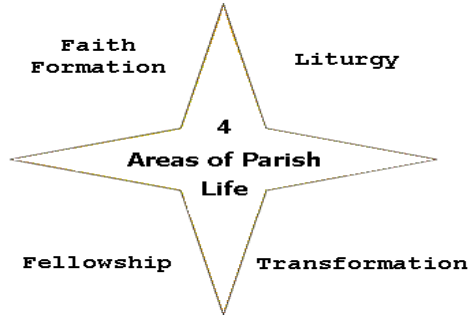




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BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 2 - 3, 2018

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	June 7 th	OLV @ 10:00 AM	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	June 9 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Edmay Baulne by Richard & Rachel Baulne Nora Somers by Donna & Stephen Gay Deceased member of the Berndt & Butler Families by The Family Joseph Stufko by Rachel Baulne
Sunday	June 10 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Mary Doherty by Family and Friends Marion Hewson (15 ann) by The Family Terry Charbonneau & Jérôme Brulé by Nicole Kellard McDonnell (8th ann) by Eunice & Bruce

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 26 - May 27 - Sunday Collection	\$563.00	\$295.00
May 26 - May 27 - Fuel	297.00	167.00

BISHOP'S MONTHLY INTENTION – JUNE, 2018

“Let us pray that the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, the mission that they received in Baptism, putting their creativity at the service of the challenges of today’s world.”

Social Reflection: Lay people are, by their very identity, in the core public, social and political life. Pope Francis tells us: ‘Lay people are in the front line of today’s world and plays a key role in transforming society.’ They are present in families, schools, offices, factories, in the country and in cities; everywhere, in daily living, where Life blooms.

An Answer to Our Faith: Pope Francis calls us to pray this way: “Let us pray together this month that the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, the mission that they received in Baptism, putting their creativity at the service of the challenges of today’s world.” While a video shows pictures of families, of newlyweds, of volunteer people hugging sick people, the pope states that “Lay people are on the front line of the life of the Church.” He stresses: “We need their testimony regarding the truth of the Gospel and their example of expressing their faith by practicing solidarity.

Questions I may ask: As an adult, did I ever have the opportunity to discuss with my godfather and godmother about the role they had in my Christian education? I invite them to a Eucharistic celebration, if possible, so that we pray for each other.

Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Corpus et Sanguis Christi – Body and Blood of Christ

Today, we celebrate Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. Before Jesus left the world, He gave us as a precious gift and spiritual food, the Holy Eucharist. The feast of *Corpus Christi* is a celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel* - God with us. It is also an opportunity for us to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" of Jesus so as to better appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist and receive maximum benefit from it. We believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist (Jn.6; Mt. 26; Mk.14; Lk. 22; 1Cor.11). This happens through "*Transubstantiation*". The term means that the entire *substance* of bread and wine is changed into the entire *substance* of the Risen and Glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the "accidents" (taste, color, shape) of bread and wine. Our readings for today's celebration emphasize the theme of covenant blood. The ancient peoples sealed covenants with the blood of ritually sacred animals. Jesus sealed His New Covenant with His own blood shed on Calvary. The first reading describes how Moses sprinkled the blood of a sacrificed animal on the altar and on the people as a sign of the covenant between God and His people.

In the second reading, St. Paul affirms that Jesus sealed the New Covenant with His own blood, thereby putting an end to animal sacrifices. The Gospel describes how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a Sacrament and Sacrifice. Instead of the blood of the lamb, Jesus offered His own Divine/Human Body and Blood; and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put it into our hands as food and drink. He said "*Take...eat....This IS my Body which will be given up for you*". He also said "*Take...drink....This IS my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many....*" It has to be noted that Jesus did not say '*This represents my body*' or '*This represents my blood*'. The Jewish Passover is transformed into the Eucharistic celebration. Jesus instituted the Eucharist in the context of the Passover meal, the annual feast of the Jews to commemorate their deliverance from slavery by God. Thus, the New and perfect Paschal Lamb accomplished for people of every nation what Mosaic sacrifices only imperfectly achieved for the Jews.

The Eucharist instituted by Jesus is both a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a **Sacrament**, the Eucharist is the outward sign in and through we meet Jesus who shares His life of grace with us; a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life. It is the meal that nourishes our souls. In it we do meet Jesus, the Risen Lord who comes to us under signs of Bread and Wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. As a **Sacrifice**, the Eucharistic celebration is a **re-presentation** or **re-enactment** of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection. During the celebration of the Eucharist, we offer (*bring to present*) Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols. It is the reliving in an un-bloody manner of Christ's Death on Good Friday and of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. By means of signs, symbols and prayers, we share in Christ's passion, death and Resurrection made really present for us in an un-bloody manner. The re-enactment assures us of Jesus' love for us and of his forgiveness of our sins. Through the sacrifice, the risen Jesus becomes present on the altar, offering Himself to the Father through the ministry of the priest.

The Eucharist gives us a message of unity and sacrificial love. It teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from the sacrifice. Just as numerous grains of wheat are pounded together to make the host, and many grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we become unified in this sacrifice. Christ is the Head and we are the Body. Together we are one. We need to always prepare properly to receive Holy Communion (1Cor.11:27-29). We should receive communion with fervent love and respect – not merely as a matter of routine. Our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot exist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters. As we receive Holy Communion we become Christ bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplaces, as love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service. We pray with St. Thomas Aquinas this prayer of adoration: **O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine! All Praise and Thanksgiving, be every moment Thine!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

OLV Ministry list: Please advise the secretary if you will be not available during the months of July and August. New lists will be out the weekend of **June 24th**

Retreat: Father will be away on a Retreat from June 11 and returning June 15. Therefore there will be no Thursday mass on June 14.

Summer Masses: There will be **NO Thursday** masses during the months of July (starting July 5 and ending August 30th).

Bulletins: The bulletins will be printed every other week during the months of July and August.

Fellowship: No Fellowship during the months of July and August and will begin again in September.

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 them to the event. All **cheques** must be made to **CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY** and **cash** can be given also. Receipts will be issued in early 2019. (Thanks Monique)

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! We would appreciate it if you could identify yourself to Fr. Albanus at mass. If you would like to become a regular parishioner, feel free to contact the office at 819-986-3763 to obtain a Registration Form. **Note:** the weekly collection envelope is the principal source of revenue for both parishes.

Shut-Ins:

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 Secretary at 819-986-3763.**