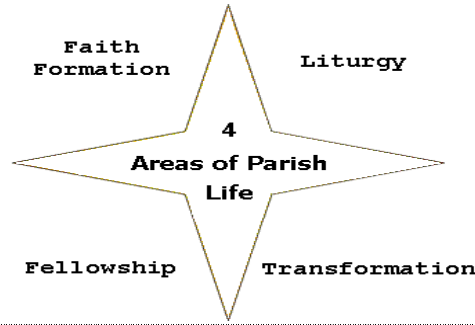




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**THE TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 1 - 2, 2016**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading I Habakkuk 1.2-3; 2.2-4
Responsorial Psalm O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your heart!
Reading II 2 Timothy 1.6-8, 13-14
Gospel Luke 17.5-10

"Increase our faith," begged the apostles. "For most of us," said Francis Thompson, "God is a belief; for the saints, a touch."

Lord, let me feel your touch in prayer.

MASSES

Thursday	Oct. 6 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Saturday	Oct. 8 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	George Doherty by John and Fay Doherty Bob Garvey by Barbara Garvey Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Sunday	Oct. 9 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Kay Lemieux by the Community Agnes Batty by Nancy and Ethel Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sept 24 -25, 2016 - Sunday	\$446.00	\$281.00
Sept 24 - 25, 2016 - Fuel	269.00	153.00
Sept 24 - 25, 2016 - Needs of the Canadian Church	227.00	69.00

THE ARCHBISHOP'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 2016

“Let us pray that each country has the concern of equitable sharing in the common good, and that World Mission Day renews in every Christian community the joy and responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel.”

Social Reflection: The World is divided into two parts, North and South. The Western countries often take advantage of the vulnerability of the countries in the Southern hemisphere. In so-called “Northern” countries, there is a “South”, where many people live in precarious situation and exclusion; the majority of them are being exploited by the system and are caught in the poverty trap. What can we do on October 17th, World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty, to help those who have urgent needs?

Answering our faith: The Bible, especially the New Testament, invites us to be in solidarity with our poorest brothers and sisters. We cannot serve two masters at the same time, money and God (Mt 6, 24); even the social doctrine of the Church invites us to opt for the common good. In October, we mark the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty, the World Mission Day, how can we show solidarity by sharing our time, our money, our prayers and the Gospel to the poor?

Questioning ourselves: **Sunday, October 2nd, 2016:** In the month of solidarity with the poor, I wonder about what creates this wealth gap between the North and the South.

Sacramental Preparation

Anyone wishing to enroll 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

Having a Bold Faith

Today's readings speak to us about faith and how it works in our lives. Faith is a theological virtue which enables us to believe something to be true and therefore worthy of trust because God revealed it to us. St Paul defines faith as “the assurance of things hoped for.” In his letter to Timothy which we read today, Paul shows it as a believing, trusting and loving relationship with Christ. Christian Faith is that trusting faith in God in action, expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity and total commitment to Him, which results in our offering to Him and those we encounter our humble and loving service. Faith as trusting God and living with fidelity to the covenant is seen in the first reading. The prophet Habakkuk (c.600 BC) screams at God. He asks God how long He is going to ignore the cries of his suffering people and accuses Him of simply looking on while tyranny and violence flourish. *The prophet is angry because he believes* (faith). His is not a cry of despair but one that is rooted in faith in God. He believes God will do something and his faith is proved right (cf. Ps 76:10). Psalm 95 which we read today characterizes God as a sturdy rock and a caring shepherd, surely worthy of our trusting faith.

St. Paul demonstrated this prophetic boldness in his life too even in the face of adversity. He therefore encourages Timothy in the second reading to be not only a guardian of the faith he has received but also a master of boldness. He tells him that God's gift of ministry is not a spirit of timidity but that of power and love. Paul presents faith as our acceptance of Jesus as the fulfilment of the promises of God. He stresses the need for a living faith in, and loyalty to, Christ's teachings handed down to us by the Church. Faith is therefore belief in, and acceptance of, revealed truths based on the authority and veracity of God.

In the Gospel, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Hence, Jesus teaches them that faith is sharing in God's power. He uses the mustard seed to describe the power of faith. Our faith even in small quantities, allows God to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. That faith is strong enough to uproot the mulberry plant in the ocean – a bold thing. So it is not the quantity of faith (as requested by the apostles) that matters but the quality of faith. A faith that is rooted in God is capable of boldness that is awesome. Jesus lived out that boldness and so encourages us all his followers to do the same. His boldness (deep rooted faith in God) enabled him to accuse God of forsaking him, to see through suffering and face the cross.

Boldness with God is always something necessary. Ours is a God who really encourages boldness. Ours is a God who does not get nervous at his children screaming at him and coaxing him towards justice. He is the God of Habakkuk and the apostle Paul. He is our God!

Brothers and sisters, we need to thank God for our well-being. We sometimes are inclined to forget God's providence when our earthly affairs are going well. We often pray to him only when trouble strikes. Stronger faith enables us to accept the adversities and the trials of life asking God, "increase our faith, Lord" at all times. We need to increase our faith by becoming dutiful servants of God.

We grow in faith as we act in faith. A sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbor. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, an unselfish interest in a neighbor's troubles can do more good than a series of sermons given by some renowned theologian. We need to grow in faith by using the means Christ has given us in his Church. We must cultivate our faith through prayer, Bible study, participation in the Holy Mass ("the mystery of of faith") and leading a well-disciplined spiritual life.

Happy Sunday and have a good week!

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

On October 4, 2016 take action for peace in Syria. Through prayer and action **DEVELOPMENT and PEACE** is joining forces with **Caritas Internationalis** as part of its **Syria: Peace is Possible Campaign**. A Day of Prayer will take place throughout Canada on October 4th. People will gather to meditate around St. Francis of Assisi's prayer "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." For more information on the campaign for peace in Syria and related activities, go to devp.org/Syria.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernadette Lawlis. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

Golf Tournament: On Thursday, September 22nd OLV held its first golf tournament. This first-time event was a success and consideration will be given to perhaps making this an annual fund-raising event. A special thanks to Mike Legault for organizing the event and to Alexandre Iraca for the donation of \$300.00. The profit from the tournament totaled \$615.00 and will be used to support 75th anniversary activities. Also, thank you to all those golfers who participated.

Harvest Supper: Tickets for both the supper and painting are now on sale. Mark your calendar for our Harvest Supper on **Friday, October 28th** sponsored by both our parishes.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Buckingham Citizens Meeting: Councillor Martin Lajeunesse invites English citizens of Buckingham to a Citizens Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 pm at the Buckingham Service Centre, 515 Charles Street (old Town Hall).

This evening will present a perfect opportunity to bring your personal issues of concern to the attention of our Councillor.