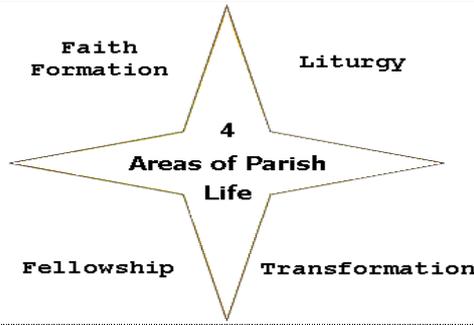




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**THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22 - 23, 2016**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading I Sirach 35.15-17, 20-22
Responsorial Psalm The poor one called and the Lord heard.
Reading II 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18
Gospel Luke 18.9-14

The contrast between Pharisee and tax-collector has entered so deeply into our culture that it is sometimes reversed; those who go to church may be more anxious to be at the back of the church than to be in the front pews.

How does the story hit me? I would hate to be the object of people's contempt. But Lord, if they knew me as you do, they might be right to feel contempt. And I have no right to look down on those whose sins are paraded in the media as public sinners. Be merciful to me.

MASSES

Thursday	Oct. 27 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Saturday	Oct. 29 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Gladys and David French by the Murphy Family
Sunday	Oct. 30 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Rose Weatherdon by Nelson Lawlor Jos McGurn by the Family Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 8 - 9, 2016 - Sunday	\$464.00	\$330.00
Oct. 15 - 16, 2016 - Sunday	530.00	230.00
Oct. 15 - 16, 2016 - Canadian Churches	5.00	

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 23rd, 2016: On this World Mission Sunday, I wonder how I can show solidarity with the poorer countries. I take some time this week to pray for a country that is experiencing problems relating to poverty.

World Mission Sunday

Today, for *World Mission Sunday*, along with Catholics throughout the world, we are called to offer our prayers and generous financial support, through the Propagation of the Faith, for the worldwide mission of Jesus. Your gift on *World Mission Sunday* helps:

- 1) People in remote villages, towns and cities through the witness and work of missionaries and local priests.
- 2) Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick and orphans through the service of Religious Sisters and Brothers.
- 3) To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family.
- 4) Catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give.

Please offer prayers for the work of the Church in the missions today – the Pacific Islands, Latin America, Africa and Asia. And please be as generous as you can today, for *World Mission Sunday*.

Father Albanus Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy **Humble and Honest Prayer**

Last Sundays readings centred on perseverance in prayer. Today's readings continue the kerygma on prayer with emphasis on true humility and honesty as the hallmarks of authentic prayers. Sirach, in the first reading talks about the *“the prayer of the lowly, piercing the clouds and will not rest until it reaches its goal.”* Because these prayers come from the heart of those who know how much they need God, they are heard. God surely has no favourites and answers all; but the oppressed, the orphan and the widow, and the least are his special concern. St Paul, in the second reading, in his humility acknowledges his works as accomplished by the grace of God. God, he says, has enabled him to fight the good fight for which he expects a crown of righteousness. The gospel presents the parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector. Jesus, in his parable, teaches that God hears the prayers of those who come to him in humility with a repentant heart.

We see a contrast between the Pharisee and the tax-collector in their prayers. The Pharisee addressed his prayer “to himself.” He compared himself to the tax-collector who he described with the worst of terms. He flaunted his religious observances: fasting and paying of tithe. For all his giving, he never gives himself. The Pharisee prayed as one who needed no forgiveness and he got none. On the other hand, the tax-collector stayed at the back and his prayer was, *“O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”* He told the simple truth about himself and threw himself entirely on God's mercy. Unlike the Pharisee whose real self is secret, the tax-collector's real self is no secret. His prayer was heard because he was humble and asked for mercy. The tax-collector got much more than he asked for: he prayed for mercy but is now justified. His prayer “pierced the clouds; the Pharisee's prayer reached its destination: himself. The tax-collector prayed as one who needed forgiveness, and, he received it.

Brothers and sisters, we should avoid being Pharisaic by bragging about our achievements with no credit to God, the source of all good; by seeking a praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments thereby hurting their feelings. We should rather imitate the humble tax-collector by acknowledging our total dependence on God and his grace for all our achievements and blessings. Accordingly, we have to confess to God daily our sinfulness and ask for his pardon and forgiveness; and become more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others and serve them as best as we can.

Our personal and other prayers should include all the necessary ingredients; request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins, thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God, praise and worship, surrendering of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God, acknowledging our weakness and total dependence on him and finally presenting our needs and petitions. All these should be accompanied by our fervent request for God's strengthening in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit. *O God, be merciful to me a sinner!* Happy Mission Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Beatrice Bonin and Tom Dorion. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families and friends during this time of loss.

Our Lady of Victory Tea: Our annual Christmas Tea will be held this year on December 03, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. It is not too early to think about your baking for the bake sale and food tables. There will also be a Craft Table. All donations of Christmas crafts will be appreciated.

Sacramental Preparation: After many years of faithful service, Ellen Butler and Linda Cameron have both indicated to the Inter-Parish Planning Committee that they will no longer continue on as co-ordinators for sacramental preparation (First Communion, Reconciliation & Confirmation). This is a tremendous loss as they did an outstanding job in preparing our children for receiving the sacraments. So what next? In the next few weeks, the Planning Committee will put out a request for volunteers to pick up the torch. Hopefully some volunteers will come forward as this is an essential service in support of our Faith Community. Presently, there is one individual registered for First Communion and one for Confirmation. Let's not let them down.

To Ellen and Linda, thank you for your dedicated service and devotion to ensuring our children are properly prepared to receive their sacraments. Well done.

At the Heart of the Action with *Development and Peace* for ecological justice

At the COP21 held in Paris last year, Canada committed to investing \$2.65 billion by 2020 to support countries of the Global South that are severely affected by climate change. While there are many ways to respond to climate change, we believe that agriculture must be at the heart of proposed solutions. Let's support an agricultural model that enables these stewards of the earth to live in dignity and feed their communities in a way that respects our common home, the Earth.

Sign the *Development and Peace* Action Card today! Ask the Prime Minister to take into account the vital role of small family farmers in feeding and cooling the planet and to ensure that their voices are heard. The Action Card can be signed today – members of the Transformation Committee will be distributing and collecting the Cards for the next couple of weeks. Or go to: devp.org/act and sign the Card on line.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Lyon Street Celtic Band Returns: St. Andrews United Church is welcoming back the Lyon Street Celtic Band on Saturday, November 12th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10, with kids under 12 free. The Celtic band is a group of 5 dynamic musicians whose repertoire includes traditional Irish, Scottish, Celtic and other old time tunes. **For tickets call Stacey at 819-281-6337 or Donna at 819-986-9359 or through e-mail at st.andrews.buckingham@gmail.com.** Money raised from this concert to benefit St. Andrews Roof Renovations.