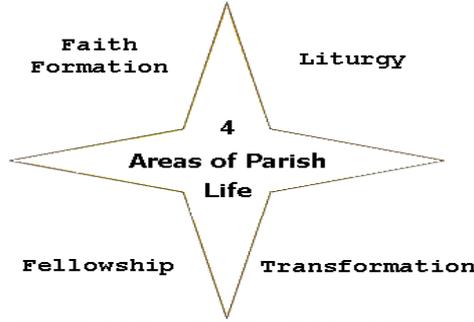




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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 23 - 24, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Sept. 28 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Mary Doherty by Family & Friends James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Sept. 30 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Iris Butler by Elaine Damphousse & Ginny Roos Rita Weatherdon by Shirley, Rolly & Philip
Sunday	Oct. 1 st	OLV @ 9:00 am	Buddy Ryan by Family & Friends Lawrence Raby By Isabel & Tom Laframboise Evelyn Robitaille by Bev Belter Alma Miller by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

OLV

ST. MALACHY

September 16 - 17, 2017 - Sunday Collection

\$413.00

\$472.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – September 2017

“Let us pray that our parishes, driven by a missionary spirit, foster testimonies of faith sharing and love.”

“Catechesis... must be supported by a community, who is itself missionary, capable of making disciples”, as stresses Mgr Paul Lortie, president of AECQ. How may I help my community become a missionary community?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

God is Generous

Today's readings speak about God's generosity, the extravagant grace of the merciful God. God is both just and merciful, but His mercy often overrides His justice. In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah reminds his compatriots, exiled in Babylon due to their unfaithfulness to God, that God is more merciful than they are and more forgiving. Contrary to their conviction that God is just like humans, who gets mean and mad and incapable of forgetting their sins, the Prophet tells them that it is big mistake to imagine a God like themselves. God, he says, is ready to pardon the infidelity which has resulted in their being exiled. He is not a human person; His way of thinking and acting will always surprise us. He will bless them with material and spiritual blessings. The Prophet therefore advises them, and us, to seek the Lord and put aside evil ways in order to receive His mercy and forgiveness. This prepares us for the Gospel. Paul in the letter to the Philippians, offers himself as a model of total submission to God's grace and God's will. He is ready to live continuing his mission if that is God's will. He is also ready to die and join the Lord if that is God's will. *"For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain"* (Phil. 1:21).

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of the landowner, a story that does not respect the normal principles of agreement. It is a strange parable of a landowner, who hired laborers at five different times during the course of the day, to work in his vineyard but paid the same wage for a full day's work to all of them beginning with the last who only worked for one hour. This story of landowner's love and generosity represent God's love and generosity to all of us. It shows the difference between God's perspective and ours. It is a lesson on God's abiding love and mercy for all people regardless of their various extenuating circumstances. By this story, Jesus is trying to put across the message that salvation is a free gift of God. We cannot question Him about His dispensation of gifts which may at times appears to be disproportionate and tilted towards some people whom we consider as unworthy.

God's ways are not our ways. God does not work from the arithmetic of a calculator but from the fullness of His own heart. It is not the time-span of service that counts for God but the quality of our commitment and service. Moreover, there is more to life than the logic of action and reward. No matter when and how we find our ways to God, the point is that all receive the same stipend. We are not paid a wage for serving God. It is all a free gift. Since the eternal gift is eternal life, how could one be given more eternal life than another? God's love is unlimited and all inclusive. God is generous. We must not imagine that He is small minded like ourselves. For Jesus, the only attitude to be taken in front of our Heavenly Father is that of a child who does not claim any right, cannot merit anything, who always expects his father to be kind to him. There is nothing we can merit from God; from Him, we can only receive gifts and be grateful. *Do we allow God to do things His way, or do we get furious when He diverts from our way of operating?*

A Special Invitation

In the 1980's and under the leadership of Fr. Don Jeffrey, a social action committee was formed with parishioners from both St. Malachy and Our Lady of Victory. Presently called the Transformation Committee, members meet to discuss social issues within the community and find ways to involve other parishioners in social issues, such as: Development and Peace; La Mie de l'entraide (the local food bank); the Lions Club telethon in December; the Grande Guignolée des médias roadblocks in early December; and the Table de Bethlehem soup kitchen for school-aged children. The members believe they play an important role in our community and find its activities very rewarding.

*The Transformation Committee members, along with Fr. Albanus, wish to thank **Jean Dunnigan** for her devotion to social action. **Jean** joined this Committee during its early stages and her experience while working at the Shepherds of Good Hope in Ottawa always provided the other members with a diverse perspective. **Jean** has recently moved to Ottawa to be closer to her family, and that has left the Committee with only three members – Shirley Plouffe, Diane Cameron and Linda Cameron – who would greatly appreciate hearing from other parishioners on this Committee. The next topic of discussion will be the Development and Peace Fall Campaign. **Please consider joining this very worthwhile group. Anyone interested can call Shirley, Diane or Linda.***

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Pray for the repose of the soul of **Harvey Kelly**, brother of Margaret Farnand. Also for **Patricia Dupuis** (McClement) whose service was at OLV on Thursday, September 14th. Our sympathy and prayers are with their families and friends during this time of loss.

Harvest Supper: After several lengthy discussions, a decision has been made to cancel this year's Harvest Supper. This decision was not taken lightly and a number of scenarios were reviewed. In the end, as a result of several variables, the decision to cancel was seen as the most logical. As a result of this cancellation, as well as the cancellation of the Spring Supper, there is a realization on the part of both parishes of the need for more volunteers if we are to continue to use resource intense activities such as suppers as major fund-raising activities. We simply need more people to step forward if approached to help out.

Garage Sale: Remember us when you are cleaning up your house this fall. Monique is looking at a spring garage Sale. Call her if you have any items to contribute. Date to be determined.

OLV Christmas Tea: Help needed for the following position: **Front door** – have 1 volunteer – need another. **Wash, dry & put dishes away** – need 6. **Bric-brac table** – need 2. Please call the office & advise what position you would like to take.

Please read: *For those who cannot attend, but who wish to contribute towards off - setting the tea's expenses, please feel free to do so by contacting the Parish Secretary or putting your donations in the collection basket addressed to Monique.*

Used Stamps: Did you know that one cancelled stamp can help feed a child for a day? Support The Redemptorist Mission Stamp Bursary by bringing your used stamps and placing them in the specially marked boxes on each side of the top of the stairs.

Egg Cartons: Recycle your used egg cartons by placing them in the food basket. These are used by our local Food Bank and also for the Special Education Children at St. Michel School. The children use these for arts and crafts to sell and purchase other items for their needs. Monique will divide these cartons to ensure that both places get your donations.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY: See bulletin board for more information.

INVITATION: October 11 is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, the principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Gatineau. All the faithful are invited to participate in a Mass, presided by Archbishop Paul-André Durocher at **7:00 PM on October 11** at St. Joseph Cathedral (245 Saint-Joseph Blvd).

HISTORY OF OLV

Following the departure of Father Donald Jeffrey in 1993, our parish would be led by a Pastoral team: Father Don MacLellan, Father Bob Smith, Sister Sheila and Sister Regina.

This team believed that parishioners should be involved in their parish. Various faith sessions were held in the evenings, with particular emphasis on better understanding our religion. A youth choir was formed. One memorable occasion was a children's Mass, which included puppets during the sermon!

Father Don was very knowledgeable when it came to computers and the OLV/St. Malachy parish office entered the electronic age with its first computer. Because of serious health challenges, Father Don was forced to leave in 1995.

The team was replaced by Father Lomer J. Rooney. Many will remember Father Lomer as a great speaker. His sermons were given in the center aisle of the church and usually contained a few jokes. Unfortunately, Father Lomer had to leave us that same year because of poor health.

Our Parish was to be without a permanent Pastor for the next two years. Priests, who were taking courses at St. Paul University, said Masses on the weekends. During this period, we were very fortunate to have two local priests, Father Yvan Robitaille and Father Andre Fortin, who rearranged their schedules on many occasions so that they could help us by presiding at funerals.