



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
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**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

MAY 5-6, 2018

St. Malachy
3889 Route 315
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Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	May 10 th	OLV	NO MASS
Saturday	May 12 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Kurtis Corrigan by The Family
Sunday	May 13 ^h	OLV @ 9:00 am	Pierrette Krawczyk by Nicole Charbonneau Norma Cullen by Family & Friends Lyll & Nan Sicard by The Family Mildred, Domina & Bruce Chenier by Bill & family Paul Forcier by Family & Friend

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

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ST. MALACHY

April 28 - April 29 - Sunday Collection

\$478.00

\$291.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop - May 2018

“Let us pray that the family be recognized as a treasure of mankind, in every economic, social and every political decision to be made.”

Social Reflection: The family is a social institution. Social scientists provide various definitions of the family: to statisticians, and in a widely shared meaning, the family is a group of persons linked by kinship, either through a line of descent or by marriage. To anthropologists... the family has a social foundation. In so far as its structure and operation comply with a set of social rules, it makes out an institution. Today, state laws tend to restrict parental authority to the benefit of the child; two conceptions are opposed at the national assembly: biological family vs social family. Is the family a treasure of mankind?

Answer for Our Faith: Pope Francis, in his recent “Apostolic Exhortation on the Call to Holiness in Today’s World” writes: “I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God’s people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. In their daily perseverance, I see the holiness of the Church militant. Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbors, those who, living in our midst, reflect God’s presence. We might call them “the middle class of holiness.”

Questions I may ask: I read back and meditate on John 19, 25-28; “Mary by the Cross of Jesus.”

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy
God is Love

The scriptural readings of this Sunday speak with emphasis about love and the truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey His commandment of love. Jesus says "*Love others as I have loved you.*" In the **first reading**, St. Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love. God loves everyone, both Jews and Gentiles, and He wants all to be saved through His Son, Jesus. The decision to yoke the Jews and the Gentiles was a tough one for the early Church. Thus, the story of the baptism of Cornelius is a response to the difficulty the early Christians had about admitting the Gentiles into the Church. Peter is in Jaffa and the Lord invites him to go to Caesarea and enter the house of Cornelius without fear of contamination because all are pure in the eyes of the Lord. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Cornelius and his family, even before baptism, is a pointer to the irresistible freedom and universality of the love of God. God shows Peter that there are no pure or impure people; anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

In the **second reading**, the Apostle of love, John, defines God as love. *God is Love* is the greatest single statement about God in the whole Bible. St. John explains that God expressed His love for mankind by sending His Son to die for all as expiation for sins. This divine love gives us the command as well as a duty to love our brothers and sisters as we have been loved by God. Love has its origin in God (I John 4:7); to be like Him, we must also love. Love comes from God and leads back to God. It is by love that God is known, and the best demonstration of God comes, not from argument, but from a life of love. God's love is demonstrated in Jesus Christ (I Jn. 4:9). It is a love without reservation; a love that is totally undeserved because God loves poor and disobedient creatures like us. God created us out of love, gave us freewill out of love, and follows His creating act by His constant care. Out of love, God continues to save His creation and provides remedy for our sin. The love of God too explains the life beyond; the chances and changes do not have the last answer as He, out of love, continues to readjust the balance of this life. We, His children, should be like Him and love as He does. The thread of love continues in the Gospel where the word "love" is used eleven times.

Today's **Gospel** passage narrates the after-dinner table-talk of Jesus with His disciples. In this heart-to-heart discourse, Jesus reminds the Apostles (and us too) that the ultimate expression of Christian love lies in self-sacrifice for others. This periscope speaks about the love of God for Jesus, the love of Jesus for His disciples and the love of the disciples for Jesus. Though this love is steadfast and sure, it is also a love that may be lost. Thus, Jesus urges His disciples to "abide" or "remain" in His love. The condition for receiving and keeping this unconditional love is to keep the commandments: *if you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love.* Therefore, the disciples must receive, and respond to Jesus' love by keeping his commandment if they are to be able to continue receiving Jesus' love. Jesus urges the disciples to choose obedience and to experience His abiding love so as to experience total joy as He does, thanks to His total obedience to His Father. His joy comes from a relationship of perfect obedience to the Father and the unity that the Father and the Son share. This joy can be extended and complete when Jesus' disciples enter into the obedient, loving relationship between the Father and the Son by their own loving obedience.

Jesus also calls us to be His friends and the friends of the Father. He has given us this intimacy with God so that He is no longer a distant stranger but our close friend. He speaks further about discipleship by divine selection. This divine friendship is unmerited. Discipleship comes about by divine choice, not by human merits and actions. The outcome of this choice is the disciples' ability now to go out and bear fruit, bear abiding fruit. The love, the friendship that comes from Christ is concretely manifested in the disciples' lives. As friends of Jesus, the disciples have access to virtually unlimited powers. They only need to invoke His name and God will respond. Invoking Jesus' name makes manifest the very presence of Jesus Himself. Therefore, as his disciples, we have to cultivate an abiding and loving relationship with Jesus. In that lies our effectiveness. **Happy Sunday!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Papal Charities: This collection provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the **Holy Father**. One-third of the collection is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence; donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need. Two-thirds of the collection is to support the **Holy Father** in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church.

Prayers and Sympathy: Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **Sister Gloria Lawlis**, who died Wednesday night at the age of 96 years. Our prayers and sympathy are with Mike and Hilary, family and friends at this time of great loss.

Mass Changes: There will be **NO** masses on Thursday May 10 & May 17 as Father will be away. On Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13 Father Michael will preside both mass celebrations.

Special Blessing: *Father has suggested that if anybody who has a special anniversary event and would like a blessing, to advise the office and steps will be taken to fulfill your request.*

OLV Wardens Meeting: On May 10 at 7:00 pm.

OLV Garage Sale: Scheduled for Saturday, **June 2** from 9 am to 3 pm. Contact Monique at 819-986-3763 for drop off. REMEMBER NO FURNITURE, CLOTHES, SHOES or LARGE OBJECTS. *Will accept pocket books, dishes, toys, records, and any other small items you wish to donate. All monies raised goes to the upkeep of our church.*

OLV Spring Supper and Balloon Auction, May 18th - We Need your Support:

This year's menu for the supper will be spaghetti, meat sauce, buns, salad and homemade desserts followed by our popular Balloon Auction. This is a change from past spring suppers, as the event will be catered. The new reality is that we no longer have the resources available to stage an event with a more elaborate menu. While the method has changed, we still need to have fund-raisers to offset our operational costs and therefore, we need your support.

As per usual, cocktails will be served at 4:30 pm with supper at 6:00 pm. The price of tickets is \$20.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children aged 6 to 12 and free for Children under 6 years of age.

As in past years, we are asking parishioners to donate items for the auction, preferably gift certificates from local businesses, and gift baskets of homemade items or plant arrangements. ***Donations should be received no later than May 15th.***

COMMUNITY NEWS

Relay for Life: The walk for Cancer will be held on Friday, June 8 under the Brady Bridge. Anybody wishing to donate may give your donations to me and I will give it the event. All cheques must be made to **CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY** and receipts will be issued in early 2019. (Thanks, Monique)