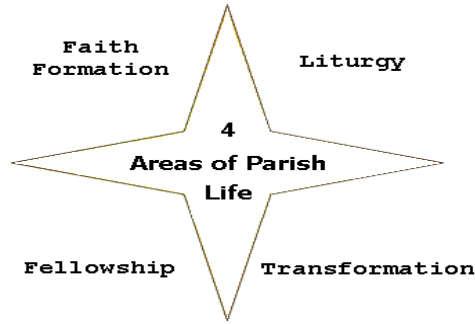




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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23-24, 2015

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading 1 Acts 2.1-11
Responsorial Psalm Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Reading II 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13
Gospel John 20.19-23

A great gift of the risen Lord is the forgiveness of our sins. The claim that he could forgive sins was one of the reasons he was brought to death, for only God could forgive.

Forgiveness is given day by day in various ways. Through the community of the Church we are given the forgiveness of our sins. We need this gift and the grace of knowing that God is always the God of another chance, never remembering our sins forever.

MASSES

Thursday	May 28th	OLV @ 10:00 am	NO MASS
Saturday	May 30th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	All parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	May 31st	OLV @ 9:00 am	Roger Gauthier by Carmel & family Bertha Gorman (10th ann) by John Gorman

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, the Gospel from John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. *In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.*

Reflection from Loyola Press, a Jesuit Ministry

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP - MAY

"That through the intercession of Mary, Christians living in secularized communities may become available to proclaim Jesus."

Reflection on Social Issues: The western world has known a long period of Christian society. Since the cultural revolution of the 1960's, the faith no longer holds pride of place in western society. It is sometimes difficult for us to present ourselves as believers and announce the important place Jesus Christ has in our lives. How can we learn to live as Christians in Quebec society today? How are we prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks [us] for a reason for the hope that is in [us]? (1 P 3, 15)

Our Faith Response: In the first centuries, the Church lived her life marginalized within society. For the first generation of believers, as for us today, the Faith is a source of comfort. The Gospel of Luke invites us to "read the signs of the times" which exhorts us to love and to understand the world we are a part of. Jesus watches over the faithful, protecting and strengthening us daily. In His priestly prayer in John's Gospel, Jesus sends us out into the world (John 17:18) as sheep among wolves. His intent is for us to be His witnesses. Like Mary, Star of the Gospel, how can I live within this secularized society and witness to my faith with confidence?

Sunday 24 May 2015: On this Pentecost Sunday, I pray that the Holy Spirit strengthens me in my social obligations and in my life of faith.



In order to bring urgent relief to victims of the earthquakes that took place on April 25th and May 12th 2015, **Development and Peace** contributed \$200,000 in emergency funding to the efforts being organized by its Caritas partners working in Nepal.

Development and Peace is currently working in collaboration with Caritas Nepal, which is supported locally by other member organizations of the Caritas network. With a strong partnership network and volunteer outreach, Caritas members, including **Development and Peace**, are well placed to deliver an immediate response on a large scale and will continue to play a major role in the recovery efforts of this devastated country.

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy parishes have responded to the appeal by the Canadian Council of Canadian Bishops (CCCB) and **Development and Peace** by collecting \$770. Members of our Transformation Committee forwarded all donations to **Development and Peace** last week in order to benefit from the Canadian government's matching, and wish to thank our generous donors from both parishes.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

Cereal Bars

The school staff extends a big thanks for the yearly contribution of cereal bars for their students. The collection program will start up again in September.

ST. MALACHY NEWS

Wardens' Meeting

There will be a wardens' meeting on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

OUR LADY OF KNOCK SHRINE

Pilgrimage

The 61st **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock** will be on **August 16th**. Please reserve this date on your calendar. More information will follow.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Relay for Life – Our Relay for Life (the 12-hour walk for cancer) will be held on Friday, June 12th under the Brady Bridge. All are welcome to attend. Please note that all monies raised stays in our area. With a \$1.00 donation, \$0.65 goes towards our mission, broken down as follows: \$0.37 on information, services and programs, \$0.23 on research and \$0.05 on advocacy; \$0.31 for fundraising and \$0.04 for administration. Please help to make cancer history.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 16-17, 2015 - Sunday Offering	\$679.00	\$407.00
May 16-17, 2015 - Papal Charities		70.50