Concert

The Heart & Soul Singers will be hosting a concert on April 30th at 7:30 pm at OLV Church. Tickets are \$5.00 or \$8.00 at the door. Tickets can be obtained from Ethel Pearson, Marjorie Burke or Virginia Sellers.

Annual Spring Supper

Our Lady of Victory's Annual Spring Supper will be on Friday, May 22nd - please reserve this date on your calendar. More details to follow.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Royal Canadian Legion - There is a bingo every Monday from 1-3 pm. Coffee, tea and cookies are served. **Everyone is welcome.**

Camp FUN (Faith-Understanding-Nurture) - St. Andrew's United Church will be offering a six week day camp for children aged 4-12 starting in July. For details and a registration form, please refer to poster at entrance of Church.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
March 28-29 - Sunday Offering	\$493.00	\$293.00
Development & Peace		285.00
Donation		100.00

