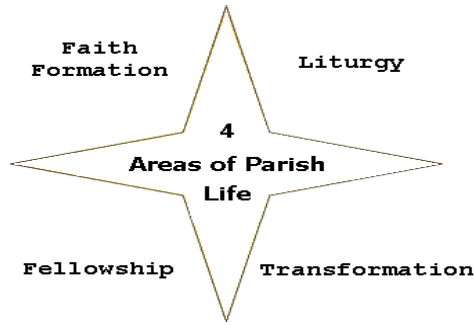




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**THE TENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
June 4 - 5, 2016**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading 1 1 Kings 17.17- 21a, 22 -24.
Responsorial Psalm I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.
Reading II Galatians 1.11-19.
Gospel Luke 7.11-17

In Jesus' time, childless widows were socially very disadvantaged. Saint Luke stresses Jesus' compassion toward such a woman. He reverses her misfortune by restoring her dead son to her. This Gospel is reminiscent of what we hear in today's First Reading from 1 Kings when the prophet Elijah raised from the dead the only son of a widow. The woman's response is recognition of Elijah as a prophet, a man of God: "It is truly the word of the LORD that you speak."

MASSES

Thursday	June 9 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Leo Giroux by The Community Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by The Estate
Saturday	June 11 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by The Estate For Favor Received by A Parishioner
Sunday	June 12 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Terry Charbonneau (31st ann) and Jérôme Brulé by Nicole Marion Hewson by The Family Bill Farnand (34th ann) by Margaret and Family Kay Lemieux by The Community

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 28 - May 29, 2016 - Sunday Collection	\$536.00	\$376.00

THE ARCHBISHOP'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: JUNE 2016

“So that elderly people and people who are lonely or have been marginalized find, even in the big cities, occasions to meet and socialize with other people.”

Social reflection: In Quebec, we went from being a rural society to being an urban society. During the rural period, we developed values of solidarity, mutual assistance, and family and community spirit. Since the urbanization of Quebec in the 1960s, the globalization starting in 1990, individualism has spread in our society. It is difficult to find a sense of community in our cities and even in our parishes. Yesterday's values, mutual assistance, solidarity and cooperation, are not lived as before or on a much smaller scale. How can we give new life to this type of communal friendship? Maybe by recreating small communities or “urban villages”¹ inside our big cities.

Our Faith Response: In the history of Christianity, we see that evangelism and faith really grew in rural areas, along the coast, or in villages. The Christian faith had a lot of trouble establishing itself in the large cities of the time: Jerusalem, Athens, Rome. Consider the passage of Paul at the Areopagus of Athens, where he bore witness to the risen Christ. His message was not welcomed by the citizens of Athens (Cf. Ac 17, 16-34). How can we, in this era of globalization and individualism, modernize our message, and bear witness to the Gospel from where we are?

Reflection Sunday, June 5, 2016: This week, on June 11th, I will look for a Neighbour's Day party in my district. I will take that opportunity to meet and socialize with people I've never met before.

¹ Concept developed in San Francisco.

Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

We have a God who Cares

In a world of broken hearts God sees and cares for us in our grief. This is the central message of today's Scriptural reading. God has compassion and mercy on our miseries and gives us His healing touch. Today, we heard the stories of the two poor widows.

The first reading illustrates how the merciful God through the instrumentality of the prophet Elijah resuscitated the only son of the poor widow of Zarephath. The poor woman had given accommodation to the prophet in her house during the famine. St Paul in the second reading declares that God has directly revealed to him the Good News of his love, mercy and salvation. God, he says, has chosen him for this ministry from his mother's womb. The compassionate and merciful heart of God is revealed to us in Jesus. The gospel describes Jesus' encounter with the grief-stricken widow of Nain. All the relatives and friends were on the way to the cemetery for the burial of her only son. Jesus was moved to have pity on the poor widow. He restored her son to life. Widows were yet a category of despised people in Jewish society of the time. Jesus' action on behalf of the widow expresses his concern for the marginalized. There is no doubt that Jesus thought of another scene which would come to pass in a couple of years that would involve him as the only son of Mary, his widowed mother. Jesus, here in Nain gives a preview of what he would later do in Jerusalem. We see in this story the revelation of Jesus' Divinity and humanity: Jesus' physical touch not only restored life but brought freedom and wholeness to soul as well as body. Christ comes to restore what was lost. He, in fact, acts to remove the cause of pain and sorrow, “for I, the LORD, am your Healer” (Exodus 15:26). Reading this fragment of the Gospel we could emphasize Jesus' Divinity alone by saying that only God could have brought back his life to this young man. But here we see Jesus' humanity as well. We don't see Jesus in the Gospel episode as a remote Divine Being, but as somebody close to us, sharing our loss and sorrow. Jesus' raising of the widow's son was also a sign of the spiritual resurrection offered to all people. Jesus is showing concern about the need for us to be spiritually alive here and now.

Brothers and sisters, we need to become channels of God's compassionate and healing love as Jesus was. The Gospel reminds us to have the same love and compassion for those who suffer that Jesus had. Our deeds of love will transform the broken-hearted and help them to experience God as the Father who has come among His people. We need to ask God for the grace to become like Christ for the others in our daily lives. Our society needs saints, and we can each be one in our own environment. As our Lord comforted this woman, let us comfort others. We need to be spiritually alive: This story should help us to look at our own situation and see, first of all, how alive we really are. When we live in mortal sin, we are physically alive and spiritually dead. We receive spiritual revival in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. St. Augustine comments, “Our Mother, the Church, rejoices every day when people are raised again in spirit sacramentally.” We need to offer our broken hearts to Jesus: We need to bring our deepest hurts and broken relationships to Jesus and experience how he reaches out to us and grants us his loving reconciliation. Let us invite Jesus to transform even the most difficult situations in our life. The Lord Jesus still raises the dead. We trust that promise each time we bring our shattered lives, our broken hearts, our anger, our depression and our deepest hurts to the table of the Lord and, in the priest, hear him say: “This is my body; this is my blood given and shed for you!”

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Spring Supper 2016: On Friday, May 20th, OLV held our annual Spring Supper and Balloon Auction. The evening was very successful with profits for the evening totalling **\$4,246**. The evening's success was the result of a number of factors.

This year, financial donations were responsible for covering all expenses related to the evening. A special thank you to friends of the Parish including, Martin Lajeunesse, our City Councillor and Alexandre Iraca, our Provincial MLA, for their generous financial support.

Thanks to our Parishioners and Corporate sponsors who donated gifts that contributed to the success of the Balloon Auction. In particular the Wardens would like to acknowledge the following Corporate Sponsors; Masala Restaurant, Videotron Super Club, Dragon Rouge, Centre d'alignement Buckingham, Bar du Parc, Emile Charette & Fils, Metro Plus, Anne Lemieux, Royal Papineau Golf Club, Festifleurs Flower Shop, BJ's Restaurant, Eric Robillard of the Buckingham Golf Club, Distribution CJ Guindon. Also, a special thank you to Simon Piché, NAPA Auto Parts, for donating the Helium tank.

This year, we faced the challenge of finding a new chef to cook the Prime Rib. Two volunteers stepped forward and donated their time and cooked a wonderful meal. Thank you, Gisele Lalande and Mabel-Calles Torres for your contribution to the success of the evening.

And as always, we must acknowledge our Parish team of volunteers, those individuals who contribute so much to Parish life and who are instrumental in ensuring the success of such Parish events. Bravo for a job well done.

Finally, thanks to all the Parishioners who bought tickets to the event.

Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre – The first summer concert is Acacia Lyro, Harp Duo. Janine Dudding and Susan Sweeney Herman blend both contemporary and traditional Celtic harp music. They perform, compose and sing music in several languages from many countries of the world. On June 12th from 2 to 3 pm come and enjoy an afternoon of music at 6458 Route 315, Mulgrave and Derry. Cost - \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 enter free. Tickets are available from the Board of Directors or at the door.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RELAY for LIFE: Our Relay for Life 12-hour walk for cancer will be held on Friday, June 10th under the Brady Bridge. All are welcome to attend starting at 7 pm. Please help to make cancer history.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC: Monday, June 6 from 11:30 am to 7:30 pm at Carle Ford Showroom.