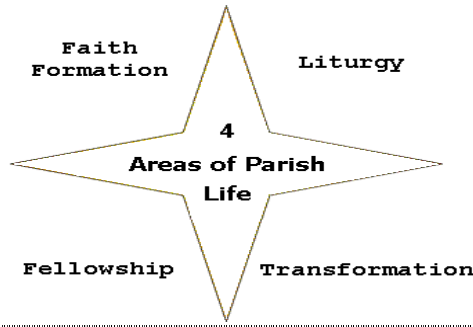




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**THE TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 24 - 25, 2016**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading I Amos 6.1a, 4-7
Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord, O my soul!
Reading II 1 Timothy 6.11-16
Gospel Luke 16.19-31

This powerful prophecy of Amos, and the parable of Dives and Lazarus in today's gospel, are about thoughtless luxury, the enjoyment of riches without any sense of responsibility towards those who have little.

Lord, keep me mindful of those that I can help. Keep me alert to the needs around me; and save me from the indifference of "those who feel secure."

MASSES

Thursday	Sept. 29 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Saturday	Oct. 1 st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Rita Weatherdon (16th ann) by Rolly, Shirley and Philip Plouffe Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Sunday	Oct. 2 nd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Steve Cameron by the Community Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sept 17 - 18, 2016 - Sunday Collection	\$481.00	\$289.00

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*.

Answering our Faith: Our religious practice strengthens us to become better people in everyday life. In our daily lives, we are invited to bear witness to a message of hope. The latter leads us towards *justice, peace* and the *common good*. Saint Paul once said; “For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Rm14, 17). So to evangelize, our testimony must also be reflected in our actions. At the beginning of the pastoral year, how can our pastoral project be put in action so that it serves justice, peace, and the common good?

Sunday, September 25, 2016: As a Christian community, are we ready to engage ourselves in a project of social justice that will turn this world around (Green Churches, Development and Peace, St-Vincent de Paul, etc.)?

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 2**

Today's readings warn that the selfish and extravagant use of God's blessings, like wealth, without sharing them with the poor and the needy is a serious sin that has consequence for eternal destiny. They stress the Covenant responsibility of the rich for the poor, and remind us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness. Amos, the prophet, continues where he stopped last Sunday and in today's first reading, issues a powerful warning to those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who spend their time and their money on themselves alone. He prophesies that those rich and self-indulgent people will be punished by God with exile because they don't care for their poor and suffering brothers. The Psalm praises Yahweh, who cares for the poor. In the second reading, St. Paul advises us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness" – noble goals in an age of disillusionment – rather than riches.

In the Gospel Jesus tell the story of two men, *dives* (a rich man) and Lazarus, the poor man. The rich man dresses in purple and fine linen; feasts magnificently and is engaged in massive self-indulgence; is rich also in the privilege and in the freedom he enjoys. But all these blind him from his responsibilities, and to the poor Lazarus who lies at his own gate. In contrast is the poor Lazarus who is covered in sores; who lies at the gate of the rich man's house. Expecting to be invited at the rich man's table would be a lofty unrealizable hope. He only wishes for the crumbs that fall from the table of the *dives* meant for the dogs (cf. Mt 15:27). Instead, he has his sores licked by the rich man's dogs. Lazarus dies and there is no mention of his funeral. Later, “the rich man also died and was buried.”

The second scene of the story presents a reversal of fortunes. While Lazarus goes to be with Abraham in the place of honour in the heavenly banquet, the rich man goes into agony and is surrounded by flames. The new agony of the *dives* awakens in him a compassion for his brothers and he wishes that Lazarus can return to earth to warn them. His regret and compassion are too late to be enough. He is different from the shrewd manager of last Sunday's Gospel who uses his resourcefulness to guarantee his future. Contrary to his demands, no one will go from the dead to warn his brothers as they have the scripture and other Lazarus's to listen to.

We all have a lot of things given to us in custody. Not to share them is a crime. The rich man did nothing to Lazarus, but he was not innocent. Sometimes however, our crime could be our innocence. Innocence is not enough as glaring need stares at us. We are all rich enough to share our blessings with others. The parable invites us to share what we have been given with others in various ways instead of using everything exclusively for selfish gains. Our choices here determine the kind of eternity we will have. Where we will arrive depends on what road we travel. We will get what we choose, what we live for. We are shaping our moral character to fit in one of two places. May the grace of God be with us as we make our choice? Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Harvest Supper: The Harvest Supper sponsored by our two Parishes will be held on **Friday, October 28th**. Tickets are now on sale for both the supper and painting.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cercle de Fermières Buckingham "Journées de la culture": You are invited to come and participate in various demonstrations on the making of jewelry, weaving, crocheting, knitting and other crafts on **Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. This will be held at the Service Centre of Buckingham (The old Town Hall) at 515 Charles Street.

A workshop will also be available for our youth from 8 to 14 years old. There will also be an exhibit of ancient craft pieces and tools.