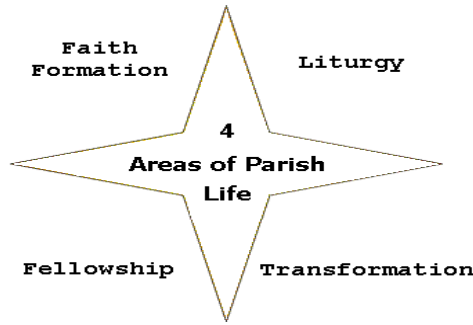




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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11 - 12, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading I Sirach 15.15-20
Responsorial Psalm Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!
Reading II 1 Corinthians 2.6-10
Gospel Matthew 5.17- 37

God's wisdom does not necessarily match up with human value, such as intellectual prowess, prestige, or business success.

Lord, teach me to look beyond any human achievements and to make the Spirit my center, to lead me always towards you.

MASSES

Thursday	Feb. 16 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
Saturday	Feb. 18 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Harvey Weatherdon (37th ann) by Rolly, Philip and Shirley
Sunday	Feb. 19 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Kay Lemieux by The Community Rhoda McMillan by The Community

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sunday, February 4 - Sunday Collection	\$277.00	\$296.00
Sunday, February 4 - Support	237.00	172.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions February 2017

"For the people who are going through some very difficult situations such as: illness, mourning or unemployment. May they find welcoming, support and comfort in our communities."

Social Reflection: Every human being goes through ups and downs in their lives. However, there are situations, heard and seen that particularly touch us, and are edifying, even inspiring. Where does it come from, this resilience and this desire to fully live these precarious lives? "These last few months, a certain topic often comes up in the news: assisted dying with dignity. I would like to hear more about assisted living with dignity"¹. And what about the high rate of suicide amongst young people? In our contemporary society, a question needs to be asked: have we lost our bearings, our values?

Answering our Faith: "A conviction inhabits me: these young people don't really want to die, they just want to stop suffering. Just like people requesting medical assistance in dying. Maybe we could invest more time, energy and love in adequately supporting the living; then maybe dying will become a less attractive option."

For us Christians, life is a "gift from God". The Quebec Catholic Bishops have written a document on: "End-of-Life Care in the Light of the Word of God."² The Word of God invites us to surrender our burden into the hands of our God: Song of the Emmanuel (M. Wittal) "Come, all of you who suffer, and I will offer you relief."³

Questioning ourselves, Sunday, February 12: Today, I will visit a person in my family or my community who is ill; and I will bring him a little gift, e.g. flowers, to show him that he is loved.

¹Living with Christ, January 2017, *Living with Christ: no longer suffering*, article written by François Gloutnay. ² A.Q.C.B., *Pastoral letter to Quebec Catholics proposing a course of reflection on end-of-life care in the light of the Word of God*, December 8th, 2015, interview with Msgr. Lortie in February 2016. <http://www.eveques.qc.ca/interventions/findevie.html>. ³ Song of the Emmanuel "Come to Me, All Who Carry a Burden", <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jj40HAjS0nM>.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Jesus: The Fulfilment of the Law

Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. He revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, and through His own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. In the first reading, the author deals with the issue of how to reconcile human freedom and personal responsibility with the sovereign will of God. He stresses that men and women are born free and they bear responsibility for the morality of their actions. They are affected by physical and external situations at times, but they always retain the capability of making the basic decisions. In the second reading, Paul challenges his Corinthian believers to appreciate the wisdom of God's saving plan for His people, a plan hidden for ages but now revealed by the Spirit. This "wisdom" belongs to the world of God and is understood only by the "perfect", that is, by those "who have reached maturity."

In the Gospel, we read the continuation of the Sermon on the Mount. In today's passage Jesus shows us the way of life, the fulfilment of all Law. Matthew, the Evangelist is writing at the period when the Christian community is facing heavy criticism from the Jewish authority. They claim that the teaching of Jesus is destructive of all that is cherished in Judaism. Thus, Matthew in this Gospel tries to show that Jesus does not come to wipe out the ancient traditions (Old Testament); rather He is their completion. Jesus comes to continue with the ancient tradition. Matthew also shows the discontinuity when Jesus in the Gospel uses the 'antithetical statements': "You have heard how it was said...but I say this to you..." Hence Jesus not only completes the Law but he also goes beyond it. As the Son of God, Jesus has the prerogative to put before the people a new vision. He has authority to reinterpret the divine commandments in the new era of the kingdom His ministry has inaugurated.

Jesus gives the specifics in the Law. He confirms the old Law in its condemnation of killing, but He goes much further in condemning the motivation that often leads to killing - anger. The commandment "you shall not kill", for Jesus, goes well beyond physical aggression. Whosoever uses offensive language, gets angry, or harbours sentiments of hatred has already killed his brother or sister. Thus, Jesus underscores the need for reconciliation before sacrifice. Reconciliation therefore is more important than sacrifice. The duty to make peace is more urgent than the duty to offer worship to God. Adultery is wrong - but Jesus goes further in saying that a man who looks lustfully at a woman has already sinned. Women are cheapened when they are treated simply as sex objects. Confirming His respect for women, Jesus in his prohibition of divorce puts the husband and wife on equal footing. Both are equally obliged to make the marriage work. Finally, Jesus talking about swearing, admonishes that sincerity should be the rule among His followers: "Yes when it is yes; no when it is no" Swearing shows reciprocal distrust that should not be found among Christians.

The Gospel shows that Jesus' authority is greater than that of Moses. He is the Son of God whose demands are more radical; whose vision is sharper; whose expectations are greater. Moses made concessions because of people's hardness of hearts. Jesus has hope that our heart condition has improved thanks to His coming. He is the Son of God, the fulfillment of all Law. He is Love! As a community we pray that God may help us as we try to bring Christ's vision down to earth. Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Cereal Bar: Basket will be at top of stairs to accept your donations.

OLV Wardens Meeting: Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 pm.

HISTORY OF OLV

Every month there will be an historical write up of the founding of our church. We thank Dorothy Ann Casey for providing us with this information.

Now that we had our Church, you can just imagine how this long anticipated news of finally having our own Church was received by everyone as they lived through the hardships of the war!

And so it was that the first Parish Priest, Rev E. F. Bambrick celebrated our first Mass on January 25, 1942 in the newly founded parish of OLV, located in the building on the corner of Avenue de Buckingham and Lefebvre St. (formerly Market and Main St.).

This building housed Cameron's Store (later to become the Haspect Bowling Alley).

The room that became their place of worship had been used to store animal hides, imagine the cleaning and deodorizing that had to be done! With great enthusiasm and a lot of hard work, the parishioners readied the site.

As these were the War years, money and supplies were scarce. The first altar came from St. Malachy's Church in Mayo. Pews were bought from a Presbyterian Church in Stittsville. Kneeling benches and confessionals were built by parishioners with lumber obtained from the local lumber store. The organ was donated by the Cosgrove sisters, who would be active in the choir for many years.

Overseeing all this activity were the first wardens, William Gorman, Alan McMillan and Leo McDonnell. It should be noted that Mr. McDonnell played an active role in OLV's 50th Anniversary celebrations!

Father Bambrick lived at the homes of various parishioners until the rectory was built.