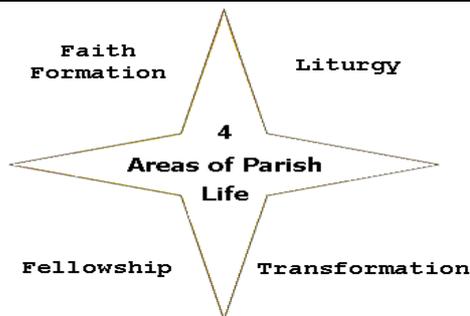




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**FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

JANUARY 27 - 28, 2018

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

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| Thursday | Feb. 1 st | OLV @ 10:00 am | Mary Doherty by Family & Friends |
| Saturday | Feb. 3 rd | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | Nora Somers & The Holy Souls by Ginny Roos Harvey Weatherton by Rolly, Shirley & Philip BLESSING OF THE THROATS |
| Sunday | Feb. 4 th | OLV @ 9:00 am | Evelyn Robitaille by Isabel & Tom Laframboise Bea & Ed Dunlop by the Family Deceased members of the Cadieux & Allen Family by Lucille, Susan & Linda Allen Betty Martin by Maureen Dunning Bride Martin (1st ann) by Barbara BLESSING OF THE THROATS |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS | OLV | ST. MALACHY |
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| Jan. 20 - 21, 2018 - Sunday Collection | \$500.00 | \$259.00 |

Bishop's Prayer Intention for January 2018

"Let us pray that Christians and other religious minorities may live their faith freely and without discrimination."

Actions we may take: Inspired by Christ, we may perform, as He did, actions which free our brothers and sisters from what prevents them to live their life to the full: alcohol, drugs, pornography, cyber addiction, etc. by offering them helpful resources.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Called to be Prophets

The common theme of today's readings is Divine authority as exercised by the prophets especially by Jesus in His teaching and healing ministry and the expectations of Christians in their prophetic call. The first reading tells us who a true prophet is: he is the one who speaks with authority because it is God who speaks through him. He helps people to come to know the will of God. Moses states it clearly that a prophet is not a clown or a strange person that has come down from heaven; he is a man, a brother to all those he has been sent to. He is not chosen by the people like the king, but he is called directly by God. The Lord tells him His plans and thoughts which he must communicate faithfully, without adding to or taking anything away from them. Moses, himself is an example of a true "prophet". A prophet is an intermediary between God and humans. Moses goes up the mountain, where he meets the Lord, listens to His voice, and then returns to report all he has heard. A "prophet" is one whom God uses as a kind of loudspeaker to let people know His word. When a prophet transmits what God told him faithfully, then his words must be accepted as the message of God; but if he spreads abroad his own ideas and views or invents things, then what he says is of no value and is not different from the talk of any other person.

In the today's Gospel, Jesus shows Himself to be a prophet *par excellence*. He does not do like other rabbis; He speaks with Divine authority. People immediately notice that Jesus speaks with authority and heals with Divine power. Jesus explains the Scriptures with complete confidence, and when questioned by people, He answers with authority. He comments on the Scriptures freely in an original way. Jesus uses His real (authentic) Divine authority to teach, empower, liberate and heal others. Jesus confronts a man with unclean spirit. The man is frightened and shouts. Jesus gives orders in reply. The unclean spirit and the people are astonished because they realize that a prophet is among them. His word achieves what it says. The condition of the "possessed" man represents the situation of a person before meeting Christ: evil forces rule and subdue one and one cannot control them. The "devil" is not to be imagined as a big or small monster but as the whole of the forces that empty humans of their humanity (Armellini, F, vol.B p. 179). The "devilish" forces include racial and tribalistic feelings that drive us to hate, discriminate and commit injustices against those who differ from us; our unbridled cravings, and greed that pushes one to accumulate money just for oneself and family and uncontrolled sexual misbehavior.

Brothers and sisters, we are also expected to be prophets following the example of Christ. We are called to be open "telephones", listening to the voice of God and transmitting to the world. We must be able to interpret the life-events of every person, family and nation in the light of the Gospel. We must be the persons that people consult to know the way of God (p.176). As Christians and prophets of our time, are we aware that we possess the same power and the same authority over all "unclean spirits"? Do we know that every time the word of the Gospel is proclaimed clearly, it is like an irresistible attack on some "devil"? Do we feel powerless in front of some "devil" that seems too strong to be confronted? Are we efficient "telephones", or are our lives always "down"? Do we allow our pride; selfishness, envy and greed stand in the way and prevent us from being the true "prophets" we are called to be? Our world is in need of true prophets. If people seek out the message of salvation from the wrong people, is it not because we Christians fail to be "prophets"? Are our communities prophetic only in words, or do they continue the fight that Jesus started against all that enslaves humanity? We have a great treasure in God's word. We must imbibe it; let it take flesh in us so that through us God can make all things new. **Happy Sunday!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pierrette Krawczyk. Our prayers and sympathy are with her family and friends at this great time of loss.

Servers: You may have noticed that we did not have any server on Sunday. This is because we are down to only 2 servers who will be serving the **First** and **Last** Sunday of each month. The Eucharistic Ministers are asked to prepare the vessels and place on the altar on the other Sundays.

OLV Ministry listing: Please advise Monique if you are going to be away anytime in March and April as this listing is prepared about mid-February.

St. Malachy Fundraiser – A Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 11:30 am, at Ranch a Charley, 1361 Route 315, L'Ange Gardien, QC. Tickets will be: Adults - \$15.00 and Children - \$10.00. More information will follow.

Sacramental Preparation: Anyone wishing to enrol children or youth in sacramental preparation (**Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation**), please notify the Parish Administrator at 819-986-3763. **You will be notified of an introductory meeting at a later date. Linda.**

OLV 75th Anniversary and Volunteer Appreciation Event: Last Sunday, we recognized our Volunteers in conjunction with the Parish's 75th Anniversary's closing luncheon. After all, it was Volunteers who founded and created our Parish, so it was appropriate that both events were held in support of each other. As a Parish, we are proud to acknowledge the fact that we have followed the example set by our early parishioners by maintaining an ongoing culture of volunteerism that has resulted in the creation of a giving and supportive community. As is our tradition, last Sunday's event was a great success due to the commitment of volunteers who planned the event (Planning Committee and Wardens), organized the menu (Susan Lemieux), and set-up the hall (various volunteers). A special treat was the music supplied by Phil Casey, John Gorman and Roger Charlebois, who were affectionately given the name "The Rockin 80's Band". Thank you gentlemen. Thank you to the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee: Phil and Dorothy Casey, Diane D'Aoust, Murray Dunnigan, Mike Legault and Monique Simpson, supported by her Memory Book team Maureen Ricard and Maureen Dunning, for their yearlong support. And finally, thank you to all our volunteers, both past and present, for their commitment to the well-being of our community.

Defibrillator Training OLV: A Defibrillator was recently installed in the church basement on the wall between both bathrooms. The Defibrillator was purchased in recognition of a generous donation from the Estate of Buddy Ryan. While it is prudent to have such a medical device in the church, it is essential that we have individuals trained on how to use it. Therefore, the Parish is offering free training on the use of the equipment. Volunteers may register with the Parish Administrator at 819-986-3763.



Last week, **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** sent out a press release regarding the Canadian government's announcement to create a human rights ombudsperson to oversee Canadian mining, oil and gas operations around the world. This was as a result of 10 years of campaigning on this issue. Since 2006, its campaigns for greater accountability in the Canadian extractives sector have garnered the support of 500,000 Canadians. We can now see a direct result of our fall campaigns when we ask parishioners to sign action cards. You will find a copy of the press release in this week's bulletin.