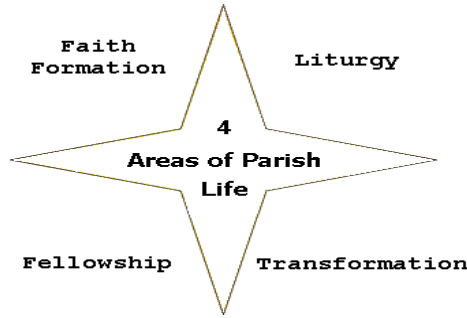




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4th Sunday of Easter
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
May 11 - 12, 2019

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	May 16 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	May 18 th	OLV @ 11:00 am	Funeral Mass for David Bastien
Saturday	May 18 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	John Sellers (9th anniv.) by Virginia & Family Kurtis Corrigan by The Family
Sunday	May 19 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Marie-Ange Mercier by John Gorman Tom Laframboise by Nicole Charbonneau Peter Burke by Susan & Junior Lemieux Linda Allen by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 4-5, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$490.00	\$279.00
May 4-5, 2019 - Support	380.00	152.00
May 4-5, 2019 - Papal Charities		35.00

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's People.

Canada Health Day

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Good Shepherd and the Good Sheep

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter is always celebrated as the Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the Old Testament (OT), the image of the Shepherd is often applied to God as well as the leaders of the people. The prophet Ezekiel represents Yahweh severally as a Shepherd. Isaiah (40:11) speaks of Him the same way. We all know about the popular Psalm 23 where Yahweh is described as the shepherd. We reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. As a Good Shepherd, Jesus devotedly and kindly takes care of His flock. A good shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts and protects his flock. Expectedly today's readings speak of the role of the Shepherds of God's flock. The **first reading** starts with the account of the first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas. It describes how they opted to listen to the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and follow Him, and how, like their Master they were rebuffed and rejected when they tried to share the good news of salvation. As shepherds, Paul and Barnabas extended their care to the Gentiles, something that did not go down well with the Jews who were convinced that the promises and blessings were reserved only for their people alone. That is not true though.

The **second reading** presents Jesus as both the Glorified Lamb and the Shepherd. John in his vision saw the multitude dressed in "white robes" with "palm branches" in their hands. The white robe is the symbol of joy and innocence and the palms are the symbol of victory. These are those who in this world went through sufferings, persecutions and gave their lives for their brothers like the Lamb. In this passage, written to urge persecuted Christians to persevere patiently, John encourages us that if we have ever followed Christ, the Good Shepherd, and led others to Him we will share everlasting life with Him. In the **Gospel**, Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd. He is the expected liberator announced by the prophets, the prophet that would lead the people along the paths of justice and fidelity to the Lord. Jesus is like a seasoned, strong shepherd who fights off bandits and wild beasts, lays down His life for the flock He loves (Jn. 10:11). In today's passage, Jesus offers us comfort as well as a great challenge. No one, He says, can snatch the sheep out of His Father's hand. But as His sheep, we must hear his voice and follow Him. His good sheep are those who have the courage to follow Him in laying down His life for the brothers and sisters. It is not easy to trust Jesus since He does not promise success, triumph, and victories as other shepherds do. He demands suffering, self-denial, even the laying down of one's life. Yet He assures us, this is the only way that leads to eternal life; there are no shortcuts!

Who are the shepherds? Pastors! Yes, but not only them. Anyone entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials as well as school mates and work colleagues etc., are shepherds in their own ranks. The mother who patiently bears with suffering and pain is a shepherd; the father who teaches his children how to forgive, to reconcile and to share is a shepherd too. We are good shepherds when we love those entrusted to us, pray for them, invest our talents for their welfare and guard them from physical and spiritual dangers. As good sheep, we must hear and follow the voice of our shepherds; we pray for our shepherds, encourage them by offering constructive criticisms to them when needed. Today we are called to pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Happy Easter!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Office Hours: Monday, May 13 office hours will be from 1-4 pm. **THERE WILL BE NO MORNING OFFICE HOURS.**

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Bedard** who died this past week. He was a former parishioner of St. Malachy and supporter of Our Lady of Knock pilgrimage. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends at this time of loss.

Cereal Bars: Basket will available to accept your donations next Sunday. **This is the last collection until September.** Thanks for your generous donation to our children.

St. Malachy's Wardens' Meeting: Tuesday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sacristy.

Wardens Needed at OLV: OLV has two vacant Warden positions that need to be filled in order to ensure the efficient financial and materiel management of the Parish. The Parish is at a crossroads, as our volunteer base has dwindled substantially. The future of the Parish is increasingly linked to our ability to manage our resources effectively and the future cannot be guaranteed if we don't have a management team in place to address both short and long term issues.

Being a member of the management team is not onerous and Parishioners may incorrectly believe that a position with the Wardens team will result in a heavy workload. This is not the case, as a commitment would include one meeting per month and responsibility with a team member for a parish activity.

If you are interested in joining our management team, please contact the Parish Secretary.

Spring Supper and Balloon Auction May 24th – WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT:

This year's menu, once again, will be spaghetti and meat sauce, buns, salad and homemade desserts followed by our popular Balloon Auction. **Cocktails** will be served at 4:30 p.m. with **supper** at 6:00 p.m. **Tickets:** \$20.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children aged 6 to 12 and free for Children under 6 years of age.

As in the past years, we are asking parishioners to donate items for the auction, preferably gift certificates from local businesses, and gift baskets of homemade items or plant arrangements. Donation/s should be received **no later than Monday, May 20.**

