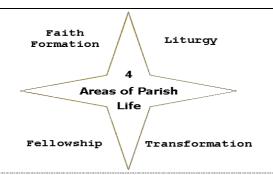


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# 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**OCTOBER 14 – 15, 2017** 



St. Malachy 3889 Route 315 Mayo, Québec J8L 3Z8

Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday 7:00 PM

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### **MASSES**

| Thursday | Oct. 19 <sup>th</sup> | <b>OLV</b> @ 10:00 am | James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate  |
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| Saturday | Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup> | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | Evelyn Robitaille by Joan & Barry Teske Peter Ellement (4 <sup>th</sup> ann) by Shirley   |
| Sunday   | Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | <b>OLV</b> @ 9:00 am  | Mary Doherty by Nicole Charbonneau Alma Miller by Family & Friends The Laframboise Family & Mary Elizabeth Laframboise by The Estate Bob Zinkie by Family & Friends |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS                                | OLV      | ST. MALACHY |
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| October 7 - October 8, 2017- Sunday Collection | \$626.00 | \$433.00    |

### 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."

**Questions:** To improve the quality of life of people experiencing harsh working conditions: continuous standby, broken or demanding schedules; I do not hesitate to come out for workers who work only on call, and to denounce businesses which impose these conditions.

# Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy *Invitation to a Banquet*

Today we are being presented with the theme of Banquet in both the first reading and the Gospel. The banquet in the biblical terms is the symbol of the happiness and joy of the Messianic times. Whoever accepts God will experience the most profound and real joy. In the **first reading**, the Prophet Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's mountain in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which God is preparing for His people. It is a great feast of "rich food and choice wines." The enemy that has been defeated in the prophecy is Death. It is not just physical death but all that for humans is defeat and death; it includes a meaningless life, derision, failure, pain and sorrow, hunger, disease, marginalization. At the Messianic times, every "death" situation will be transformed. Whatever is "non-life" will be wiped out. There will be only cheerfulness and happiness for all. It will be a time of feast, the banquet of the Kingdom. In the **second reading**, St. Paul advises the Philippians to put their trust in the power and goodness of a provident God, Who, in Jesus, has given His Church everything needed to enable His followers to participate in the Heavenly banquet.

The **Gospel** presents two parables, the parable of the wedding feast and that of the wedding garment. The king invites guests to the wedding feast of his son. With everything ready, the king sends his servants to inform the invitees but they refuse to come. The king is the figure of God. The first and second groups of servants stand for the prophets of the Old Testament up to John the Baptist and the first apostles. The invitees who refuse to come represent the chosen people of Israel. The original invitation speaks of God's gracious call to His chosen people; the second shows the patience of God: even when all is ready, God still hopes there will be a change of heart. The consequence of the refusal is huge. The armies sent you the king represent the Roman armies which besieged and captured Jerusalem in AD 70. They demolished the Temple and burnt the city. The extension of the invitation to the high ways and byways represents the carrying of the Gospel to the Gentiles, after the chosen people have rejected it.

Despite the various symbols, the central image of the Gospel is that of a God who as a gracious host hopes that everyone will come to His banquet. The wedding garment, the condition for entering the banquet, is readiness, that is, conversion. "We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time and appreciate and make use of the provision for God's graces in the Church: we received the "wedding garment" of sanctifying grace in Baptism, and we receive additional graces to retain it through the other Sacraments. Our participation in the Eucharistic celebration and in personal and family prayers helps us to recharge our spiritual batteries and enables us to lead Spirit-filled lives. Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of word of God and through His own body and blood in the Holy Communion. We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Holy Mass. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and source of power for our future participation in the Happy Sunday!

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

<u>Mission Sunday:</u> Next Sunday our parish will celebrate *World Mission Sunday*. It represents a global sign of the universal Church and Mission. We are invited to reach out and help build the Church in the most remote areas across our world. Your prayers and donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations to priesthood and religious life. Please show your generosity as much as possible during this collection, because it provides assistance to the your dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands

<u>Memory Book:</u> 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.

<u>Garage sale</u>: Call the office if you have any items to contribute and drop off time and date can be arranged. *This can be done prior to the sale.* 

OLV Christmas Tea: Date: Saturday, December 2. Time: 1:30-3:30 pm. Cost: \$6.00

As in the past we are asking all parishioners to contribute something to both the Food Table and the Kitchen. If you are not called, consider this your invitation.

There will be a raffle for two \$50.00 gift certificates from Maxi. Cost of tickets will be \$2.00 for 1 ticket and \$5.00 for 3 tickets. These tickets will be going on sale prior to and after each mass in November. **Draw will be done at the tea at 2:45 pm.** 

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 Office or putting your donations in the collection basket addressed to Monique.

Still Collecting: Used stamps - place in boxes at top of stairs. Egg cartons - place in food basket.

### **HISTORY OF OLV**

In 1997 the newly ordained Father Yves Masse became the new pastor of OLV. He would be with us until 1999.

His replacement was Father Jean Loi Nguyen. Father Jean Loi had been forced to flee his home land of Vietnam many years earlier. To say that Father was a computer enthusiast would be an understatement! He shared his love of computers with the younger members of the Parish. He also organized dinners and "fun" evenings in the parish hall for the children.

Many parishioners will remember Joseph and Myriam, Father's Vietnamese friends, who were often seen around the church helping out with Father's many projects.

Father had never driven a car before. A few parishioners could probably give some interesting accounts of their experiences during the driving lessons!

<u>Shut-Ins:</u> 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 Office at 819-986-3763.

#### **ROAD TO LOVE**

by Mable Gamble

Be kind, for all the world needs kindness, be true, for truth is blessed indeed, be seeing, for nothing hurts like blindness, be loving, for t'is love we need.

Be mindful of the cry of torture, bring joy to all who suffer pain.

Take time to feed and nurture all those who suffer pain.

Pass smiles to those that we are meeting, cry tears with those who suffer pain, clasp hands with friends in joyous greeting, embrace all things that lead to love.