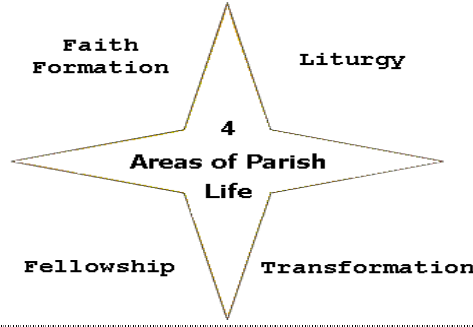




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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 24 - 25, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	June 29th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	July 1st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Ann Wey & Joan Berndt by Ginny Roos
Sunday	July 2nd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bob Dunning by Maureen Jos McGurn by The Family Mass of Thanksgiving by A Parishioner

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

OLV

ST. MALACHY

June 17 - June 18, 2017 - Sunday Collection

\$584.00

\$292.00

The Archbishop`s Monthly Prayer Intentions – June 2017

“For those people and families who have been affected by the great flooding caused by the spring floods so they can find strength and comfort to stand up and live in dignity knowing they are loved by God and those around him.”

Questioning ourselves: Sunday, 25 June 2017: I encourage a mother or father of my entourage to assume his/her responsibilities in educating the faith of his/her children

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Do not be Afraid!

Today's Sunday readings invite us to preach Christ through our words and lives without fear. When push comes to shove, they say, people react differently. The **first reading** tells us that the prophet Jeremiah refuses to be intimidated but rather trusts in the power of God while he faces opposition for his prophetic ministry. As a prophet, he has no intention of allowing terror to write his script and dictate who he is. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 69) echoes the same trust in the *kindness and great mercy of God* when the psalmist is misunderstood and ill-treated even by his brothers and relatives. In the **second reading**, Paul assures the Christians in Rome that they need not be afraid of opposition both because they share in the death of Jesus and His Resurrection **and** because they are united with Christ, the new Adam, in His Resurrection.

In the Gospel written about fifty years after Christ's death, Matthew encourages persecuted Christians stating that the Master has foreseen what would happen. It is the end of Jesus' instruction to His disciples as He sends them forth to carry on His mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simply and to expect opposition and rejection. After having predicted future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages the disciples to stand firm. Three times Jesus urges them; "*Do not be afraid.*" He gives three reasons why His apostles, and we, should not be frightened. The **first reason** is that opponents will not be able to prevent Jesus' followers from succeeding in their mission because God will expose their evil plans and deeds: "*nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered.*" The Lord "*will bring to light the hidden things of darkness*" (1 Cor 4:5), and will vindicate the faithful. The **second reason** not to be afraid is the limited power of our opponents. They can kill the body, which dies all too soon anyway, but have no power over the soul. Only God has power over eternity. The Father cares deeply for the true disciple.

The Gospel identifies two fears that the apostles had: fear of false accusation and conviction **and** fear of bodily harm and death. Jesus states: "*There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed and nothing secret that will not be made known,*" This is not a threat that God will expose some sin we had forgotten. Jesus speaks these words as Good News, as a reason not to be afraid of persecution. These verses promise that the evil motives and the wickedness of the persecutors will someday become a matter of public knowledge. The **third reason** we should not be afraid is God's compassionate love. We are more important to God than sparrows. Matthew speaks of two sparrows sold for one penny. The God who cares for a trivial bird like the sparrow also cares about our smallest problems – even the hairs on our heads are counted. While this is an encouraging assurance, it may be difficult to believe in the midst of persecution. But God knows everything that we go through – nothing that happens to us escapes Him.

Brothers and sisters, the challenge to confess the name of Jesus is one that is issued to every generation and every Christian. Our real worth (as against the sparrows) before God is more powerful force than our real fear of our persecutors. That sense of worth can out distance the hate of all our persecutors. That is why Jeremiah and Jesus and Christian martyrs can face the persecutors with awesome courage. They all know that their true worth can never be killed. God's everlasting love is the one real offer they cannot refuse. Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring our children. We are also afraid of growing old. Sometimes we are afraid of what bad health will bring us. At the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, health and even life itself. Rejection and loss are the basis of our fears. But we forget one thing: whatever trouble or crisis affects us, we know that God understands it better than we ourselves do. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that God is on our side; that our life is in the hands of a loving God. The next time fear grips our life we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet Him in this life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss. Fear of persecution is the worst possible enemy of anyone who wants to announce the Gospel and tell the truth.

Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Bulletins: During the months of July and August our parish bulletin will be printed every two weeks. The bulletins will be printed: July 1-2, July 15-16, July 29-30, August 12-13 and August 26-27. Back to weekly issues in September.

Our Lady of Knock Shrine: The 63rd Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock will be Sunday, August 13, 2017. Father John Walsh, will be the celebrant. Brochures are available at the entrance to the church.

HISTORY OF OLV

After Father Ferguson's death in 1971, our parish was without a Pastor. No replacement could be found immediately as there was a shortage of priests in the Diocese.

Father Blase Burneston was appointed as administrator of the parish and was later replaced by Father Maurice Egan as administrator.

In 1972 Father John Berube of the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette was appointed our new pastor. Father Berube continued Father Ferguson's work of promoting the Christian and material well-being of the Parish. Improvements were made to the church, the grounds were landscaped and renovations to the church and rectory were made.

On December 15, 1973 Father Berube was with us as we achieved our long-time dream of burning our mortgage. In just over 30 years, OLV had grown from its very modest beginnings to a parish that had its own church, church hall and rectory! Much appreciation and gratitude is owed to those parishioners who worked so hard and gave so much in order to achieve their dream of a Parish of their own!

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! We would appreciate it if you could identify yourself to Fr. Albanus at mass. If you would like to become a regular parishioner, feel free to contact the office at 819-986-3763 to obtain a Registration Form. **Note:** the weekly collection envelope is the principal source of revenue for both parishes.

SHUT-INS: Parishioners are reminded that Father Albanus is available and more than willing to meet with those individuals who are shut-in for a variety of reasons. In addition to Eucharist, Father is prepared to simply visit, as well as bring a spiritual message to those who are unable to leave their place of residence. **To book a time with Father, please contact the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763.**