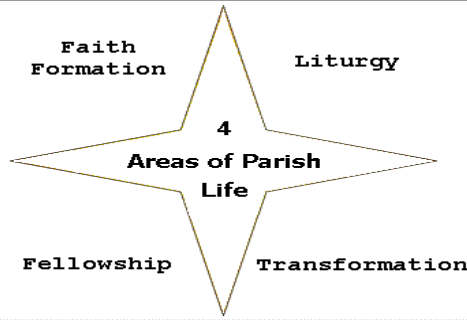




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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 20-21 & July 27-28, 2019

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

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| Saturday | July 27 th | St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m. | Nora Somers by The Estate |
| Sunday | July 28 th | OLV @ 9:00 am | Apolonius Burke (35th ann) by Eunice McDonnell Paul Jeffrey by OLV Wardens Irene Cosgrove by Isabel Laframboise Roberta Farnand by Family & Friends Mass of Thanksgiving for Dorothy Ann & Philip Casey's 60th Wedding Anniversary by Dorothy Ann & Philip Casey |
| Saturday | Aug. 3 ^d | St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m. | Tom Laframboise by Joan & Barry Teske |
| Sunday | Aug. 4 th | OLV @ 9:00 a.m. | Maureen Dunning by Barbara Weir Irene Cosgrove by Monique & Ken Simpson Larry Cameron by Family & Friends Roberta Farnand by Family & Friends |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS | | OLV | ST. MALACHY |
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| July 6-7, 2019 - Sunday Offering | | \$573.00 | \$291.00 |
| July 6-7, 2019 - Support | | 245.00 | 202.00 |
| July 13-14, 2019 - Sunday Offering | | 393.00 | 312.00 |

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Listen and Act!

Today's Liturgy reflects on the importance of hospitality in Christian life and the necessity of listening to God before acting. The key to the Christian life is setting priorities: Jesus Christ first, then everything else. The **first reading** describes how Abraham and Sarah showed hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers. The story of a God who comes among his people and is disguised as a traveler is common in many traditional religious traditions. Abraham does more than entertain three strangers; in welcoming them he is really welcoming the Lord. He displays the warmth of Bedouin hospitality as he rushes to meet the travelers, bows profoundly, washes their feet, invites them to rest, while he attends to the menu, and then waits on them at table. By depicting God in human forms (He walks talks and eats with His chosen ones) the writer of Genesis shows us in a simple way a truth about almighty God: He is involved in the life and struggle of His people. Abraham and Sarah are rewarded by God who blessed them with a son in their old age. In the **second reading**, St. Paul tells us that in spite of all his sufferings he feels quite happy because he knows that he has dedicated all his life to the cause of the Gospel. Paul is a model of service to others. He challenges us also to cultivate the quality of hospitality and welcome all others in Christ. Few people were capable of loving like him, because few are those who have been so close to the word of God.

The **Gospel** tells the story of Jesus' visit to His friends Martha and Mary. Martha, the elder sister, a true child of Abraham wants to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus, the true Messiah. She prepares an elaborate meal for Him. Mary, the younger sister, instead of taking her place in the kitchen, sits peacefully at the feet of Jesus to listen to his conversation. Martha thinks that her sister should be doing something more important than listening to Jesus and asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her with the serving. Jesus, however, is not allowing Martha to write His script, for He regards Martha as a woman who "worries and frets about so many things" and so cannot focus on the real priority of the moment. In all her fret and fuss Martha is missing the one thing that is needed now: to welcome the Lord by listening to the word that He speaks. Jesus rather praises Mary for "choosing the better part." It is Mary who exemplifies the true disciple who greets the Lord with hospitality. Speaking about the word, Jesus has described the good soil as those who "hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." That is Mary. Martha exemplifies another response to the word, those who are "choked by worries" so much that the word cannot bear fruit.

St. Luke in the Gospel is not telling us this thing to satisfy our curiosity. He wishes to teach his communities and us an important lesson. Among the members of all the communities, many are very good-willed and generous in the service of Christ and of their brothers and sisters, and give all the time and energy they can to this. But in this intense activity hides a danger: there is the risk that if this activity goes on without the 'listening to the word', it may turn into a feverish activity, causing anxiety, confusion and nervousness, just like the work of Martha. All our activities and projects, if not led and nourished by the word, are but empty sounds like a clattering of pans and pots.

Presenting Martha as a dynamo of action and Mary as a true listener to the word of God, Luke in the Gospel invites us to serve others with Martha's diligence after recharging our spiritual batteries every day by prayer (listening to God and talking to God) as Mary did. We are, therefore, all invited to welcome the word of God and give it full attention. The way we continue to have God as our guest is when we welcome His word and attend to it. When we do that it means we can act on it ourselves. We are able to minister truly to the needs of others only after welcoming God's word into our hearts and minds. At this Eucharistic celebration, we welcome God's word; then we can sit at the Lord's Table and be guests at his Banquet. In that way we are Lord's hosts and His guests. Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy:

Jean Irene Brown and **Mary Margaret Bock** whose services were held in Mayo on July 13.

Maureen (Dunlop) Dunning whose service was held at OLV on July 13.

Theresa Bedard whose service was held in Mayo on July 20.

Our sympathy and prayers are with their families and friends during this time of loss.

Singers required: Anyone interested in singing at the Our Lady of Knock Pilgrimage, August 11, 2019 please contact Cheryl Cameron at 819-986-7828. Male voices would also be appreciated.

Searching: The search is still on for the key for the **hall kitchen cupboards** and now for the keys for the **chair chain** in the conference room.

New Project: Monique is saving all Pop tabs, cashing them in and sending the proceeds to our palliative care center "La Monarque" in Montebello. Let us help them build a new facility to care for our loved ones.

Knights of Columbus (OLV): The Wardens of OLV, on behalf of our parishioners, would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the generous donation of \$2,000.00. Their continuous financial support is greatly appreciated.

Church Bulletins: Will be printed out every 2 weeks. Next issue - August 3-4.

OLV Family & Friends Day: The third annual OLV Family & Friends Day will be held on **Saturday, September 7th** in the church hall. The objective of the event is to bring together both our parish community and friends for an afternoon of fellowship and music. It is important to note that attendance is not limited to OLV parishioners, so do not hesitate to invite your friends. The menu for the afternoon will be hot dogs and corn on the cob. Festivities will commence at **1:00 pm and will run to 4 pm.**

So far, the lineup of artists includes Phil Casey and his all-star country band, Jamey Lawlis and friends, Donna Murphy and Peter Forcier, Dwight Maloney and friends and possibly others to be announced at a later date.

Tickets for the event will be \$5.00 which will cover the cost of the event. There will be no charge for children 12 and under. Tickets will go on sale on August 18th before mass, during office hours and also available at the door on September 7th.

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.**

Our Lady of Knock Shrine - 65th Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock will be on Sunday, August 11, 2019.

Archbishop Paul Andre Durocher will be the celebrant. The program is:

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| 11:00 am | Celebration of Holy Eucharist |
| 12:30 pm | Dinner at Food Booths |
| 1:30 pm | Rosary Procession to Cemetery |
| 2:30 pm | Marian Hymns |
| 2:45 pm | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | Blessing of Religious Articles |
| | Healing Service |

Information is posted on the bulletin board and brochures are available at entrance of Church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Garage Sale: You are invited to participate in a community garage sale to be held August 3rd and 4th in the St-Malachy Church parking lot. Saturday from 7:30- 4:00; Sunday 7:30 to 3:00.

A \$20 contribution will be requested to reserve your sales space; this amount will go to the church's restoration fund to carry out repairs to the roof.

For more information or to reserve a sales space, contact Mélanie or Enric at 819-281-1009 or by email at enoulx72@hotmail.com.

Food Bank: Keep collecting egg cartons & bread bags.

Pilgrimage to Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac: This will be the 81st annual pilgrimage on Sunday, July 28th with Archbishop Michael Mulhall and Father Brian J.T. Clarke. The theme of the Pilgrimage will be "Ordinary Disciples, Extraordinary Call." The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. with Archbishop Michael Mulhall presiding and a Mass of healing will be celebrated at 2:00 p.m.

Further information: www.cormacpilgrimage.com.

145th ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to the Shrines of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Cap-de-la-Madeleine from the dioceses of Ottawa, Gatineau, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier, Alexandria/Cornwall and Kingston on August 10-11, 2019. Our Weekend Celebrant is Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, of the Archdiocese of Ottawa. Information and reservation: Mike Budge: 613 224-8110. Space is limited with regards to Motels therefore, it is recommended you reserve early. www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com