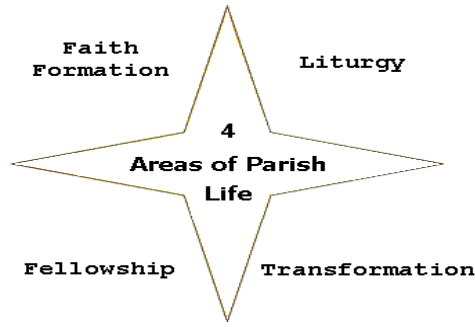




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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11-12, 2015

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading 1 Acts 4.32-35
Responsorial Psalm Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever.
Reading II 1 John 5.1-6
Gospel John 20.19-31

In community, the disciples found faith in the risen Christ. Thomas, for some reason, was not with them when the Lord came. Separated from the community, he found faith more difficult.

Faith in the Lord, while personal, is not a private affair. In the faith of one, the faith of another may be strengthened.

MASSES

Thursday	April 16th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Rupert McCoy by The Community
Saturday	April 18th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	April 19th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bill Weir (11th ann) by Barbara Michael Deschatelets by Grace & Family Raymond Peck by Beatrice Bonin

Parishioners are invited to join in praying the Rosary before all Masses

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

Reflecting on the Gospel, what happens when we meet a close friend whom we've not seen for a long time? We embrace the person warmly. We talk about shared past experiences. We share how our lives have changed. In the midst of this encounter is a deep sense of happiness and peace. Months and perhaps years of separation seem erased as we and our friend encounter each other in the here and now.

It's been only three days since the disciples have seen Jesus alive. But it must seem like an eternity to them. The disciples are gathered behind locked doors. They are afraid. They are confused about what to do. So they stay put. They are stuck. They've lost the sense of confidence they had when Jesus was with them. Probably their sense of peace has been shattered as well.

On Easter evening, the risen Jesus appears and shows the disciples "his hands and his side." It is Jesus who makes the first, convincing move to enable the disciples to believe that he has truly risen from the dead. It is he who wants the disciples to see him, to regain their confidence and peace. To this end, he bestows upon them the gift of the Holy Spirit. With this gift, the disciples are able to rejoice, to believe that he is truly risen. But this Jesus is not just an old friend who has been absent for a time. The disciples have never before seen this Jesus. He bears the marks of suffering and death. Yet he is risen, never to die again. He has conquered death. For himself and for all of us.

Thomas is a convenient stand-in for all of us as we strive to deepen our belief in the risen Lord. Unlike Thomas, however, we do not literally "see" the risen Lord. Whether we see clearly like the gathered disciples, or only through doubting like Thomas, the risen Jesus is, nevertheless, always present in our midst removing all obstacles to belief. This is also how the risen Lord comes among us; in those in need, in those who reach out in self-giving to help those in need. Going from disbelief to belief is not a mental exercise. It is encountering the risen Lord in the people and circumstances around us. Believing is living faithfully the risen "Life" Jesus gives us.

Reflection from Living Liturgy.

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, 12 April 2015: I will ask my pastor or other parish authorities if our bread and wine are from local producers. I will take the opportunity to ask my pastor to pray an "environmental" Eucharistic prayer so that we may "commune with creation".

¹LÉVESQUE, Norman *Prendre soin de la Création, «Un guide pastoral pour passer à l'action»*, éd. Novalis, 014, p. 9.

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

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy are with Leigh Ouellette's family during this difficult time.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Cereal Bar Sunday - April 19, 2015

A basket will be at the entrance to the Church for your donation. These bars are delivered to the Buckingham Elementary School to help feed the children who come to school hungry. Your generosity is appreciated.

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 \$10.00 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.

OLV Wardens Meeting

Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

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.

Garage Sale for Relay for Life

Our team, The Walking Stars, will be having a garage, arts, crafts, food and preserves Sale at OLV on **Saturday, April 25, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm.** Monies raised will go to the Relay for Life Walk, under the Brady Bridge, on Friday, June 12. Help make cancer history.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
April 5, 2015 – Easter Offering	\$1023.00	\$525.00
April 5, 2015 - Support	227.00	273.00
April 3, 2015 - Holy Land Offering	130.00	60.00
Easter Flowers	332.00	