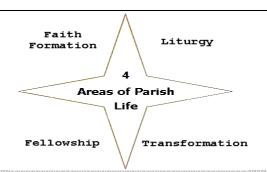


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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 18 - 19, 2019



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#### **MASSES**

| Thursday | May 23rd | OLV @ 10:00 am        | NO MASS   |  |
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| Saturday | May 25th | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | Claire Belter by Ann Marie, Christine & Leo   |  |
| Sunday   | May 26th | OLV @ 9:00 am         | Roberta Farnand by Lyse D'Aoust & Conrad Irene Cosgrove by Val & Lewis Rowe Tom Laframboise by Isabel & Family Mary Doherty by Susan & Family |  |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS                   | OLV      | ST. MALACHY |
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| May 11-12, 2019 - Sunday Offering | \$777.00 |             |

## **Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop May 2019**

Let us pray that, with Mary, we might share more and more the life of the resurrected Lord, listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and discerning together the next steps of our synodal process.

**Question I ask myself:** Paul and Barnabus were strengthening the disciples' courage. If serenity is essential to survive chaos, I ask myself: how do I encourage my Church to support current hardships in a spirit of serenity and resilience?

# Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

#### NEW!

The theme of this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is about the "New". The readings speak about renewal and new things: the New Jerusalem, a new Heaven and new earth, and a new commandment. In the **first reading** we see Paul and Barnabas about to finish their first missionary journey. They have crossed many regions and proclaimed the Good News in many towns before returning to Antioch. This reading therefore describes how the small Christian communities helped the work of renewal in their membership by their agape love in imitation of Paul and Barnabas. The **second reading** from the Book of the Revelation presents the new world that will rise at the end of time when God will destroy evil and only good will remain. God is already doing that now: See, I am making all things new. God renews His Church, the New Jerusalem by being present in her members, communities and celebrations. This new world is manifested wherever love is being practiced.

The **Gospel** speaks about the "new commandment." It offers us the secret of Christian renewal. That lies in the faithful practice of this Jesus' new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you! With this Jesus had added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that He has loved, with sacrificial, unconditional, agape love. Thus, the renewal of our Christian life lies in a radical of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment (Kadavil, A).

Christ gave us the "new" commandment of love. We ought to learn to love ourselves so that we may learn to love each other. The Old Testament says "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18). We cannot learn to cherish others and care for them if we have never learned to do the same for ourselves. We have to love others in our daily living. We are asked to love as Jesus loved, in the ordinary course of our lives. This we do by responding to others' everyday needs with love and compassion. We ought to comfort and protect those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving them in every possible way no matter how small, seeing the face of Jesus in them. We love others by forgiving them rather than condemning them, by challenging them rather than condoning, by sacrificially sharing our time, talents and blessings with them. As a community, we must demonstrate our love in our gatherings and parish assemblies. People must see Christians as people who interact with a love and concern for one another that reveals their strong love and appreciation for each other. They should see in us a quickness to appreciate and readiness to forgive, even as Christ has forgiven us (Kadavil, A). Happy Easter!

#### SYNODAL PROCESS

### A call to all who believe that to know, love and follow Christ is relevant today



The synodal process of the Archdiocese of Gatineau is now in the second of three stages: a time of collective discernment. After our Lenten time of prayer, it is now time for us to come together once again. The parishes in the diocese have taken stock of their strengths, weaknesses, and challenges. Together, we have prioritized the challenges which we need to address. Now, it is time for us to set out a collective vision of how we can move forward – as individuals; with our parish communities; and together within a pastoral zone.

This meeting is open to all parishioners. It would be particularly important for members of the parish pastoral council, Fabrique, liturgy committee, faith formation teams and other parish groups. There will be two meetings for the English pastoral zone:

- Saturday, May 25 (9:00 AM to 1:30 PM) at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church (189 Archambault) and
- Thursday, May 30 (6:00 PM to 9:00 PM) at St. Camillus (42 Chemin Plunkett, Farrellton)

A light meal will be served, so you are asked to RSVP with Bozica at reception@diocesegatineau.org or by phone at 819-771-8391, extension 221, by May 20. For more information: Julie Cool at 819-771-8391, extension 253.

## **OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS**

**Good Wishes:** Are with Cliff and Lorraine Ivall as they celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. May God continue to bless you!

<u>Wardens Needed at OLV</u>: 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.** 

## **ONGOING**

<u>Used Stamps:</u> Did you know that one cancelled stamp can help feed a child for a day? Support The Redemptorist Mission Stamp Bursary by bringing your used stamps and placing them in the specially marked boxes on each side of the top of the stairs.

**Egg Cartons:** Recycle your used egg cartons by placing them in the food basket. These are used by our local Food Bank and also for the Special Education Children at St. Michel School. The children use these for arts and crafts to sell and purchase other items for their needs. Monique will divide these cartons to ensure that both places get your donations.