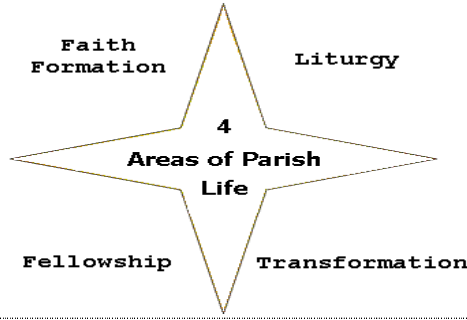




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6th Sunday of Easter
May 25 - 26, 2019

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Saturday	May 25 th	St. Malachy @ 7:45 pm	Burial at cemetery for Guy Tauvette
Thursday	May 30 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	June 1 st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Sister Alma Lavell by Eunice & Bruce McDonnell
Sunday	June 2 nd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Irene Cosgrove by Susan & Jr. Lemieux Tom Laframboise by Sandra & Denis Benoit Linda Allen by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 18-19, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$554.00	\$281.00

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: “The resurrected Lord knows that loving and serving each other in our families and communities is a permanent challenge”, says Lise-Hudon-Bonin. In this time of the synod, I meditate upon that statement.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Holy Spirit: God's Abiding Presence in the Church

Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and His indwelling in each of us. The **first reading** tells us how the Holy Spirit indwelling in the Christian community helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem that arose. It was about the Gentiles becoming Christians; one that shook the very foundation of the early Church. The relations between the Christians of Jewish origin and those who had converted from paganism were not so good and in some places the Eucharist was celebrated separately. The Hebrews demanded that the other Christians had to be circumcised and obey the detailed Law of Moses. But salvation could only come through faith in Jesus Christ and not by keeping all the complicated and detailed traditions of the Jews. People may keep their tradition and culture, but has no right to impose them on others. The **second reading** prepares us for the Gospel where Jesus mentions the promise of the Holy Spirit who will guide the church in times of confusion and crises.

The **Gospel** shows that Jesus is aware of the deep anxiety of His own disciples as they face the reality of His final departure. His absence changes everything for them. Jesus, therefore, prepares them for the day of His going and counsels them not to be afraid. In this His last will and testament He leaves them more than His absence. He leaves them His word, His Peace and the promise of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will help them in the future to be His apostles. He knows that they would have to endure many struggles; that they would have to face ambiguity, confusion, difference and disagreement. Hence, they would need the Advocate. As we see in the first reading, it was not long before the Advocate was needed to settle conflict in the early Church.

The Holy Spirit, according to Jesus will '**teach**' and '**remind**'. He will teach them as Jesus could not detail all the consequences and concrete applications of His message. Jesus assures them that they will always find suitable answers to their questions if they keep listening to His Word and keep their hearts open to the work of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit will also remind them: many are the words of Jesus, that, though present in the Gospel, run the risk of being set aside and easily forgotten - words regarding the sharing of goods, equal human rights, rejection of any form of domineering over others, etc. As the church of today, we should take heart from the conflict of the early Church. Experience shows that there will always be some confusion and disagreement in our communities. Not everything is heavenly clear and this is because we are here on earth! We have to work through confusion and aim for peace in the life of each and every one of us. Our church continues to grow and has to face new questions honestly *in the light of the Spirit*. We are not left orphans! We have the word of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit to help us do what we must always do as the Church.

Jesus also in the last part of the Gospel makes promise of peace; a peace that is not worldly peace. Worldly peace is founded on tyranny, violence and injustice. There is certainly no peace of Christ wherever society supports structures that keep up the power of the rich over the poor, of the clever and more gifted over the less educated and less gifted, etc. The peace promised by Jesus can only come when people begin new relations, when they will stop domineering and wanting or pretending to be the first and best, giving way to service, to disinterested love for the last ones. We as individuals and as the Church must face the real confusion and aim for peace. Total peace will only come when the Church as "*the Heavenly Jerusalem*", a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members replaces the Holy Presence of God in the Holy of Holies in the temple in Jerusalem (Second Reading). Meanwhile, presently we face the real world with confidence because we have great gifts in our community and Church. We have the word of God, the presence of the Spirit and leaders who still argue for the freedom of the Gospel like Paul and Barnabas in the first reading.

Happy Easter!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Wardens Needed at OLV: If you are interested in joining our management team, please contact the Parish Secretary.

Christmas Tea: OLV Christmas Tea will be held on **Saturday, December 7.
Please mark this date on your calendar and donations to the Craft Table will be appreciated.**

UPDATE FROM THE JUST-EQUIPPING TEAM

Attached is a Just Equipping (who rent office space in the Rectory) newsletter outlining events in Africa.

After a long rainy season, the sun has come out and the crops should be promising here in Rwanda and the Great Lakes region. Everyone is thankful!

Speaking of thankful, this week at the annual retreat, we asked the 25 people on our three prison chaplaincy teams from Rwanda, Burundi and DR Congo to share one thing about their country. The comments were overwhelmingly upbeat: Our country is beautiful! Our country is secure! Our country allows us freedom of speech and worship! Our country allows us to share our faith! Our country has fruit trees and crops! Our country is friendly! Our country welcomes visitors! Our country has minerals and potential! We love our country!

May God help us from the western world to have hearts overflowing with thankfulness whatever the circumstances!

We had the Goma (DRC) chaplaincy team sitting around the living room the other day during a planning session. From the families of those parents, I counted at least 25 children who were not in school because of lack of school fees. This is a heart-breaker for the parents.

The De-Bugging program in the Goma Juvenile facility continues to be quite a challenge every month. Simeon's whole team spends the day there shaving heads, washing and changing clothes, unclogging latrines, etc. The boys especially have suffered for the last few months from several pernicious STD infections. There is never enough money for all the medications required and never enough food so that they are not taking them on an empty stomach.

Chaplain Monique is often met at the entrance to the Women's section by women hoisting up their pagnes to demonstrate that they need underwear! She hoots when she tells us this and then, by Hell or high water, manages to bring them in some of the many pairs that our Canadian women have been providing for years. What joy!

We will go tomorrow to the Rubavu Men's Prison in Rwanda where we will offer a sewing machine to the prison (over 6000 prisoners). Then we will share and pray, exercise and drink a goblet of milk with 35 elderly and sick men. Then we will distribute 75 pairs of 'babouche' sandals to the most needy. All because of your generosity!

The Burundi team is very burdened currently by the state of the Pygmy population inside and out of prison. They live in unbearable conditions which you would find hard to believe still exist in 2019. They are marginalized, victimized and suffering. One of their official representatives was with us this week, and asked desperately for prayer and support.

We had an 'Isoko', a market, at the house the other day. Each woman here had 15 tokens and was invited to 'buy' 15 items. Eileen almost broke her back preparing and sorting the piles of used clothing you had contributed for us to bring. It was an exciting, chaotic and lovely time!

And our friends keep strolling in clothed in their joys and burdens.
What a privilege for us to be here serving you and our God.

Judy and Pierre Allard, Eileen Henderson
Just.Equipping

'Trust God and do good' Psalm 37:3