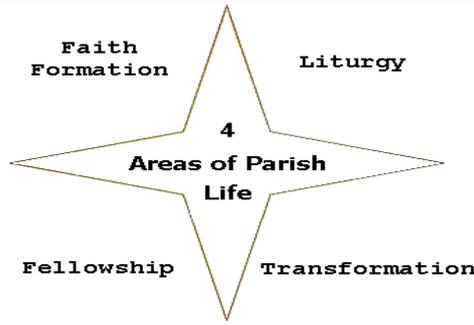




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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 1, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Oct. 5 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Oct. 7 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Joan Roos Berndt by St. Malachy Parish Choir
Sunday	Oct. 8 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Eric Ryan by Marjorie & Peter Burke Pierre Haspect by Nicole Charbonneau & Family Alma Miller by Diane Delcourt Mary Doherty by Claude & Dorothy Carriere Beatrice Bonin (1st ann) by Deborah Dorey

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
September 23 - 24, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$483.00	\$277.00
September 23 - 24, 2017 - Fuel	220.00	158.00
September 23 - 24, 2017 - Needs of Cdn Church	150.00	80.00
September 23 - 24, 2017 - Donation		50.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Intentions: October 2017

"Let us pray for the world of labor, that the human rights of all be protected and preserved and that unemployed people may be given the opportunity to contribute to the edification of the common good and to restore their dignity."

Social reflection: "Employment is a source of meaning, provides a social life and shapes our identity. The significance of employment is most obvious when it is missing. 1. On the other hand, being unemployed is to lose one's dignity. A human being, who has employment, develops his capacity and his talents, and he contributes to the economic, social and cultural development. 2. Some people may have to take on several jobs to sustain their family. Moreover, workers' rights are often violated, when they are forced to accept broken schedules and increased stand-by: families suffer from these conditions: anxiety, stress, disturbed conjugal relationships, children shunted around. And what to say about cases of abuse of children working in plantations, in precarious, or even dangerous, conditions? **An Answer for our Faith:** Pope Francis states: "Work is a necessity, part of the meaning of life on this earth, a path to growth, human development and personal fulfilment." 3. Work is part of life, but does not sum up human living today, in

highly developed countries people seem to live only to work: it has become a dependence Jesus warns us (against) that form of slavery. Life's goal is not to pile up money or become a celebrity but to reach eternal life with God as long as work is subordinated to that objective it is an integral part of Christian living. 4. And what is the importance of work in our life, as Christians? What about the workers we hire?

Questions: A very simple prayer to repeat often: "Jesus, I pray that my work be done truly, honestly, because of the work you did during your terrestrial life."

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Our 'Yes' and 'No' to God

Today's readings remind us that our final decision is consequential for our eternal destiny. They therefore advise us to choose to obey God gracefully by doing His will instead of choosing against it. In the **First reading**, God through the prophet Ezekiel corrects the Jewish beliefs that children inherit the guilt of their ancestors and are punished for it and that God is more strict than merciful. God has option for personal responsibility in which each person is to be rewarded or punished according to his or her individual actions and not someone else's actions. Moreover, God always gives people a chance to change and to accept the consequences of such change. The **Second reading** extols the self-emptying love of Jesus as an example for Christian life. St. Paul in this passage affirms the truth that the final choice for God, made by perfect obedience to Him, will be rewarded. Christians should possess the same outlook as Christ, who emptied Himself, taking human form and dying on the cross. For this He has been exalted by the Father. Christ is the supreme model of obedience to the Father's will and so those who make the final choice for God will be rewarded.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus presents us with the parable of a father who has two sons. Jesus presents two sons in this parable as he does in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Here, the first son is asked to go into the vineyard, but he says "No." He later changes his mind and goes. The second says "Yes, sir," but does not go. In this story, Jesus shows that it is the final decision that is more important. He shows that the repentant tax-collectors and prostitutes, represented by the first son who initially refused to go, will make their way to the Kingdom of God before the chief priests and elders represented by the second son in the parable. By their pride and refusal to obey God's call to repentance, the scribes and the Pharisees are excluding themselves, while the tax-collectors and sinners whom they despised, are repenting of their sins and will be accepted into God's Kingdom. The Pharisees and scribes are criticized as "yes-men" whose easy promises are not matched by their performance, whose instant consent is not matched by their behavior, who maintain the outward appearance of piety without any real devotion to the will of God. Promises can never take the place of performance, and fine words are never a substitute for fine deeds.

Of course, Jesus criticizes this earlier when He says "It is not anyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' who will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in Heaven." (Mt. 7:21).

Today, God still has two sons in us. In our Christian communities and the world, there will always be people who say "yes!" to God in baptism but in concrete life they change their "yes!" into many "no's!" On the other hand, there are those who have never said "yes!" explicitly to God, but in their concrete life they love their brothers and sisters, help and suffer for them and perform many charitable deeds. We need to remember that what God in His mercy did for the tax-collectors and harlots in the parable, the Matthews, the Augustines, etc., and the millions of unknown penitents who are now Saints in Heaven, He can, and will, do for us, if we repent of our past sins and renew our lives as the first-asked son in the parable did. It is never too late for us to be transformed. Again in life, each of us intermittently behaves like the first son and the second son. It would be better if we became like another son: the one who says "yes!" and then keeps his word. **Happy Sunday!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Baptism: Congratulations to André and Regan Baribeau on the occasion of the Baptism of their child at Our Lady of Victory on Tuesday, September 26th. We welcome **Sacha** into our faith community, the Body of Christ.

Memory Book: Looking for pictures, stories and anything that you have done (or still doing) for our church. Even if you stay in the background you still have something to contribute. Please call the office – 819-986-3763 – and let us get together.

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: All positions have been filled and people will be given a schedule shortly. For now please reserve Saturday, December 2 on your calendars.

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 at 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.