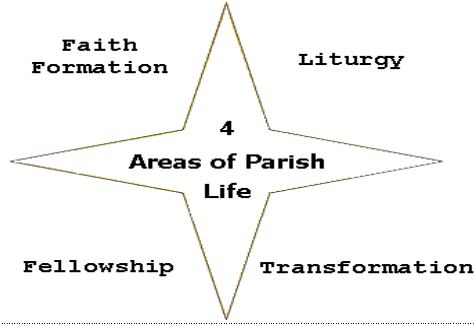




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**THE TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8 - 9, 2016**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading I 2 Kings 5.14-17
Responsorial Psalm The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations
Reading II 2 Timothy 2.8-13
Gospel Luke 17.11-19

I can take kindness for granted and do not bother to say thanks. It was the stranger, the Samaritan, who took the trouble to go back to Jesus. The other nine went off happily, feeling, "Sure that only what the rabbis / doctors / healers are there for."

Thank you, Lord, that I am alive and able to speak to you; that I have access to your word in Sacred Space. May I always count my blessings

MASSES

Thursday	Oct.13th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of The McCoy Family by The Estate
Saturday	Oct. 15th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of The McCoy Family by The Estate
Sunday	Oct. 16th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Raymond Peck by Beatrice Deceased Members of The Casey Family by Phil and Dorothy Ann

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 1 - 2, 2016 - Sunday	\$501.00	\$202.00
Oct. 1 - 2, 2016 - Support	252.00	257.00

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.”

Questioning ourselves Sunday, October 9th, 2016: On Sunday before the feast of Thanksgiving, I thank God for the blessings he has made in my life.

Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy **Gratitude**

The central theme of today's readings is gratitude – in particular, the expression of gratitude God expects from us. Today's first reading presents the story of Naaman, the Syrian military commander who was an outcast not only because of his leprosy but also a non-Israelite. But he returned to thank the Prophet Elisha for the cure of his leprosy as a sign of his gratitude. He not only rejoiced in the gift of healing he had received but also recognized the giver and so transferred his allegiance to the God of Israel. So, that shows that the God of Israel heals the outsider and the pagan. St. Paul, in the second reading, advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings and amid the dangers associated with spreading the Word of God because God will always be faithful to His people.

The Gospel story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper (a “Samaritan heretic”), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their way. One may perhaps surmise that under the false impression that healing was their right as God's chosen people, they hurried off to obtain health certificates from the priests. Luke notably is the only New Testament writer who mentioned Naaman the leper (cf 4:27). Writing to the Gentiles (Luke also was a Gentile), he has particular inclination to present God's call to all peoples. It is therefore not surprising that Luke's story tells us that the only one who shows gratitude is a foreigner, the Samaritan. Like Naaman, it is the outsider who shows his faith in God and his gratitude to the Servant of God (Jesus). He comes in praise of God and makes Jesus his new destination.

Jesus feels bewildered and disappointed by the absence of the other nine and so asks, “Were not ten made clean?” The ingratitude of the others makes Jesus to wonder. What makes people that way? Why is saying ‘thank you’ such a problem? Mark Twain says bluntly “If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. That is the principal difference between a dog and a man.” It is probable that the nine lepers were appreciative of the healing gesture of Jesus. But we don't know why they never bothered to *show* their gratitude. It may however be better for us to turn to ourselves and ask why we are often reluctant to say ‘thank you’. As one author says “whatever the reason for our own ingratitude, we know it diminishes us and those who help us. Ingratitude makes the bill for helping people hard to pick up.”

Brothers and sisters, this is coincidentally thanksgiving weekend when we are supposed to thank God for his numerous blessings; things we do not earn. We are here today in the *Eucharistic* celebration. Eucharist comes from the Greek noun *eucharistia* meaning *thanksgiving*. We come here every Sunday to thank God in the midst of the community. We do what Naaman and the Samaritan leper did. We should let our thanks find expression in this Eucharistic celebration. Although we receive so much from God, we often take it for granted, without appreciating His gifts. We allow the negatives of our lives to hide from ourselves the blessings we have received -- minor negatives like some health problems, financial worries, conflict with a neighbour or co-worker or spouse. Besides, we are often thankful only when we compare ourselves with less fortunate people. There are of course a lot of them, even among us. Saying thanks to God together with the parish community, sharing our time, talents and material blessings in the parish and sharing the Heavenly Bread of Thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist, are the simple forms of thanksgiving we can offer every Sunday and in the course of the week in response to God's blessings. Meister Eckhart, the Medieval mystic, says that if the only prayer we say in our lifetime is ‘thank you’ that will suffice.

Finally, we must realize that faith is not a monopoly of the baptized. There are ‘unbaptized Samaritans’, ‘outcasts’ around us whom we casually tag as non-Christians but who by their exemplary lives are more authentic Christians than many of us. We should avoid being over-presumptuous. Virtue is not the prerogative of Christians. **Happy thanksgiving! Fr Al**



This fall, **Development and Peace's At the Heart of the Action** campaign invites us to revisit highlights of the organization's work over the last 50 years and to continue our commitment towards building a just world. When we act together, change is possible!

For more information about **Development and Peace's** history, about ways to get involved in the movement, or to join the **At the Heart of the Action** campaign, visit devp.org/50years. More information, on the campaign, next week.

World Mission Sunday

This year, World Mission Sunday will take place on October 23. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary Church that provides emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural and health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. As agreed by the Holy See and the Bishops of Canada, a portion of the Canadian contribution assists six mission dioceses in Northern Canada. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

Clarification for OLV envelope holders: Due to an administrative error, the OLV collection envelope for the Propagation of Faith (World Mission Sunday) is dated October 16 while the official date is October 23.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Teske.

Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of loss. Funeral Mass will be held at OLV on Saturday, October 15 at 11:00 am.

Cereal Bar Drive: OLV donations will be accepted on Sunday, October 16th.

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.

St. Malachy Wardens' Meeting: Wednesday, October 12th at 7:00 pm in Sacristy.

Pilgrimage: More information on the walking pilgrimage to Saint Joseph's Cathedral see poster at entrance of church and take an information sheet.