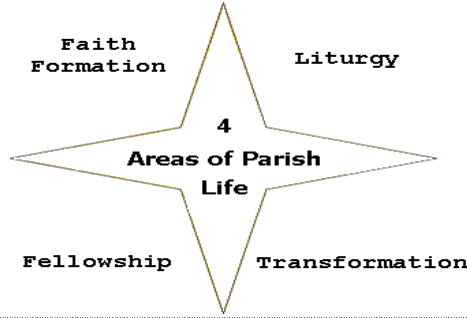




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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 3-4 & August 10-11, 2019

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Saturday (just for this weekend)	Aug. 10 th	OLV @ 7:00 p.m.	Urban McNamara by Susan Lemieux & Family Mom & Papa Robitaille by Paula & Melissa Carriere Linda Allen by Family and Friends Mass of Thanksgiving by A Parishioner
Sunday	Aug. 11 th	St. Malachy @ 11:00 a.m.	Mayo Pilgrimage
Saturday	Aug. 17 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Nora, Earl & Harley Somers by The Estate
Sunday	Aug. 18 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Tom Laframboise by Linda & Bill Raby Maureen Dunning by Gerry Martin Larry Cameron 1 st Anniv. by Diane & Family Roberta Farnand by Family and Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
July 20-21 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$397.00	\$230.00
July 27-28 2019 - Sunday Offering	468.00	386.00
July 27-28, 2019 - Fuel	255.00	150.00

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

When Riches Become Folly and Death!

Today's scriptural readings focus on the appropriate attitude towards riches. The readings teach that the greedy acquisition of wealth and power is futile since everyone and everything is "here today and gone tomorrow." The author of the Book of Ecclesiastes, Qoheleth, reminds us in the **first reading** that the greedy acquisition of goods and the selfish hoarding of the same are useless. This is because when the hoarder dies he goes to eternity empty-handed and all his goods and riches go to his heir, who perhaps squanders them. He counsels us on the healthy enjoyment of what life offers. In the **second reading** St. Paul directs the attention of the Colossians and ours to lasting and heavenly treasures. He advises us to cut all links with that part of humanity belonging to earth, namely "immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires and especially greed which is the same as worshipping a false god." Our new self, according to Paul, must be renewed in the image of its Creator.

"Be on your guard against all kinds of greed..." This statement of Jesus sets the tone of today's **Gospel**. Most family members, people opine, live normally in harmony and peace until the day they are called to share out the inheritance. "In front of money and goods even the best people lose their heads and become deaf and blind: they see their personal interests, do not listen to any reason but the reasons of greediness and are ready to trample even the most sacred of feelings." (Armellini, F. *Celebrating the Word*, Vol C p.235). Like the prodigal son, the young man in today's Gospel wants the inheritance to be divided between him and his brother. He brings his request to Jesus, the *Rabbi*. But Jesus refuses the role of judge. Instead Jesus tells the story, thereby inviting the young man to take his wisdom from the story rather than his rights from the law. Instead of dividing the inheritance between the brothers, our Lord focuses on why the *inheritance* has divided the two brothers. Life, Jesus advises, does not consist in possessions even when one has more than she/he needs. Greed is an excessive desire to possess more than one needs or deserves. The rich young man is very rich and now another abundant harvest is placed in his lap. What will he do with it?

All the man's talk is directed to himself and his touch is limited to what he owns. He rummages in his big bag of possessions: his crops, his barns, his grains, his goods. Nothing more! He thinks that he owns his soul and his own future. His world is seen in terms of what he owns. No wonder in his monologue of about sixty odd words, about fourteen of them are "I" and "my". All is his; there is only him and his goods. He is a "fool", he is mad. The rich man himself is no longer a person, but a thing; he is but a balance and an account book. He vividly visualizes his dream castle and his comfortable lifestyle his financial transactions would bring. He sets his heart, gives himself entirely towards realizing his dream. He thinks his possessions will ensure his future when in fact they will go to anyone but him. But he fails to take into account the more important things that money could not buy. He finds himself totally unprepared to meet his God. The rich man is *dead* already. His world is unrelated to the fortune or fate of any other human being. The Bible has a portrait of the *living dead*, those who have become accustomed to caring for no one. In biblical terms, not to care is to be dead already. It is to be buried alive. Such death happens to people who are still alive; a creeping death which comes on those whose lives are empty of any human relationship.

Are riches evil? Certainly not, Jesus has never condemned riches and wealth; He has never invited anyone to throw things away. He has always recommended us to share them out. The evil of riches lies in hoarding up things for oneself without a thought for others. Greed and insatiable lust after goods are incompatible with the Gospel, as are the feelings and foolish thoughts of those who, like him, repeat continually only the adjectives, "my" and "mine." All causes of war, discords, and problems of inheritance will disappear only when all the energies of mankind will go to increase not the "mine" or the "yours" but the "ours". Today we do not have to devote much time in conjuring our "dream world". We have it readymade. The media presents us with a wide range of enchanting lifestyles, with captivating finesse. The gullible among us succumb to the passion. Appetite whetted, we crave for more. Indeed today more than ever, we need to pay heed to the words of Jesus: 'Be on your guard...' There is more joy in sharing with others than hoarding everything for one's self. As God's children we must imitate His Son Christ who spends himself, His entire life for us (others). That way of living creatively is something that Jesus hopes for in His own disciples. As His disciples, the inheritance that Jesus has given us is not to divide brother/sister from brother/sister: that will make us rich fools. The inheritance that we have received is one that we are pledged to give away. In Gospel terms, that inheritance makes rich and smart!

Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Anniversary Blessing: Lorne and Patricia Chester will have their 50th Wedding Anniversary blessed at Mayo on August 3rd during the mass. Congratulations.

Sympathy: Let us pray for the repose of the soul of **John Stevens** (father of Leila). Our prayers and sympathy are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

Father Albanus: Will be away from August 14-20. Father Bill will be replacing him for the weekend masses.

Office hours: Will be **closed** on Monday, August 5 and **Open** Tuesday, from 9-noon.

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.

OLV Family & Friends Day: Raffle: A hand-woven tablecloth will be raffled during OLV Family & Friends Day. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Draw will be on Saturday, September 7.

Artists Include: **Phil Casey and his all-star country band,** **Jamey Lawlis and friends,**
Donna Murphy and Peter Forcier, **Dwight Maloney and friends,**
Terry McNamara and Jeff Somers.

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 and have the work completed before this winter. More information can be found at: www.stmalachyolv.com. **Thank you.**

Our Lady of Knock / St. Malachy Work Night: In preparation for the Pilgrimage, a work night is scheduled for **Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m.** In case of rain, it will be on **Friday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m.** **Volunteers are most welcome.**

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:

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 EVENTS

Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre : Concert with pianist William Côté - **August 18, 2019 (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)**
Tickets for concert: \$5.00

Party!!! Let's Raise the Roof!: Benefitting St. Malachy Church Restoration Fund.
Date: August 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
A \$10.00 donation would be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there!!!
See poster on church door for more information.