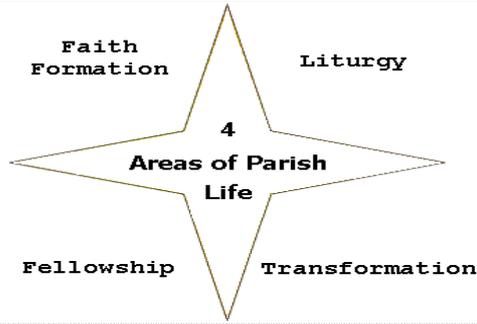




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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 12 - 13, 2016**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Nov. 17 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	NO MASS
Saturday	Nov. 19 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Marguerite and Bert Murphy by the Murphy Family
Sunday	Nov. 20 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Steve Cameron by the Community Joan Teske by Tom and Isabel Laframboise Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov 5 - 6, 2016 - Sunday	\$716.00	\$313.00
Nov 5 - 6, 2016 - Support	302.00	212.00
Nov 5 - 6, 2016 - Missals	132.00	48.00
Nov 5 - 6, 2016 - Missionary Bishops & Society	156.00	

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The End

Today's readings continue the eschatological themes. They speak about "The Day of the Lord" or the "Second Coming" of Jesus in glory, as Judge, at the end of the world. They warn us about the final days of the world, our own death and the final judgment. Malachi, in the first reading, foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment for the "proud and all evil doers." St. Paul cautions the Thessalonians, in the second reading, against idleness in anticipating the end of the world. He advises Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his "Second Coming" is to keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as he did. Today's Gospel passage clarifies that the date of the end of the world is uncertain.

The Jews cherish the Temple of Jerusalem not only as a place of worship but also as a symbol of their achievements for which they feel justifiably proud. Gazing at the Temple, Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple to the great surprise and consternation of the bystanders.

Just like the Jerusalem Temple, our world today boasts of scientific and technological wonders, products of human inventiveness and skills. Like the Jews, we could rightly feel proud of these. The sin of the Jews here is that they

identify themselves too closely with the temple and not sufficiently with the God of the temple. The sin of our times too is that we not only identify ourselves with the products of our human inventiveness and skills, but also are enamoured with them, forgetting the true God, our Creator and Lord.

Jesus also speaks about the end of time. Signs and portents, he says, will precede the end. When the world will end, we do not know. Jesus' promise of the new heavens and a new earth should overshadow any fear we have of the end of the world. We need to attain permanence in a passing world by leading exemplary lives. We must remember that our homes, our Churches and even our own lives are temporary. Our greatness is judged by God, not on our worldly achievements, but on our fidelity to our Faith and its practice in our loving service of others. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing. *We should be more personally and more importantly concerned about when our lives on earth will come to an end.*

Jesus also speaks about the persecution that awaits his disciples. They will have to suffer much. They, he says, will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. But their hour of persecution will be their finest hour because it will be an opportunity for them to witness more powerfully for the sake of the Gospel. History of Christianity testifies that times of great sufferings and trials have always had a purifying effect on Christianity. Christianity has always come out stronger and Christians more authentic disciples of Christ. We are, therefore, to persevere in our Faith, in spite of worldly temptations, attacks on religion and moral values by the atheistic or agnostic media, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs.

Let us conclude this Church year by praying for the grace to endure patiently any trials, for they are essential to our affirmation of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: NOVEMBER 2016

"For the countries hosting refugees and displaced in large numbers,
may they be supported in their solidarity"

Social reflection: Since the beginning of creation, the human being has been in migration. In the history of humanity, it went from being nomadic to sedentary. Some are still nomadic today. Think of the Gypsies and the Tuaregs. Others are forced to leave their countries for various reasons: famine, war, poverty, a repressive government; others by choice, studies, married life, work, etc. We have a duty to welcome others. After all, isn't North America made up of immigrants? Faced with the crisis of Syrian immigrants, Western governments have attempted to answer this call. Since the beginning of the Syrian crisis, Pope Francis asks all countries to help the many victims of violence and war seeking to flee their country. Several reports have shown us people who walk thousands of miles to the borders, others who died at sea before reaching a welcoming land. Migrants, refugees, challenge all countries to find hospitality, help, hope and love. Do we have a role to play here for the respect for human dignity?

Answering our faith: In the Diocese of Gatineau, several Christian communities became mobilized and set up committees to sponsor Syrian refugees. Matthew's Gospel is a stimulus for our humanitarian action: "*Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.*" And Pope Francis declared on October 13th 2016: "*The Christian who closes his door to refugees or whoever needs help is a hypocrite.*" As Christians, we are called to respond to this urgent appeal. They certainly have something new to contribute. Let us be moved to put to action and open our hearts to this new life that wants to be born in our communities.

Questioning ourselves: Sunday, November 13, 2016: I take time this week to think about the consequences faced by migrants, especially families who are separated.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Cereal Bar: Basket will be available at OLV next Sunday for your donations.

OLV Wardens: Meeting Thursday, November 17th at 7 pm in the Rectory.

Our Lady of Victory Tea: Our annual Christmas Tea will be held this year on Saturday, December 3rd from 1:30 to 3:30 pm and cost is \$6.00. All donations of Christmas crafts will be appreciated for our Craft Table and homemade goodies for the Food Table and kitchen.

St. Malachy - Election of Wardens:

Every year two Church wardens are to be elected for a term of three years and may remain in office for two

consecutive terms. At the present time there are two wardens who have exceeded their two terms of service and one who will be completing his/her sixth year. In these times of financial constraints, it is more important than ever that new wardens are selected to ensure new ideas and approaches are put forward for the continued operation of the Church.

If you or someone you know would like to serve as a warden and help the Parish in this capacity, please submit his/her name, with permission, to a member of the Fabrique, by calling the office at 819-986-3763, or by dropping the name in the collection basket at Mass. Names should be submitted by December 10th. An election will be held on December 17th after Mass.

Thank you for your consideration to this most important matter.

Harvest Supper – A Huge Success:

On Friday, October 28th, the annual Harvest Supper sponsored by our two parishes was held. By all accounts, the evening turned out to be a tremendous success. Of course, the success of the event did not happen by accident, but was the result of a wonderful group of volunteers devoting their time and energy to ensuring the event was a success. Thanks to all of you for a job well done!

This year was a banner year with 159 supper tickets being sold. The raffle of a painting was also very successful with a total of \$1,200 being raised through the sale of 240 books of tickets. A special thanks to Shirley Hotte for donating your painting for our raffle. Also thank you to our intrepid ticket sellers. Total profits for the evening were \$4,588 with each Parish's share being \$2,279.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule:

Thursday	Dec. 15th	7:00 pm	OLV - Penitential Service
Saturday	Dec. 24th	9:00 pm	St. Malachy (no Christmas Eve Mass at OLV)
Sunday	Dec. 25th	9:00 am	OLV
Saturday	Dec. 31st	7:00 pm	St. Malachy
Sunday	Jan. 1st	9:00 am	OLV

COMMUNITY NEWS

Flu Immunization Clinics: At the Buckingham Community Centre, 181 Joseph Street on Friday, November 18 from 8:30 am - 11:30 am and 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. and Friday, December 2 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm.

Clothing Requests: The charitable organization renting space in the OLV Rectory, **Just Equipping**, is looking for clothing for men in African prisons. The following items are requested: jogging pants, hoodies, long sleeve shirts, socks and underwear. These can be dropped off at OLV during the secretary's office hours. Also they would appreciate any old suitcases in good condition.

St. Stephen's Christmas Tea & Bazaar: Saturday, November 19th 2 to 4 pm; cost \$7.00.

Heart & Soul Christmas Concert: Will be held on December 1st at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. See members for tickets.