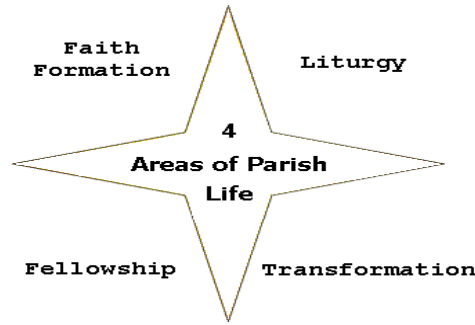




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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 19 - 20, 2016

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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**Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy
Christ The King**

It was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 in order to bring Christ, his rule and Christian values back into lives of Christians, into society and into politics. We learned in history the story of the rise and fall of royalties and kings. Although emperors and kings now exist mostly in history books, we still honor Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning Him in our hearts and allowing Him to take control of our lives. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with love, mercy and compassion as Jesus did.

The first reading recalls the story of the anointing of David as the king of Israel. St. Paul in the letter to the Thessalonians states that, as the Image of the invisible God, Christ the King is preeminent to the prominent groups of angels like "thrones, dominions, principalities or powers." The messianic prophecies of the Old Testament point to Jesus as the King. Jesus is born in "the town of David called Bethlehem."; he is of the royal lineage. The Lord God will make him a King, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever and His Kingdom will never end."(Lk:1,32-33). But Jesus kingship is something of a difference. This is clearly shown in the today Gospel.

At the beginning of his public life, Jesus is tempted in the desert. For one, he is tempted to exercise power and authority over the kingdoms of this world. But his kingdom is not of this world. His authority lies in powerlessness and service. Thus, he detests the kind of authority that refuses to busy itself in lightening the heavy burdens that people carry. Such an authority that will not lift a finger to help is in opposition to the values of Jesus. Jesus' authority came from his Father. His is the kingdom that looked out for people who are ignored, the poor and the wounded. It is not surprising that Jesus should end up being flanked by two criminals on the cross as today's Gospel shows. Such are the kind that he sought out in his ministry. He came to seek out the lost and he shared his forgiveness. He prayed for people's forgiveness even as he was about to give up the ghost. Jesus as king wears the crown of thorns and has the throne of the cross. This is Jesus' kind of royalty: one where the king identifies with the 'low' of the society. This is Christ the King and we are called to live the values of this kingdom.

Brothers and sisters, since Christ was a serving King we are invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others. As we celebrate this feast, we are invited to use all power or authority in the public or the private realms for Jesus by bearing witness to Him by the way we live. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loved, unconditionally, sacrificially and with agape love.

MASSES

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| Thursday | Nov. 24th | OLV @ 10:00 am | Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate |
| Saturday | Nov. 26th | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | Anne Way by Mary and Rupert Kavanaugh |
| Sunday | Nov. 27th | OLV @ 9:00 am | Christopher Farnand by Granny Farnand Beatrice Bonin by Deborah Dorey Tommy and Margaret Dorion by Ethel and Nancy Julia Martin by the Family |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS | OLV | ST. MALACHY |
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| Nov 12 - 13, 2016 - Sunday | \$465.00 | \$280.00 |
| Nov 12 - 13, 2016 - Missionary Bishops & Societies | | 60.00 |

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”

Questioning ourselves: Sunday, November 20, 2016: *On this FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE JUBILEE OF MERCY, I wonder on behalf of my faith and the ending of the Year of Mercy, to how I can I be a bearer of mercy to those living in difficult situations.*

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Bedard whose funeral was at St. Malachy on November 17th. Our sympathy and prayers are with his family and friends during this time of loss.

Our Lady of Victory Tea: Our annual Christmas Tea will be *Saturday, December 3rd from 1:30 to 3:30 pm and cost is \$6.00.*

The church doors will be opened to receive your goodies for the Craft Table, Food Table and Kitchen as follows:

Friday December 2nd from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Saturday December 3rd from 9:00 am

Please arrange to have all your donations in prior to the start of the tea.

Vacation: Father Albanus will be leaving on vacation January 2nd, 2017 and returning February 3rd. Therefore, all Thursday masses during this time will be cancelled. Our weekend masses will be celebrated by Fr. Jean De Dieu, a priest studying at St. Paul's University.

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.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule:

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



The Lions Club annual telethon will be held and broadcast on our local cable station on **Sunday, December 4th from noon to 9:00 pm**. As we have done for several years, our two parishes will participate in the Lions Club Telethon. **Contributions to the Telethon can be made by placing your donation – cash or cheque made out to the Lions Club – in a plain envelope with Lions Club on the front, and add it to the regular collection the next two weekends.** *If you wish a tax receipt from the Lions Club, please ensure that your name and address are included with your donation so that a receipt can be returned to you.*

Christmas is a time of giving, of thanking God for all we have. It is also an opportune time to reach out and help those less fortunate than ourselves.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Clothing Requests: The charitable organization, **Just Equipping**, who rents space in the OLV Rectory, 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. Andrews United Church Christmas Tea: Will be on **November 26th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm** at 570 Ave de Buckingham. Bake Table, Novelties and Crafts. **Cost is \$7.00, children (5 and under) Free.**

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.