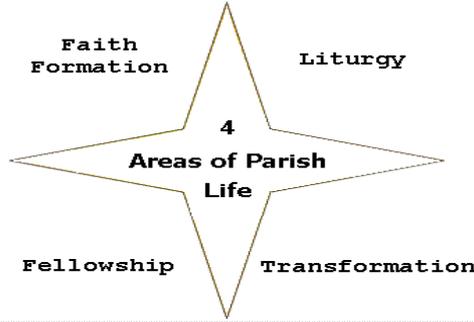




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**THE TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 17 - 18, 2016**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading I Amos 8.4-7
Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy.
Reading II 1 Timothy 2.1-7
Gospel Luke 16.1.13

There are practical lessons here: first, that whatever the value of our worldly goods, we must be faithful in our stewardship; and second, that the Christian should take the long-term view of this world, with an eye always on the "true riches" of the kingdom.

The only things we take with us from our life on earth are those which we have given away.

MASSES

Thursday	Sept. 22nd	OLV @ 10:00 am	Leo Giroux by the Community
Saturday	Sept. 24th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Father H.C. Braceland by John and Fay Doherty Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Sunday	Sept. 25th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Steve Cameron by the Community Leonard Simpson by Ken and Monique

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sept. 10 - 11, 2016 - Sunday Collection	\$544.00	\$190.00

THE ARCHBISHOP'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER 2016

“So that Christians, by participating in the Sacraments, and by meditating on the Scriptures, become increasingly aware of their mission of evangelization.”

Social Reflection: Many people try to make the world a better place. In August 2016, more than 20,000 people gathered in Montreal for the World Social Forum, in the hopes of building a world that would be socially more just. Depending on our values, we may or may not support a certain government, political party, social group, or charity. Our motivation is always to work for the *common good*.

Sunday, September 18, 2016: On this Catechetical Sunday, can I insert justice, peace and joy in my education project of faith?

Sacramental Preparation

Anyone wishing to enrol children or youth in sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation), please notify the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763. **You will be notified of an introductory meeting at a later date.**

Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy **Good Stewardship**

Today's readings remind us that we are God's stewards and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings wisely to attain Heavenly joy. In the first reading, the Prophet speaking around the 8th Century BC condemns the crooked commercial practices of the Jewish merchants.

He, therefore, reminds the Israelites and us to be faithful to our covenant with God by practicing justice and mercy as God's faithful stewards. We should not make the goal of our life the acquisition of money by whatever means. St. Paul, in the second reading instructs Christians to become the stewards of the Gospel of Jesus. He admonishes them, like himself, to preach the Gospel to their leaders and offer intercessory prayers on their behalf.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us to use our blessings – time, talents, health and wealth – wisely. We humans, are naturally concerned about our future, like the man in the Gospel; that may have led the man to be dishonest in the first place. It is understandable that this man was street-wise and he applied his shrewdness to provide for his future. He had to alter the books and the transaction deals with his debtors in order to acquire some future security. Jesus, here, is not trying to exonerate the dishonest steward for his misappropriation of his master's money. He rather draws our attention to this man's astuteness, intelligence and intuition. These are qualities, good in themselves, but here, are channeled in the wrong direction. What Jesus is saying is: if only Christians would emulate the qualities of the steward and apply themselves purposefully for the service of God's kingdom.

We need to use our spiritual resources wisely. The manager in Jesus' story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. We have at our disposal the Holy Mass and the Seven Sacraments as sources of Divine grace, the Holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the teaching authority of the Spirit-guided Church to direct us in our Christian life. We need to use these resources. We need to be prepared to give an account of our stewardship. We insure our houses against fire, storms, flood and thieves and insure our lives by taking life insurance and car insurance. In the same way, let us insure ourselves for the one thing that most certainly will happen, namely, our meeting God to give Him an account of our lives. What really matters, at that time of our encounter with God and at the moment of our death, is how wisely we have used our blessings during our life, lovingly and generously sharing them with others in need.

Happy Sunday! Have a wonderful week!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

OLK Shrine Meeting: There is a shrine meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the sacristy at St. Malachy Church. This is a follow up to this year's pilgrimage. Any comments or input will be appreciated.

Parish Activity - An Invitation to Families and Friends: On Friday, September 30th, Father Albanus and Sister Iresha are inviting our children and their families to join them in an evening of sing-along, storytelling and other activities. All ages are invited and Parishioners are asked to pass on the word to their families and friends. Father Albanus will be on keyboard, while Sister Iresha will play guitar and the evening promises to be a lot of fun, with a bit of spirituality thrown into the mix.

Activities will commence at **7:00 pm** in the OLV church hall. Let's ensure we support this excellent outreach activity.

Harvest Supper: The Harvest Supper sponsored by our two Parishes will be held on **Friday, October 28th**. In response to feedback from Parishioners, the ticket price for an adult will be \$20.00.

A word from the Financial Administrator – Archdiocese of Gatineau

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada: an important collection for our diocese: This special collection will be held on **September 24 and 25, 2016** in every parish of the Diocese. It is important to understand that this special collection is the only one, which the revenue stays at the Archdiocese. It helps us to meet our financial obligation.

Shut-Ins: Parishioners are reminded that Father Albanus is available and more than willing to meet with those individuals who are shut-in for a variety of reasons. In addition to Eucharist, Father is prepared to simply visit, as well as bring a spiritual message to those who are unable to leave their place of residence. **To book a time with Father, please contact the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

To all OLV and St. Malachy's Parishioners: The Robitaille Team (The Walking Stars) would like to advise you that June 9th, 2017 will be our last walk in the Relay for Life. Also, the last year that "Thanks to OLV" will be written on our Tshirts. This will mark our 10th year of participation.

Over the past 9 years you supported us during our Garage Sales, BBQ's, Craft Sales and your donations to the Relay. You have helped us raise \$123,362.00 in donations and \$5,615.00 for luminaries for a grand total of **\$128,977.00** towards research and the cure for cancer.

Monique will continue to collect beer bottles, soft drink cans and bottles and pop tabs. She will give the money raised directly to our Cancer Society Office in Hull. (There will be no stop date to this venture). We again look forward to your support in 2017 and thank you all for believing in the cause. **Linda Robitaille, Captain.**