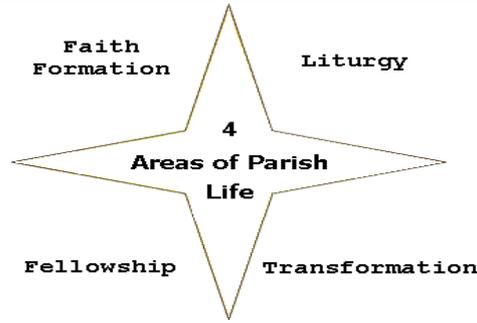




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**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
MAY 6 - 7, 2017**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**MASSES**

Thursday	May 11 <sup>th</sup>		<b>NO MASS</b>
Friday	May 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OLV @ 11:00 am</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Mary Doherty</b>
Saturday	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OLV @ 2:00 pm</b> <b>St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Eric (Buddy) Ryan</b> <b>Alma Miller</b> by Agnes Laurin & Erma Smallian <b>Patrick J. &amp; Catherine Murphy &amp; Their Families</b> by Perry, Peggy & Donna <b>Violet Butler</b> by Lillian Chartrand
Sunday	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OLV @ 9:00 am</b>	<b>The Laframboise Family &amp; Mary Elizabeth Laframboise</b> by The Estate <b>Lyall &amp; Nan Sicard</b> by The Family <b>Alma Miller</b> by Nicole Charbonneau <b>Special Intention</b> by a Parishioner

**The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – May 2017**

"Let us pray that our families be a visible sign of Your love in this world; grant spouses the grace to build up a true, patient and humble love. Do grow in the hearts of children and youth, trust in their parents and a desire to conform their lives to Your will."

**Social Reflection:** The family has always been the focus of faithful and deep love relationships. Parents decide to be faithful to their commitment to build love relationships ... make efforts and surpass themselves for everyone's self-fulfilment, tend to one another, share and be true to one self, help and support each other in happy days as well as in days of adversity, and, as an inescapable requirement, forgive each other... such deep desire brings us back to our own identity, to who we are: beings created in the image of God, out of love and for love.<sup>1</sup>

**An answer for our faith:** Pope Francis in "Amoris Laetitia" talks about love which becomes manifest and grows. "The love of friendship unifies all aspects of marital life and helps family members grow constantly. This love must be freely and generously expressed in words and acts". "In the family, three words need to be used. I want to repeat this! Three words: 'Please', 'Thank you', 'Sorry'. Three essential words! " "In our families when we are not overbearing and ask: 'May I?'; in our families when we are not selfish and can say: 'Thank you!'; and in our families when someone realizes that he or she did something wrong and is able to say 'Sorry!', our family experiences peace and joy".<sup>2</sup> In our Christian families, do we put up words and acts which help such growth in love?

**Questioning ourselves Sunday, May 7, 2017:** 4th Sunday of Easter In Revelation, the Lord says to me: "See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut". Rev. 3,8. Now do I have a door open to God's will on me?

<sup>1</sup> Inspired by the text intended for the 21st edition of Family Week in Quebec, 2016, Plein d'Espoir pour la famille, C'est notre mission..., Mgr André Gazeille, Conseil Évangélisation et Vie chrétienne, in cooperation with Carmen B. Lebel, in charge of family ministry in Nicolet. <sup>2</sup> Pope Francis, The Joy of Love, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016.

## **Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy**

### **The Good Shepherd**

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. The Church invites us all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life and reminds us of our vocation to be good shepherds of God's flock and good sheep of His sheepfold. Scripture uses the image of the Shepherd and His flock to describe the unique relationship of God with Israel and of Christ with Christians. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter on the Pentecost, reminds his Jewish listeners how they crucified Jesus, their true Shepherd. He, therefore, urges them to embrace baptism in the name of Jesus so as to receive the forgiveness of their sins and also to acknowledge the Risen Christ as their Lord and saviour. The popular Psalm 23 sung today speaks of God as the Good Shepherd of Israel who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. In the second reading, Peter again encourages the suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, who though innocent suffered. Jesus, he states, was a model of patience and trust in God and His suffering enabled us to become more fully children of God. His way of the cross speaks of the Shepherd willing to die for his sheep.

In the Gospel, Jesus addresses the Pharisees who were accusing Him of being from the devil just because He healed a blind man on the Sabbath day. In response, Jesus tells them He is the Good Shepherd. He is not like the hired hands who collect their pay for watching the sheep but who abandon the sheep in their time of need because they do not really care about the sheep. The Good Shepherd shows fondness for His sheep. He knows them and calls each of them by name. He does not own an anonymous collection. On the contrary, there are thieves and brigands. They come up with promises of security, happiness and health for the sheep. They pose as shepherds, but they are not. They are like some leaders who maintain that they are concerned with the good of the people, but are instead looking only after their own interest; their goal is power and the means to attain it are violence and deceit. In our own times, we hear many people talking to us; the radio, TV, newspapers, other media, politicians, leaders, advertisement, etc. are talking to us. They promise security, happiness, health and pleasure. They all sound like shepherds who want to lead us into rich pastures; but not always true. We need to train our hearing so that we recognize the shepherd from his voice.

Jesus also tells us twice in this Gospel that He is the gate of the sheepfold. A gate has a double purpose: to let one in or to prevent one from entering. Jesus is the gate: He is the one to decide who should enter and who should not enter to see the sheep. He will allow entrance only to the true shepherd, the one who is like Him and cares about the sheep, the one who is ready to give up his/her life for the sheep as He does. There are religious and political leaders of His own time who are exploiting the people and causing suffering to them. Some are revolutionaries who went about promising a better future gained through the use of arms and violence; people who do not harbour the sentiments and attitudes of Jesus. The shepherds want life, the thieves and brigands advocate death. Jesus says "I come that they may have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10). We have people who pose as shepherds but do not enter through the gate, who are not on the side of life.

Brothers and sisters, we are asked to be good shepherds, and good leaders. Everyone entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Not only the pastors; parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, caregivers are also shepherds. We need to be good sheep in the sheepfold of Christ the Good Shepherd. As good sheep, we should listen to and follow the voice of our shepherds, receive the spiritual food given by our pastors by regular participation in the Holy Mass, by frequenting the Sacraments and participating in other programs of our parishes. We should cooperate with our shepherds by proffering positive suggestions, encouraging them in their duties, and lovingly and constructively correcting them when they are found misbehaving or failing in their duties, and always praying for them, and by actively participating in various ministries. We are also urged to pray for good shepherds and vocations in various areas of the church's life. Happy Good Shepherd Sunday!

### **Message from the Diocese**

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Gatineau, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous contribution in time and energy to the 55 parishes that constitute the Archdiocese of Gatineau. It is with an immense joy and great enthusiasm that we are all very fortunate to be able to count on your devotion to the cause, thank you. We hope to be blessed with your renewed collaboration in the next year. Sincere thanks to all volunteers and administrative employees.

Chantal Belleau

**OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS**

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Maurice Laurin (Linda Cameron`s brother) and Colin McNamara (Evelyn Robitaille`s brother). Our prayers and sympathy are with the families at this time.

**Father away:** Father Albanus will be away from May 8<sup>th</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>. He is going home to attend his father`s funeral on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathy and prayers are with him and his family at this time.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Relay for Life:** Will be held on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. If you would like to purchase a luminary for your loved one please see Monique Simpson after mass or give her a call at 819-986-3166. Please sponsor a walker. Thank you.

**HISTORY OF OLV**

Father Ernest Francis Bambrick, our first pastor, guided us through the early years of our parish life. In 1951 he was replaced by Father Wilfred Nevins. Father Nevins carried on the work of Father Bambrick as spiritual leader of our growing congregation and worked with us to attain our dream of a completed church.

In 1956 Father William Gerald Fogarty replaced Father Nevins. Father Fogarty`s mandate was to plan and supervise the building of the "upstairs" church and enlarge the rectory. Under his guidance the church was completed and the first Mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve, 1958. The church was blessed on June 21, 1959 by Archbishop M. J. Lemieux of Ottawa. Father Fogarty presided on this very special day. He would not get to enjoy this new church for long as shortly after this joyous occasion Father Fogarty would leave to become Pastor of Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish in Hull.

Father Fogarty`s replacement was Father D. D. MacDonald, who would be with us from 1959 to 1961. Father MacDonald, as well as those pastors who followed him, worked diligently to make the payments on the debt.

In 1962, Father A. B. Ferguson became our Parish Priest. In his years of dedication to our parish, he proved to be not only a devoted pastor, but also a very capable administrator. It was during Father Ferguson`s term that OLV celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Bishop Charbonneau, the first bishop of the newly formed diocese of Hull sent his representative, Monsignor W. G. Fogarty to attend the celebration.

Sadly Father Ferguson died in office here at OLV on October 31, 1971 at the age of 53. The Bishop celebrated the funeral Mass at OLV. Father Ferguson`s body was buried in his family plot in Holyoke, Massachusetts.

**WEEKLY RECEIPTS**

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