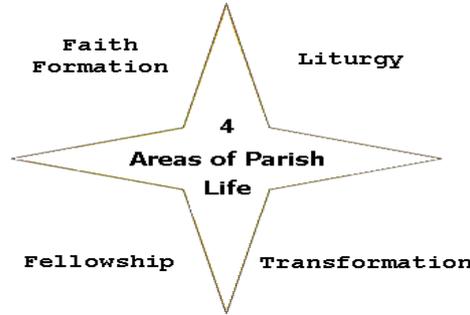




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**27th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 6 - 7, 2018**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

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| Thursday | Oct. 11 th | OLV @ 10:00 am | James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate |
| Saturday | Oct. 13 th | OLV @ 1:00 pm | Funeral Mass for Theresa Newton |
| Saturday | Oct. 13 th | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV |
| Sunday | Oct. 14 th | OLV @ 9:00 am | Evelyn Robitaille by Linda & Bill Cameron Larry Cameron by Nancy Pearson Rose Weatherdon by The Family Jos McGurn (24 th ann) by The Girls James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS | OLV | ST. MALACHY |
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| Sept. 29 - 30 - Sunday Collection | \$517.00 | \$301.00 |
| Sept. 29 - 30 - Canadian Church | 155.00 | 75.00 |

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop October, 2018

“Let us pray for the bishops, gathered in Rome around Pope Francis from the 3rd to the 28th of October, for the Synod of bishops 2018: “Young people, faith and vocational discernment”. That any direction taken meet the challenges, the concerns and the dreams of young people and reach them in their current reality to foster a meaningful involvement in the Church. ”

Social Reflection: “The young people of today are met with a host of external and internal challenges and opportunities, many of which are specific to their individual contexts and some of which are shared across continents. It is necessary for the Church to examine the way in which it thinks about and engages with young people in order to be an effective, relevant and life-giving guide throughout their lives.” A synthesized document is developed to voice the reflections and experiences of the 21st century youth from different religious and cultural backgrounds. These reflections were borne out of the meeting of more than 300 young representatives from around the world, convened in Rome March 19-24, 2018 at the inaugural Pre-Synodal Meeting of Young People and the participation of 15,000 young people engaged online through the Facebook groups. Young people in Canada and Gatineau also provided an input and indicated some of their concerns.

An Answer to Our Faith: “This document is destined for the Synodal Fathers. This is to give the Bishops a compass, pointing towards a clearer understanding of young people: a navigational aid for the upcoming Bishops’ Synod on “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment” in October 2018. Understanding this, we can therefore move forward to explore with openness and faith where the young person is situated today, where the young person sees his or herself in relation to others, and how we as the Church can best accompany young people towards a deeper understanding of themselves and their place in the world.”

Invitation to diocesan patronal feast day Mass for the Archdiocese of Gatineau

October 11 is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, the principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Gatineau. All the faithful are invited to participate in a Mass, presided by Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, at 7:00 PM on October 11 at St. Joseph Cathedral (245 Saint-Joseph Blvd.)

FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY

What God Has Joined Together

Today's Scriptural readings speak about the bond of love that marriage creates between a man and a woman. God intended this bond to be permanent. The **first reading** from the Book of Genesis narrates the creation of man and woman and explains God's original plan concerning sex and marriage. The newly created man was feeling lonely, sad and depressed since he had nobody to speak to until he found the woman. The other creatures could not communicate to him. So God made man and woman for each other. In marriage therefore, they are no longer two but one, united in an unbreakable bond. They have been put together in the world so that they can live together and fill each other's need for companionship; thus they complement each other. The primary purpose of marriage is reciprocal love between husband and wife. It also teaches the equality between man and woman; hence the man says: "this at last is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh," a Jewish expression that means that they are of the same nature. Thus, two persons (a man and a woman) marry to fulfill together a common plan, one that cannot be founded upon flimsy and superficial foundations (provisional living together and extra-conjugal experiences, etc.), which are only but adventures, and never the expression of a common plan of life. The writer of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is great, but He is like us and understands all our difficulties in regard to sexuality. We can trust Him as a guide, having had the feelings of affection and emotions, and experienced sufferings and even death.

The **Gospel** continues the teaching on marriage. Jesus was well aware of Moses' teaching on marriage and says that God's view of marriage is stricter than what Moses taught. He was also aware of how the Jewish law on marriage was bent against women; it too easily gave a man a right to divorce his wife. Moses did not give any permission to divorce; he simply tried to formulate some rules to control a wrong habit already existing and accepted by all. He established these rules to protect the woman; he allowed a man to give the woman a writ of dismissal, so that she could remarry and regain her freedom. Thus Jesus seeks to reaffirm the sacredness of marriage. He discusses the indissolubility of marriage. This teaching is one of Jesus' "hard sayings" which causes His disciples to question him even further. Jesus wants His listeners to go beyond that (Mosaic) rule and reach back in time to the story of creation where explicit mention is made of the inseparable bond between a man and his wife in marriage: what God has united man must not divide. The parties cannot walk out on each other according to their whims and fancies.

From the foregoing, it means "that divorce, like polygamy, was not part of the original plan of God. They are institutions, introduced by men and women and tolerated for a certain period of time because of their hard heart. Jesus now says that it is time to return to the ideal plan prepared "at the beginning" by the Lord. Only a monogamous and indissoluble marriage respects the original plan of God and fulfills the aim for which sexuality was created. All other forms of coming together though ancient and backed by a culture, do not respect the dignity of man and woman alike" (Armellini, F Vol. B, Celebrating the Word, p. 299). Far from imposing a new and stricter law, Jesus is simply recalling the original plan of God. This was a very complex question in the early church as it continues to be today. In the early church, issues of divorce, unfaithfulness, annulments and remarriage were handled informally by individual bishops. More formal structures for their resolution began to develop in Rome. They reached their zenith in the 1917 Code of Canon Law. The 1983 code has given back to diocesan tribunals some of the traditional pastoral power for certain annulment solutions. As in the time of Christ, it continues to be monumental, but not impossible, struggle for the married to remain "two in one" until death. We however, need to avoid exhibiting mean behavior and wicked heart in dealing with some of our brothers and sisters who have difficulties in their marital relationships. It is better to show understanding for their situation and not to criticize and humiliate them.

Jesus finally speaks in reaction to the attitude of the apostles to the children being brought to Him. In a world of counterfeit and deceit, like ours, God's word has no chance for sympathetic hearing. Such a ruthless world is highly resistant to the saving message of the kingdom. Jesus is aware of the harm caused to individuals who grow up and are socialized in a highly hostile anti-gospel environment. To accept the kingdom of God and its values calls for a rebirth. We need to return to the simplicity, sincerity and the openness of a child. **Happy Sunday!**

WORLD MISSION MONTH

“Go! Make disciples of all nations.” (Mt.28:19) These words – the imperative mission of Christ – call each baptized Catholic to action. The Church has a lasting mission to perform in this world, a mission that is ever more apparent, and the need for it is ever more urgent. In fact, mission isn’t something the Church does. It is what the Church is!

This year, World Mission Sunday is on October 21. This is a worldwide collection for the Missionary Church that offers emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war-torn countries, provides rural health clinics and transportation for Priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It offers financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Office Hours: Please note the Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, October 7. The office will be **OPEN** Tuesday, October 8 from 9 to noon.

Christmas Tea: *Thanks to all who volunteered for all other jobs. The BRIC-BRAC Table is the only position that is open. Anybody interested. Tell Susan or Monique.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

FINAL 2018 EVENT: Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre Final event for the 2018 Season October 28, 2018(2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) Wine and Cheese and Exhibit of Robert Emile Fortin and Lynne Zentner’s art works at Kent and Mary Browne’s Cottage at Long Lake.

All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre Tickets: \$20/person and available by calling Brenda Miller at 819 986 -7358.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

