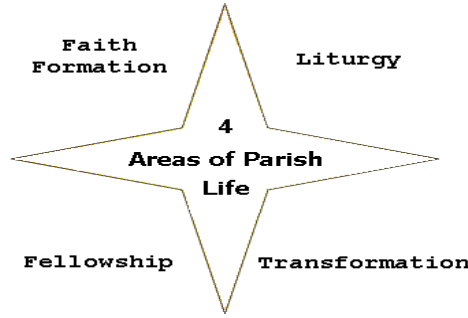




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**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME  
 September 15 - 16, 2018**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**MASSES**

Thursday	Sept 20th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Sept 22nd	OLV @ 11:00 am	Funeral for Linda Allen
Saturday	Sept 22nd	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Bob McFarlane by Ethel Pearson
Sunday	Sept 23rd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Phyllis Corzka by Madeleine Gauthier Jeannie Mongeon Plouffe by Susan & Junior Larry Cameron by Nicole Charbonneau James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Aug 1-2 - Sunday Collection	\$557.00	\$234.00

**Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop September, 2018**

“Let us pray, that our Diocesan Christian community demonstrate unity in love, according to Our Lord’s will; that we achieve more and more areas of alliance between God, us and the world, and that in our midst occur many acts of mutual assistance, solidarity and sharing.”

**Question I ask myself:** Pope Francis has convened a synod of bishops under the theme ‘Young People, The Faith and Vocational Discernment’ to be held October 3-28 in Rome. What means the word ‘vocation’ mean to me? Does it meet the meaning assigned by the synod?

## FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY

### **Cost of Discipleship**

What is the basis of our Faith? What are the conditions of Christian discipleship? These are some of the questions that today's readings, especially the Gospel try to answer. The basis of our faith is the acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God and our Lord and Savior. Jesus became our savior by His suffering, death and resurrection.

In the **first reading** from the Prophet Isaiah, we are shown how God started to invite Israel to change their mentality. The Jews of the time thought that only those who were successful, strong and powerful should be admired and the losers should be looked at as failures. But God judges the life of the people in different way. For Him, great is the one who makes himself small; the winner is the one who allows to be defeated by love himself. People only see appearances but they do not look deep into the contents of the hearts. God expressed His preference for Israel above other peoples, not because Israel was famous and powerful, but because it was one of the most insignificant nations. In this reading, Isaiah shows how God expresses this special preference for the poorest and the least important. The mysterious figure, 'the Servant of Yahweh' is presented as a man who has been beaten up, humiliated, insulted, defeated, but God has not abandoned him; he has glorified him by making him successful in all he did and manifested to all that he was just and upright. The early Christian saw in the Servant the image of their Master, Jesus of Nazareth, rejected by His contemporaries, frustrated and defeated by the religious and political leaders of His time, but acclaimed by God, through the resurrection, as the true winner. Who then is a Christian or disciple?

St. James, in the **second reading** describes a true Christian as one whose faith is concretized in deeds. Faith without deeds is just the same as the tree without fruit. It is useless and might as well be dead. James is not speaking of solemn liturgies held in the temple. For him, the pure and spotless religion consists in helping the orphans and the widows in their hardships (1:27), in respecting the poor and the elderly and in doing deeds of mercy (2:1-13). In today's passage, he continues to hold that the authenticity of our faith can be proved by concrete actions that will help those in need; providing food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, helping to provide basic necessities for the needy. These are signs that make the Christian testimonies of our communities credible. The **Gospel** describes the important question of Christian discipleship and followership. After referring to what people say about the identity of Jesus, Peter, on behalf of the apostles, shows that he has understood and exclaims "You are the Christ", you are the Messiah, the Savior spoken by all the prophets and expected by all the people. Though a higher understanding than that of the common people, the apostles still think that success in life is measured by the triumphs one attains and have not yet realized that from the very beginning their master has identified as devilish the temptation to take over power and dominate the kingdoms of this world.

Jesus takes this time to correct the wrong idea of Him and make His followers understand how His Father will realize His plan for the salvation of mankind through His suffering and death. The disciples can neither understand nor accept such a perspective. Christ told the remonstrating Peter to 'get behind him', not to push him away, but to get him back on the right path and facing the right direction. Peter must be 'behind' Jesus to follow Him and join Him in giving up his life for his brothers and sisters. Whoever measures the growth of the kingdom of God in terms of glory, triumph and applause is not reasoning like God, but applying the criteria used by people. Thus, Jesus states the three standards for judging a true disciple: 'Renounce yourself', 'take up your cross,' and 'follow me.' A disciple must be ready to evict selfish thoughts, evil desires and tendencies from his/her heart and filling it with God. He/she must be able to carry the cross with Jesus. The cross always means pain and suffering. It is the sign of love and self-giving. To carry one's cross after Christ means to join Him as He gives the greatest proof of His love. He/she must follow Jesus. To follow Him does not stand for 'take me as a model' but 'share my choice', take part in my plan, live your life for love of people with me. The followers of Christ shall live their lives according to the word of God, by obeying what is commanded by Jesus. There should be a difference between a 'disciple' and an 'admirer' of Christ. **Happy Sunday!**

## OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our prayers and sympathy are with Marilyn Charron's family on the death of her sister Muriel Cowan.

**OLV Family & Friends Day:** On Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, OLV held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Family & Friends Day, an event designed to bring our community together for an afternoon of fellowship and music. This year's event exceeded expectations, with a full house in attendance. Comments received from those in attendance were very positive and many people suggested that this should be an annual event. The highlight of the event was, of course, the music which was excellent. Thanks to the following musicians for donating their time and for providing their support for this community initiative:

***Donna Murphy and Peter Forcier; Jamey Lawlis and Guy Charbonneau; Phil Casey and his musical friends; Gilbert French, Linus Weatherton, Denis Guenette and Pat Cullen.***

As always a special thank you to the volunteers, who made this event possible. While this event was not a fund raiser and the ticket price of \$5.00 was designed to cover costs, proceeds from the event totaled \$744. ***The winner of the 50/50 draw was David Thompson.***

**Christmas Tea:** Susan and Monique have come forward to convene our Christmas Tea on **Saturday, December 1 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost \$6.00.**

**NEED HELP FOR THE FOLLOWING:  
OR YOU CAN TAKE ON ANY TASK AND FIND YOUR OWN WORKERS.**

**Entrance:** 2 people to collect entrance fee  
**Sandwiches:** 4-6 people to help make sandwiches on the Friday  
2-4 people to cut and place on plates day of the Tea  
**Wash dishes:** 4 people the day of the tea  
**Set-up Hall:** On the Friday  
**Food Table:** 4 people to price and collect day of the tea  
**Servers:** 5 to serve coffee & tea to our guests  
**Bric-Brac table:** 2 people to set-up table and price items  
**CRAFT table:** Ladies will accept any donations. Please drop them off in the hall **prior** to the start of the tea.

**Please call the office and advise Monique the job you would love to handle.**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Golf Tournament:** What a wonderful day! **\$15,500** was raised during the 7th Golf Tournament of the Archbishop Paul-André Durocher! Thanks' to all our sponsors, players and volunteers!

**Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre:** Reminder of the "**Octoberfest / fund raiser**" on **Sunday September 16, 2018 (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)** featuring *Jason Roos and Gretchen Visser*. Octoberfest style **lunch will be served from noon** at a reasonable price. **Concert starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the concert** and available by calling Peter Cameron 819 986-7828, or any committee member or at the door. All are welcomed.

**BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS**