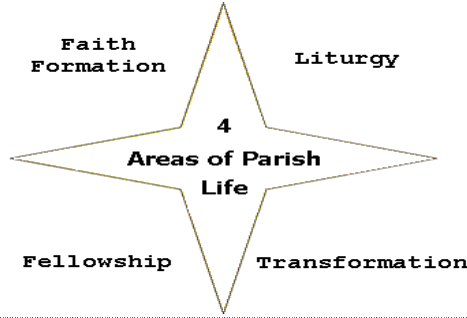




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**TRINITY SUNDAY
 June 15-16, 2019**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

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| Thursday | June 20 th | OLV @ 10:00 am | All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy |
| Saturday | June 22 nd | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | Tom Laframboise & The Holy Souls – by The Roos Family Jack Roos & The Holy Souls by Ginny Roos |
| Sunday | June 23 rd | OLV @ 9:00 am | J.P. Robitaille by Carriere & Simpson Families Deceased members of the Regnier Family by Monique Perry Roberta Farnand by Family & Friends Larry Cameron by Family & Friends |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS | OLV | ST. MALACHY |
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| June 8-9, 2019 - Sunday Offering | \$702.00 | \$163.00 |

WE ARE BACK IN ORDINARY TIME

The Church's year is made up of two high seasons (Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas) and two blocks of what, in Church language, is called Ordinary Time. It is most noticeable in the changed décor of the Church. The Easter banners have gone and on most Sundays the priest wears green vestments. Some of the music which is integral to the Mass also tends to be different. We will be in that mode for a good stretch of time, basically until the Advent season begins, December 1. Of course, there are always exceptions to the rule, this Sunday, Trinity Sunday, and next Sunday, Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The vestments are white to mark the two feasts that the Church observes on these Sundays. These two feasts could be seen as spin-offs from the enormous and foundational event we celebrated in the fifty days of Easter and for which we prepared in the forty day Lenten season: the crucified Jesus being raised from the dead. Trinity Sunday makes us focus on the source of that central mystery of our faith, the communion of life and love which is God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ makes us face the Mystery of the Eucharist where, ideally, we are formed as a communion which has its origin in the communion of God Father, Son and which is called to reflect that communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Trinity Sunday

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a doctrine enunciated by the Ecumenical Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople. It is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. The Trinity does not suggest that we are 'tri-theists' (believing in three gods) or that we are 'modalists' (believing that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are simply different appearances taken on by God in various stages of history). Instead, we believe that there is only the One God, revealed in salvation history and existing as the Trinity, a community of three Divine persons. God is not a lonely old man but he is a 'family'. He is the model of unity for all people and the model of community among people.

Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that $1+1+1 = 1$ and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith. The importance of this doctrine for the Christian life cannot be overemphasized. All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven and our marriage blessed and our Bishops, priests and deacons ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. Church bells ring thrice daily, reminding us to pray to the Holy Trinity. We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Any biblical proofs? There are only vague and hidden references to the Trinity in the Old Testament. But the New Testament gives clear teachings on the Holy Trinity. At the Annunciation, God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit overshadows her and God the Son becomes incarnate in her womb. At the baptism of Jesus, when the Son receives baptism from John the Baptist, the Father's Voice is heard and the Holy Spirit appears as a Dove. At the Ascension, Jesus gives the missionary command to his disciples to baptize those who believe, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In John, chapters 15-18, we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity: God the Father creates and provides for His creatures; God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God; God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us and guides us to God.

Any lessons from the Trinity? We ought to respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide. Let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength and that He is our final destination. He is not one in a far-away heaven where he does not care about our joys, sufferings, problems or anxieties. He is "God with us," the God who stands at our side every day, to the end of time. Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity also in the family relationships of father, mother and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family.

We are called to become more like the Triune God through all our relationships. We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. Modern society follows the so-called "I-and-I" principle of unbridled individualism and the resulting consumerism. But the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "I-and-God-and-neighbor" principle: "I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people." Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of our family, our Church, our community and our nation. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance. Are our communities signs of this presence of God in the world for those who suffer, for those who go wrong, and for those who are poor?

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Happy Trinity Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Ministers Listing: Please advise the office (819-986-3763) **before June 19** if you are **not** going to be available during the months of July and August.

Heart and Soul Singers: The OLV Wardens, on behalf of our parishioners, would like to thank the Heart and Soul Singers for their generous donation of \$500. The choir is a wonderful example of a successful community initiative and Our Lady of Victory parish is proud to have supported the choir since its inception.

St. Malachy Restoration Fund: With declining attendance and an aging population, raising funds to restore and maintain the church has become increasingly difficult. As an urgent priority, the shingles on the church and shrine now need replacing. The estimated cost is approximately \$50,000. We believe that by raising awareness about this need, individuals will be willing to help. We have received a most generous offer from an anonymous donor to match all donations, dollar for dollar, **to a maximum of \$15,000**. With your support, together with the generous anonymous offer, it is our hope that we can raise the total funds needed to have the work completed before this winter. More information can be found at: www.stmalachyolv.com. **Thank you.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Food Bank Offerings: Is in need of bread bags. Please bring them to our mass celebrations and put them in the food basket or box for food bank.

Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre (OLLCC) 2019 Events: 6458 route 315, Mulgrave and Derry, QC. Tickets are \$5 and available by calling Peter & Cheryl 819 986-7828 or at the door (for more information please visit our web site at ourladyoflightculturalcentre.weebly.com or visit on Facebook:

June 23, 2019 (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.) Nicolas Charette-Côté (pianist and percussionist) and **Andrew Schmidt** (guitarist and bass player). Two talented “up and coming artists” whose love for music is amazingly expressed in their music together. A must see!

July 7, 2019 (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.) “Elvis is in the House” with Paul Anthony

Paul (aka Elvis) currently resides in Ottawa but grew up in London, England. He has performed his Elvis tribute internationally for almost 20 years now. Come join the fun. **For tickets contact Sandra Maloney at 819-986-1185. Only 100 tickets available.**

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, this weekend we celebrate Father's Day.
You gave Jesus an earthly father, Joseph, who cared for Him when He was a child.
We thank you for our fathers and grandfathers who care for us, we ask you to
bless all fathers and all who take the place of fathers in caring for children.
We pray this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**