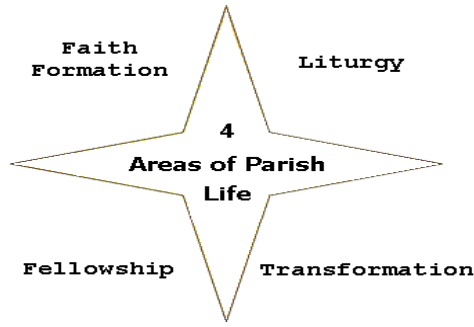




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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 4 - 5, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Nov. 9 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Alma Miller by Family & Friends James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Nov. 11 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Evelyn Robitaille by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Nov. 12 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Deceased members of the Dunlop & Dunning Families by Maureen Mary Doherty by Pauline & Lucy Bedard Bride Martin by Geraldine Moore Francis Cosgrove (17th ann) by Irene & Family Joan Teske by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

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ST. MALACHY

October 28 - October 29, 2017- Sunday Collection	\$640.00	\$317.00
October 28 - October 29, 2017 - Donation		50.00

Together, let's take action for peace!

In June 2017, the Minister of International Development and La Francophonie presented Canada's new International Assistance Policy. Canada therefore committed to ensuring that women and girls have the opportunity to take active roles in establishing and maintaining peace in their communities. Despite its remarks in support of women and peace, the government did not increase the international aid budget and chose instead to increase the military budget by 70% over 10 years.

Sign the **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** Action Card today! Together, let's call on the Canadian government to give women the resources they need to be at the heart of peace.

Copies of the Action Card will be available at the church entrance for the next few weeks. Or, you can sign our Action Card online: devp.org/act.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Word of God today should cause everyone to reflect, especially those in the positions of authority in our Christian communities. The readings invite and challenge us to render humble, selfless, diligent, committed and loving service to others in the community without expecting honour or rewards. The Gospel warns us to against hypocrisy and status seeking. In **the first reading**, the Prophet Malachi condemns the irresponsible, proud and lazy priests of his own day. He pours out God's curses on the unfaithful priests of his time. This was around 450 BC, after Judah's return from exile in Babylon and the rebuilding of the Temple. The priests of the day were indifferent to the rituals and their teaching responsibilities and were often unfair in their judgement of others. God in this prophecy condemns the temple priests for not teaching His message and carrying out His commands. This serves as a prelude to the full force of Jesus' warning in today's Gospel. In **the second reading**, St. Paul emphasizes his unique leadership, in contrast with the itinerant teachers of religion in those days, who had reputation for avarice and pride. Unlike them, Paul behaves fully according to the Gospel, does not ask for self-interest and his own glory. Rather than dominate, he serves and practices the message he preaches, a message which he assures the Thessalonians was not just human thinking, but rather the Word of God. In **the Gospel**, the scribes and Pharisees come in for heavy flak. Jesus vividly exposes their hypocrisy, conceit, self-self-seeking pride and their unbridled exploitation of the weak in the name of religion. The Gospel pointedly mentions three sins of the Pharisees and scribes that attracted heavy criticisms from Christ. First, they do not practice what they teach because they lack integrity. They create double standard – they say one thing and do another. Secondly, they overburden ordinary people by imposing on them the heavy obligations that were difficult to obey. They split the laws of the Torah into thousands of rules and regulations which are too heavy for the people. Thirdly, they do all their deeds to be seen by others: religion should not be perverted to gain personal honour, glory and power. Jesus accuses the Pharisees and scribes of seeking the glory that rightly belongs to God. The Pharisees and scribes hold the seat of Moses, the duty to interpret for the people the true meaning and application of the written and oral tradition, providing link to Moses the official law-giver. The scribes in the time of Jesus were like today's religious intellectuals, theologians and professional lawyer who are adept in applying the law to everyday life. The Pharisees on their own formed a fraternity of highly religious laymen who joined together to observe Mosaic Law meticulously. Some of our religious leaders of today may not be very different from the Jewish religious teachers of Jesus' time. Real religious leadership is humble work in the service of the Gospel. The true style of any Christian leader must reflect the style of Christ, the servant of God. If Christian leadership is not humble service it is fake!. We may today feel very outraged by the scandalous behavior of some of our religious leaders. While we must be critical and constructively so, in order that we, as a Church, may progress, we must not push it to a point that it becomes destructive. Thus, Jesus is quick not to dismiss the authority of the scribes and Pharisees. He made a distinction between precept and practice: '*...therefore do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do...*' **Every church member who loves the church will also be deeply pained by it. This does not, however, call for discarding the church, but for reforming and renewing it** (David Bosch). **Happy Sunday!**

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH IN WHICH WE REMEMBER THE DECEASED

The month of November is a special month for praying for the faithful departed with whom we are in the same Communion of the Saints. We are, therefore, encouraged to keep them in our prayers, and if possible, offer Masses on their behalf.

The following parishioners, who died during the last year, have been added to our Books of Life:

St. Malachy

Martin Bedard
Eva Lois McDermid Somers
Winifred Roos
Donald Joseph McDonough
Joan Roos Berndt
Mary Coleen "Joanne" Farnand
Gerald Dalton
Linda Darleen Roos
Eric Peter Burke

Our Lady of Victory

Rhoda McMillan Woodstock
Lyne Pearson
Bride Martin
Bob Zinkie
Alma Miller
Mary Doherty
Eric Ryan
Norma Cullen
Evelyn Robitaille
Patricia McClement Dupuis

We also remember in a special way those who lost their lives in service to their country.

The Book of Life, placed next to the Easter Candle, speaks of the ultimate victory of life over death, of light over darkness, in the dead and risen Jesus. We are called to share in that victory.

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Sunday Missals: Will go on sale next weekend for \$6.00. See table at back of church.

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Martin, sister of Lorraine Bastien and wife of Gaston Berndt. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this time of loss.

OLV 75th Anniversary Update: Parishioners will remember that the 75th Anniversary celebrations commenced on January 22nd 2017 with a brunch. The brunch was followed up by a second event, a community gathering and musical afternoon, that was held on September 9th 2017. Both were very successful. The planning committee is organizing one more community event to close out the celebrations. The event will be held on Sunday, January 21st after mass, with details to follow.

OLV Fund Raising 2018: For 2018, the wardens have developed a pro-active fund-raising plan. There will be basically 3 and possibly 4 activities. The first activity will be a card party, followed by a Parish supper to be held in May. For this supper, we will be trying something new. It will be a spaghetti supper and balloon auction. The idea is to keep things simple and more affordable. In the fall, we will once again hold a community and musical day event similar to the one held in September 2017. There is also a possibility of partnering with St. Malachy on the organizing of a Harvest Supper in October.

This past year, we were required to cancel our two major fund-raising activities for various reasons. While this has not caused major funding problems this year, a repeat in 2018 will create some serious difficulties. Therefore, we will be reaching out to parishioners to both volunteer and participate in supporting these events. Dates for these events are to follow, as well as more details on the events.

HISTORY OF OLV

In 2001, Father Bill Marreeve became our new Pastor. Father Bill was not only pastor of OLV and St. Malachy, but also St. Aloysius and St. Columban. He also taught courses at St. Paul's University - a very busy man indeed! Father, originally from Holland, often joked about his accent. He was a very outgoing person. He enthusiastically took part in the sand bag tournaments, which took place in the parish hall. He was always ready to help with set up for various parish events. Father Bill would lead us in our spiritual journey until 2007.

Some parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy attended a party at St. Mark's in Aylmer in July 2016 to celebrate Father Bill's 80th birthday and his "retirement". He didn't look old enough to retire!

Father Bill's replacement would be Father Gyanprakash Topno, otherwise known as Father Gyan. Father Gyan came to us from India. Getting used to Canada took a lot of work on Father's part. Driving on the right hand side of the road, winter and Canadian food were just a few of the things he had to contend with. Father adapted very quickly. Father was very sociable, always smiling. Father Gyan was with us until 2014 when he returned to India.

Father Albanus Ogowuihe arrived at OLV in September 2014. Father is always happy and he often begins his sermons with a joke. He has a great voice, loves to sing and hopes that everyone in the church will join in the hymns. He has a great rapport with the younger members of our Parish, having been a teacher and principal in Nigeria. He is a deeply religious man and is very dedicated to helping us to become more aware of our faith.

As we near the end of this 75th Anniversary year, we are thankful to God and Our Lady of Victory for the many blessings received over the years. We must remember those early parishioners who sacrificed and worked hard to realize the dream of an English-speaking parish for Buckingham. To all the volunteers who in the 75 years of our parish have dedicated many hours of their time to ensure the well-being of our Parish, thank you.