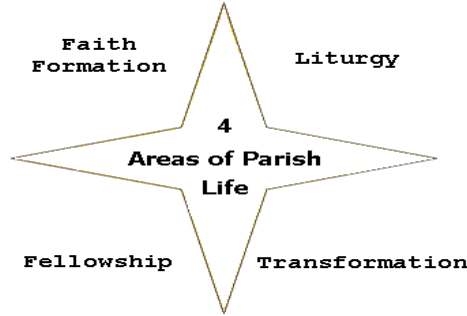




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8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

March 2 - 3, 2019

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Tuesday	Mar. 5 th	OLV @ 7:00 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY - All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Thursday	Mar. 7 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Mar. 9 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Deceased Members of the French & Butler Families by The French Family
Sunday	Mar. 10 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Irene Cosgrove by Betty Ann, Ron & Sara Bisson Bob Dunning (9 th Ann) by Maureen Dunning Linda Allen by Lucille & Susan Allen Mr. & Mrs. John Laluck by Susan & Family Tom Laframboise by Isabel & Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Feb 23-24, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$257.00	\$236.00
Feb 23-24, 2019 - Fuel	211.00	128.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop March 2019

For delegates who are charged with priority-setting for our Synod; that they be attentive to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord

Questions I ask myself: We have now entered in the *second phase* of our diocesan synod. Have I read the report on Phase 1? Am I surprised to read that people expressed the conviction that our Christian communities help us grow in our relationship with Christ? How may I cooperate with my community to foster such growth in our relationship with Christ?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Judging Ourselves First

The author of the book of Ecclesiasticus, in the **first reading** gives us a wise counsel, not to be conditioned by the first impression we get from people. To understand the contents of people's hearts, we must let them speak out freely. This is so because the best of a person is in conversation. Words betray what a person feels. He concludes by advising that we do not praise anyone who has not yet spoken, since this is where people are tested. His teaching serves as an excellent preview for today's Gospel. The Responsorial Psalm advises us to spend our time praising and thanking God for all His blessings. Paul, in the **second reading** advises the Corinthians "to be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain, instead of wasting time on useless and sinful conversations, which bring punishment instead of the victory of resurrection and eternal reward."

The **Gospel** reminds us that when we are feeling judgmental, we ought to think before we speak because what comes out of our mouth reveals our heart. Jesus condemns our careless, malicious and rash judgements about the behavior, feelings, motives and actions of others. In the parable of the splinter and the log, Jesus asks us to be suspicious of those who feel always in the right, conceited about what they say, teach and do. They are unaware that their eyes are blinded by enormous logs (such logs as passions, selfishness, a wish to domineer the others, ignorance and fear). These logs prevent a clear vision of the demands of the word of God.

It is easy to find faults, pick up the shortcomings and defects of others. We seem, on the other hand, to be oblivious of our blind spots. Jesus is therefore drawing our attention to the false perception of the self. Rather than preoccupy ourselves in mindlessly probing and picking the faults of others, He advises that we turn the microscope on ourselves, submit our sinful selves to a thorough scrutiny and humbly acknowledge before God that we too are sinners in need of conversion. Jesus wants the Christian's proposal to be made with humility, discretion and respect, without condemning those who refuse to accept it. They should not forget that there is a good chance that their eyes might be blocked by a log. Those who judge others are but hypocrites according to Jesus. Hypocrites are full of defects; they are sinners and as guilty as anybody else. They can "act": take hold of the chair and pass terrible sentences. It is clear that Christians who are bitter in their criticism and spread poisonous gossip about their neighbors are in fact rotten logs, though they may look like "good trees." 'Judging ourselves first' is the way to go.

Happy Sunday!



This Share Lent, let us create a culture of encounter

For this year's Share Lent, **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** encourages us to reach out to forcibly displaced persons and to share their journey. How?

There are many ways to be part of Share Lent – 2 suggestions are inserted with today's bulletin: a Solidarity Calendar and a sticker to create your own Lenten collection jar. The Solidarity Calendar is intended for families with young children and proposes actions, prayers and information to help you experience the meaning of solidarity in day-to-day life. This year, follow the Solidarity Calendar on the **Development and Peace** website, on Facebook and on Instagram! Go to devp.org/lentcalendar for more information. You can also use the sticker to create your own Lenten collection jar.

As we begin our journey toward Easter and prepare our hearts to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, let us take the time to share the journey with our sisters and brothers who have had to flee their homes. Let us pray for them. May we learn to walk together with them in solidarity, united in the conviction that we are one global human family.

Sacramental Preparation – Confirmation

The sacramental preparation for Confirmation will again be coordinated by St. Aloysius parish.

Anyone wishing to enroll, in this sacramental preparation, please advise the **Secretary at St. Aloysius Parish at 819-663-5244**.

Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Aloysius on Sunday, June 9th 2019 at the 11:00 mass celebration.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Sharing Kitchen for seniors: The Sharing Kitchen is looking for seniors to join their group in fellowship. The kitchen has been a wonderful success, where a cross-section of participants meets on a monthly basis at **St. Stephen's Anglican Church**. This group provides a great opportunity to make new friends, share your special recipes, learn about new recipes as well as enjoy a great meal and share life experiences.

If you are interested, please call John Carson at 819-986-9711. It will be a great investment in time spent.

Lenten Celebrations: As announced by our Archbishop, the second phase of our synodal process will take place in two stages: A **first phase** during Lent to allow us to be challenged by the Word of God and to answer Him in prayer; a **second phase** between Easter and Pentecost to discuss the issues that arose during the first phase.

During Lent, we will deepen a conviction that emerged during the first phase which can be summarized as follows: **“The Christian Community Helps Us to Grow in Our Relationship with Christ.”**

You will also notice liturgical changes in the Words of Welcome, Penitential Rite and the Rite of Dismissal.

Upcoming Event (OLV): The **Spring Supper and Balloon Auction** will be held on **Friday, May 24th** with Spaghetti as the main menu item - more information to follow.

Hall Rental: Bill Cameron is the person to contact for rental of the hall. He can be reached at 819-986-8901.

Also, the hall is rented during the week and you are asked to contact the office secretary at 819-986-3763 before entering to see about availability.

