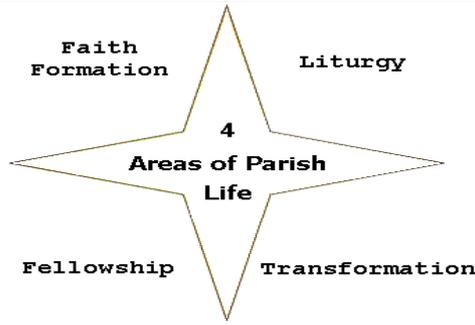




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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 21 - 22, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Oct. 26th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Evelyn Robitaille by Ann & Bill Price James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Oct. 28th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Gladys, David & Carol French by The Family Joanne Farnand by Greg Lavell
Sunday	Oct. 29th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bride Martin by Anne, Paul & Monique Robitaille Alma Miller by Iris Delcourt Buddy Ryan by Family & Friends Mass of Thanksgiving by a Parishioner

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
October 14 - October 15, 2017- Sunday Collection	\$564.00	\$272.00
October 14 - October 15, 2017 - Prop. of the Faith	150.00	
October 14 - October 15, 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."

Questions: Propagation of the Faith "Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner" Exodus 22. However, many foreigners here must work in anonymity. I reflect about my prejudice on foreigners.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

"Give to Caesar and to God"

Today's readings speak of the nature of our obligations to God and to our country. They show us how, with God's help, we can be ideal citizens of both Earth and Heaven. In the **first reading**, the Prophet Isaiah foretells how, indirectly, the policies of the great Persian Emperor Cyrus will help God's saving plan for His chosen people. Enlightened by the Lord, the Prophet discovers, beyond the political events, that God has a plan for salvation. As he enters Babylon, Cyrus frees all prisoners and allows the slaves to return home. As a wise and generous King, he allows each person to practice his/her religion freely and even helps to reconstruct the temples destroyed by the Babylonian soldiers. Cyrus, according to the Prophet, is fulfilling the project of salvation prepared by the Lord. He is an instrument of salvation in the hands of the Lord. In **the second reading**, Paul praises the Thessalonian converts for their fidelity to God and to Christ His Son, and for their practice of the virtues of faith, hope and charity with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The **Gospel** presents the encounter between Jesus and the delegation of the Pharisees made up of their disciples and the Herodians. They question Jesus about the taxes paid to Caesar; a dangerous question. Any answer could bring Jesus trouble. If He denies the need to pay taxes to Caesar, He could be charged with treason before the Roman authorities. If He supports the taxes, He will attract the anger of the majority of His fellow countrymen. Beside the economic import of the question, it all has a religious implication. The coins used to pay the taxes bear the image of the emperor, violating for many pious Jews, the Mosaic prohibition against images. Aware of the trap and malice, Jesus does not answer the original question, but makes an announcement; "**Give...to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's**", one that has received varied interpretations.

One thing should be pointed out; faith cannot be lived in a way that is unrelated to the reality of this world. Religion affects all the options of the human person and all the moments of the person's life; thus it necessarily influences political options and the fulfillment of duties as a citizens. Give back to Caesar; if one keeps in one's pocket Caesar's coin, it means that one uses it and thus recognizes the Roman power. One cannot invoke religion only when it is time to pay taxes. It is a moral as well as a civil duty to contribute to the common good through the payment of just taxes (Fernando Armellini, *Celebrating the Word*, p. 281). Christians, as citizens of the country, ought to pay for the services and the privileges that government provides, like paved roads, police and fire departments, banks, schools and other necessities. The Christian has to be an exemplary citizen. Give back to God: One may ask "what". Is there anything that does not belong to Him? No! So we must give everything to Him. But how? Just as the coin has to be returned to his owner, the emperor, because it bears his image, so we must return to God the creature that bears His image. What creature? Man. Genesis says "**God created man in the image of Himself, in the image of God He created him**" (Gen. 1:27). So man is the creature that cannot be under the ownership of anyone else but God. Nobody has a right to dominate us, enslave us and oppress us. We are sacred, we belong to God.

Since God has dominion over the whole of creation, Caesar's relative power is subservient to the ultimate power of God. All authority and power have to be evaluated in the light of God's plan. Jesus' reply includes the fact that it is for the people to evaluate whether in demanding taxes Caesar is reflecting the things of God. The political arena is not a territory protected from religious evaluation and criticism. If Caesar is subservient to God, then his laws are open to Christian evaluation. Christians should therefore rise up to criticize, contest, and discuss with whoever fails to respect the image of God in every person. Since everything is God's, we must give ourselves to Him 100%, not just 10% on Sundays. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations and find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible and the proper training of our children in faith and morals. Our contribution to the parish Church should be an expression of our gratitude to God, giving back to God all that He has given us. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, yet another way of giving to God His due, our whole self. **Happy Sunday!**

MAY PEACE BE WITH HER



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OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

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: Monique is looking at a spring garage Sale. Call her if you have any items to contribute and drop off time and date can be arranged.

Needed: Could you please recycle your extra plastic bags? These are needed for both the Christmas Tea and the Garage Sale. Just put in food basket. Thanks Susan & Monique.

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.

Still Collecting: Used stamps – place at boxes at top of stairs. **Egg cartons** – put 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!