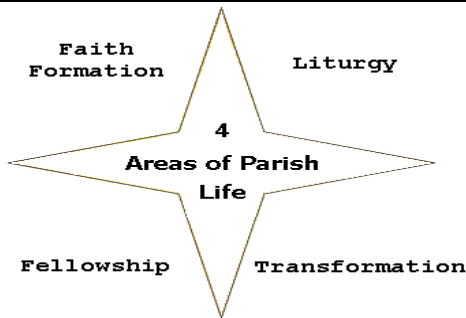




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ASCENSION OF THE LORD
June 1-2, 2019

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	June 6 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	June 8 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Rene & Ethel Laurin by Ann Price
Sunday	June 9 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Kellard McDonnell (9th anniv) by Eunice & Family Terry Charbonneau & Jérôme Burlé by Nicole Bill Farnand (37 anniv) by Margaret & Family Roberta Farnand by Friends of the Kitchen

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 25-26, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$569.00	\$551.00
May 25-26, 2019 - Fuel	320.00	217.00
May 25-26, 2019 – Papal Charities	180.00	

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop June 2019

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit to be with us, to advise us and to give us strength and light to discern together the orientations that must guide our diocesan Church.

Social reflection: While not so long ago, say 50 years ago, we received news from distant relatives and friends, occasionally by post, today the news is instantaneous and available to everyone at the same time. The role of communication has become crucial in all spheres of society, its knowledge is indispensable. Everything works in a network. What proximity for the whole world! What a resource!

Answer for our faith: Yes, the network is an important asset in our world. But what network do we want? "If the network is an opportunity to... seek together the good in the discovery of what unites us, then it is a resource," says Pope Francis in his message for World Communications Day on June 2, 2019. He goes on to say that "the metaphor of the network recalls another figure rich in meaning: that of the community... driven by feelings of trust and pursuing shared objectives. Isn't that what we are currently experiencing in our diocese in this synodal process?"

Things to ponder: Ascension invites me to go and to bring the Good News to all creation. On this World Day of Social Communications, I decide to join the various workshops of the synodal process that are being held in the different pastoral areas of my diocese this month. I ask about the dates of the different workshops. I reread the portrait of my pastoral area in the Report of the 1st stage of the synodal process: Part II, Results of the consultations, Portrait of the 5 pastoral areas, p. 9.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

He Ascended into Heaven!

Today is Ascension and all the readings describe it. Jesus ascended into His Heavenly glory following His promise of the Holy Spirit to His disciples and the command to them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching. Jesus is still with us: *I am with you always; yes, to the end of time*. The **first reading** from the Acts of the Apostles gives an account of the event of Ascension. Jesus instructed His apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the "promise of the Father"- the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would empower them to become His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Jesus was taken into the cloud and there appeared two Heavenly messengers who assured them of Jesus' return in glory. In the **second reading** from the Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul gives the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation. He prays that the Lord may enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know what hope to which He has called us is. As Christians, our great hope is that one day we too will be ascending to heavenly glory as far as we complete our part of the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. We are called to preach the Good News of salvation to the whole world by word and deed.

The **Gospel** too describes how Jesus ascended into Heaven after refreshing their memories on His words and those of the Law and the Prophets concerning Him, reaffirming His promise of the Holy Spirit and after giving His final blessing and missionary command to His disciples. He commissioned them to be His witnesses. Our goal in life should be completing Jesus' mission and the driving force of our lives should be the prospect of sharing the glory of the ascended Jesus. The Ascension of Jesus was the culmination of God's Divine plan for Christ Jesus. With mission accomplished, Christ was to return to His Father. Though a culmination, the Ascension was not a conclusion. He still remains with us, dwelling with us together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The focus of the Feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ and the Lord's being "seated at God's right hand", meaning that He alone will be in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space and culture. It is there at the "right hand of God", that Jesus continues to make intercession for all of us with the Father. Hence, the Paschal Mystery – Jesus' passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit – is a single, unbroken Reality, which is to be understood by Faith.

While reading the biblical accounts of the Ascension our focus should be not so much on details of the event as on the mission Jesus gave to His disciples. They are not to be seen as a newspaper account of events. Despite the discrepancy in details, all accounts agree that the Ascension, a real event happening in real time and observed by real people, took place on a mountain. Even regarding the time period of its occurrence, the writers were not aiming at accuracy of historical details but were more concerned with transmitting our Lord's message. Having been commissioned, the apostles are to tell and retell the story of Jesus' life, suffering, death and Resurrection, Ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit. They are assured of the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Brothers and sisters, the mission that Jesus gave is to all the believers, not a select few.

To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and evangelizer. As we celebrate this Feast of Christ's return to the Father, we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace by the witness of our lives. On this day we need to renew our commitment to be the disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish. All baptized people no matter our position in the Church are agents of evangelization. Happy Ascension!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Food Bank Offerings: During our weekend mass celebrations at Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy, offerings are brought up to the altar, including non-perishable food and egg cartons. These offerings are delivered to the local food bank (*La Mie de l'entraide* at 129 Joseph Street).

The Coordinator of the food bank recently advised us that they are also **looking for bread bags**. They receive fruits and vegetables from Moisson Outaouais in large quantities and use bread bags to portion them out to needy families. So instead of throwing your used bread bags in the recycle bins, bring them to weekly mass celebrations and drop them in the food baskets along with your non-perishables.

Follow activities of *La Mie de l'entraide* on their Facebook page.

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.

Fellowship: No fellowship in the months of July and August. See you in September!

Les Cœurs à l'Unisson Choir: The choir is comprised of 65 seniors and on May 9th presented their annual concert at Our Lady of Victory church - a huge crowd of almost 300 people were in attendance. In addition to paying a rental fee, the choir presented OLV with a generous donation of \$500.00. There are now 3 local choirs that hold concerts at OLV. This provides for an interesting source of revenue for the parish.

Spring Supper & Balloon Auction (OLV): Last Friday, OLV held its annual Spring Supper and Balloon Auction event. As is always the case, the event was a great success. Lots of compliments regarding the meal and there was great ambiance in the hall. The Balloon auction is always great fun and livened up the event.

Thanks to all our volunteers who made the event such a success. In particular, thanks to Babe for the cakes, Susan for coordinating the kitchen, Gail and Lyall for organizing the Bar.

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The Caterer for the event was Charlie Croteau. The profit for the evening was \$3,018.