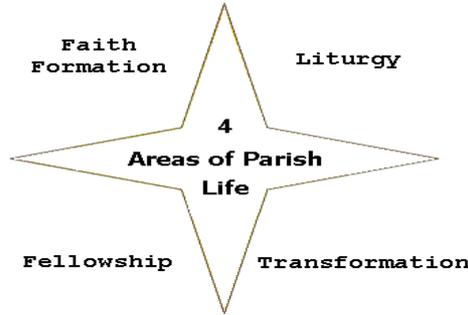




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**32nd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 10 – 11, 2018**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Nov. 15 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Nov. 17 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Esther & John Lavell by Greg & Pat Lavell
Sunday	Nov. 18 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Julia Martin by Barbara & Family Emmett McNamara by Edward & Robert Findlay Brulé & Charbonneau Families & Friends by Nicole Charbonneau Norma Cullen by The Campbell Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov. 3 - 4 - Sunday Collection	\$536.00	\$278.00
Nov. 3 - 4 - Support	253.00	147.00



The Synodal Process – A Successful Beginning

Last weekend, our two parishes held their first consultation with parishioners as part of the Synodal Process. The focus was on parish portraits which were developed by respective work groups.

The working group from both parishes were extremely pleased with the participation rate and the thoughtfulness of the comments generated by the portraits. It was a wonderful learning activity for our parishioners who enjoyed the opportunity to share information and to express their thoughts on the future of our parishes. The working groups would like to thank all those parishioners who took the time to participate and provide comments.

The next step in the Synodal Process for both parishes will be to produce a summary of the presentations to parishioners. Afterwards, there will be a meeting of the delegates from the English Zone on December 12th to share their reports and to sketch out a collective picture of the English sector of the diocese.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop November, 2018

Question I ask myself: In line with the diocesan synodal process, I ponder: Might the Church still contribute to our society's well-being? May I get involved in this wide diocesan consultation?.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Widow's Mite Counts

Today's Liturgy invites us to live out a total commitment to serve God with a humble and generous heart like the poor widows presented in the first reading and the Gospel. They both sacrificed their whole lives and means of livelihood to God. Jesus also made a supreme sacrifice by giving His life for others. The **first reading** presents a poor widow of Zarephath who had barely enough food for herself and her son. She welcomed the prophet Elijah as a man of God and shared her food with him. Her generosity was rewarded by a continuous daily supply of food till the rains restored fertility to the land. God has sympathy for the poor and loves the weak, the foreigners, the orphans and the widows. The group has nobody they could call for help. Their condition makes them totally dependent on God. Since they have nothing superfluous, they have to sacrifice what is indispensable for their own survival. God blesses those who share what they have with others.

The **second reading** speaks of Jesus, the High Priest, who surrendered His life to God totally and unconditionally as a sacrificial offering for our sins. Christ is the Priest par excellence! While the ancient priests offered their sacrifices in a material temple made of stones, Jesus' priesthood is exercised in heaven, in a sanctuary not built by human hands. Unlike the priests of old who offered numerous sacrifices for their sins and those of other people (sacrifices unable to eradicate completely the root of evil), Jesus offered up the perfect sacrifice, not with the blood of animal but by shedding His own blood. This perfect act of love destroyed sin once and for all. When He comes again, it will not be to repeat the sacrifice but to take with Him those He has freed from sin. In the **Gospel**, Jesus contrasts the external and honorific life of the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of the poor widow. Our attention is drawn to 'how much is little and how little is much' depending on the disposition of the giver. The rich give a great deal of money, out of their superabundance. The poor widow, herself object of charity, contributes two coins, all she possessed.

Jesus reproaches the scribes because He could not bear their vanity, their ambition, their obsession and their tendency to dominate others as well as their feeling of superiority exhibited in many ways. He could not bear such ridiculous 'play acting', pretense and craze of the scribes. He rather made friends with the poor and most abandoned. Hence, in the second part of today's Gospel He presents to us the generous deed of the poor widow as a model. The story of the widow's mite shows authentic respect for religious practices. A poor widow proves that her heart is completely detached from the goods of this world. She gives all she has. The widow rightly portrays herself to be a disciple. The true disciple is not the rich person who can afford to give generously from his or her spare money, but the one who, rich or poor, shares generously with others 'all' that he or she possesses. It takes all we have and all we are to be truly generous. A selfish heart can always find excuses to escape helping his or her brothers and sisters. Let us not forget that no one is so poor that they have nothing to give. Like the poor widows, we should find the courage to share the wealth and talents we hold. We should "stop dribbling out our stores of love, selflessness, sacrifice, and compassion and dare to pour out our whole heart, our whole being, our "whole life" into the love-starved coffers of this world" (Fr A. Kadavil). Selfishness brings about misery, hunger and unhappiness. **Happy Sunday!**

BELLS OF PEACE

In today's bulletin, you will find an insert on a project sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion and Veterans Affairs Canada to honour the signing of the Armistice that officially ended World War I. On November 11th 2018, 100 years will have passed since the signing of the armistice. In support of this initiative, the bells at St. Malachy's will be ringing in honour of all Canadians who served in this horrific struggle.

The bells in Mayo will be rung 100 times at sunset on November 11th. Parishioners from both parishes are invited to attend the bell ringing in order to pay their respect to our brave veterans.

BELLS OF PEACE - A REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO SERVED IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR



Lest We Forget.

The Royal Canadian Legion was born from the ashes of the First World War (WWI). As Canada's largest veterans' organization and in partnership with Veterans Affairs Canada, we have been handed this torch of remembrance by our founders to hold high and to never forget the sacrifices made in the name of Canada and for Canadians.

On 11 November 2018, 100 years will have passed since the signing of the armistice that officially ended WWI. As a tribute to all Canadians that served in this horrific struggle we are producing a program of remembrance for those from that era — an event that allows Canadians, if only for a moment, to stop, to remember and to feel, perhaps for a second, the joy that peace brought after so much death and destruction. In order to achieve this, we are asking all Religious Organizations across the Country to assist us in achieving this goal by reaching out to their different branches and asking if they would participate by ringing their Bells at sunset on November 11, 2018. Our hope is all who hear the Bells will stop and focus on the loss and sacrifice both on the battlefield and at home. This document contains details regarding our request, requested actions and timing. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in helping us remember the Veterans who served in WW1.

AIM

To create a remembrance event that highlights the sacrifices of Canadians who served in WWI.

General

The war to end all wars left an indelible impression on Canada. Some 619,636 Canadians enlisted with the Canadian Expeditionary Force during the war, and approximately 424,000 served overseas. Close to 61,000 Canadians were killed during the war, and another 172,000 were wounded. Many more returned home broken in mind and body. The Dominion of Newfoundland suffered 1,305 killed and several thousand wounded. Of the more than 172,000 Canadians who reported wounds during the war, medical authorities classified approximately 138,000 as battle casualties. Of the wounded who survived, 3,461 men and one woman had a limb amputated. No reliable method existed for tracking or treating psychological casualties, but authorities identified over 9,000 Canadians as suffering from "shell shock". (<https://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar/history/after-the-war/legacy/>)

This was an enormous contribution from a population of just under 8 million in 1914. Approximately seven percent of the total population of Canada was in uniform at some point during the war, and hundreds of thousands of additional Canadians worked on the home front in support of the war.

If you were to extrapolate from the numbers listed above, it could be claimed that the majority of the population in Canada at that time was touched in some capacity by the war. Further to this you could also state that there were at least 425,000 families that were intimately affected as their loved ones faced the brunt of the tragedy that is war.

If we are to remember those that fought, we need to drive home the message of the horror of war and its effect on the society that wages it. That includes the families that had to live with the unknown and after the war with the after-effects related to those who returned with injuries both visible and invisible.

Remembrance Event – The Ringing of Bells

Bells call us to wake, to pray, to work, to arms, to feast and, in times of crisis, to come together. "On November 11, 1918, the ringing of church bells erupted spontaneously across the country, as an outpouring of relief that four years of war had come to an end. (BBC news <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-41957521>)."

The Bells of Peace initiative is designed to emulate that moment of remembrance in honour of our veterans who served in WWI.

In order to create a unified remembrance action in Canada, we are requesting that all Churches/Houses of Worship/Religious Organizations in Canada who possess a bell(s) participate Nationally in the following activities:

- The bell(s) would be tolled 100 times with 5 seconds between tolls;
- Each community bell would start the ringing at the going down of the sun on November 11, 2018 as per the sunset timing in their area

Memoriam Eorum Retinebimus (We Will Remember Them)

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Book of Life: We honor our loved ones who have died from Nov. 1 to Oct. 31 of the previous year to the current year. The funeral date is used for our event. Feel free to add names to this book.

New Sunday Missals: Now on sale for \$6.00.

Cereal Bar Drive: A basket will be available for your donations next Sunday. **NOTE: This will be the last collection until next year.**

OLV Christmas Tea: Reserve December 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm for this annual event.

Information: Our church hall and conference room are rented out during the month. Please note that you should call the office to confirm if anything is going on so you can have access. Otherwise, can we respect the times reserved for our renters??

COMMUNITY NEWS

Reminder: The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 54, will be having the Remembrance Day Parade and the Memorial at the Cenotaph on Sunday, Nov. 11th. (1:40 p.m. departure from the Legion - arrival at the Cenotaph 2:00 p.m.)

St-Grégoire Spaghetti Supper on Friday, November 23rd at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Joseph Street.

Tickets on sale at \$10 per person and can be obtained from: Parish Secretary

Denise Lacelle at 819-961-3619

Suzanne Théorêt at 819-281-1920

First seating: 5:00 pm Second seating: 6:30 pm No tickets sales at the door.

OLV Christmas Tea: Saturday, December 1 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's United Tea: Christmas Tea on Saturday, November 24 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Knit quilt to raffle and bake table, novelties and crafts.

Heart & Soul Concert: Thursday, December 6 at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Victory Church. Price \$10. For advance tickets call 819-986-1185. Coffee & desserts will be served.