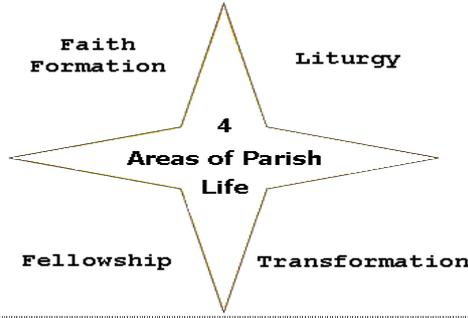




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**27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 OCTOBER 5 & 6, 2019**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Day	Date	Location	Celebrant
Thursday	Oct 10 th	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Oct. 12 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Maureen Dunning by Cheryl, Peter, Tricia, Terri & Shelley Cameron
Sunday	Oct. 13 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Permella Burke Martin by Eunice & Maureen Maureen Dunning by Nicole Charbonneau Evelyn Robitaille by Marianne Lotz Larry Cameron by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sep. 28 - 29, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$586.00	\$370.00
Sep. 28 - 29, 2019 - Canadian Churches	238.00	75.00
Sep. 28 - 29, 2019 - Fuel		175.00
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop – October, 2019

With the Virgin Mary, patron saint of our diocese, let us pray to the Holy Spirit, that He gives us the strength and the courage to undertake the needed changes in our ways of evangelizing our area.

Question I ask myself: For the members of our Church and their pastors, that the pastoral changes which will be proposed be rooted in a deep inner drive, let us pray to the Lord.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Having a Bold Faith

Today's readings speak to us about faith and how it works in our lives. Faith is a theological virtue which enables us to believe something to be true and therefore worthy of trust because God revealed it to us. St. Paul defines faith as "the assurance of things hoped for." In his letter to Timothy which we read today, Paul shows it as a believing, trusting and loving relationship with Christ. Christian Faith is that trusting faith in God in action, expressed by steadfast loyalty, fidelity and total commitment to Him, which results in our offering to Him and those we encounter our humble and loving service. Faith as trusting God and living with fidelity to the covenant as seen in the **first reading**. The prophet Habbakuk (c.600 BC) screams at God. He asks God how long He is going to ignore the cries of his suffering people and accuses Him of simply looking on while tyranny and violence flourish. *The prophet is angry because he believes (faith)*. His is not a cry of despair but one that is rooted in faith in God. He believes God will do something and his faith is proved right (cf. Ps 76:10). Psalm 95 which we read today characterizes God as a sturdy rock and a caring shepherd, surely worthy of our trusting faith.

St. Paul demonstrated this prophetic boldness in his life too even in the face of adversity. He therefore encourages Timothy in the **second reading** to be not only a guardian of the faith he has received but also a master of boldness. He tells him that God's gift of ministry is not a spirit of timidity but that of power and love. Like the prophet Habbakuk, St. Paul's boldness of spirit is rooted in his faith in God and is not silenced by suffering. Paul presents faith as our acceptance of Jesus as the fulfilment of the promises of God. He stresses the need for a living faith in, and loyalty to, Christ's teachings handed down to us by the Church. Faith is therefore belief in, and acceptance of, revealed truths based on the authority and veracity of God.

In the **Gospel**, the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. Hence, Jesus teaches them that faith is sharing in God's power. He uses the mustard seed to describe the power of faith. Our faith even in small quantities, allows God to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. That faith is strong enough to uproot the mulberry and plant it in the ocean – a bold thing. So it is not the quantity of faith (as requested by the apostles) that matters but the quality of faith. A faith that is rooted in God is capable of boldness that is awesome. Jesus lived out that boldness and so encourages us all his followers to do the same. His boldness (deep rooted faith in God) enabled him to accuse God of forsaking him, to see through suffering and face the cross.

Boldness with God is always something necessary. Ours is a God who really encourages boldness. Ours is a God who does not get nervous at his children screaming at Him and coaxing Him towards justice. He is the God of Habbakuk and the apostle Paul. He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our God!

Brothers and sisters, we need to thank God for our well-being. We sometimes are inclined to forget God's providence when our earthly affairs are going well. We often pray to Him only when trouble strikes. Stronger faith enables us to accept the adversities and the trials of life asking God, "increase our faith, Lord" at all times. We need to increase our faith by becoming dutiful servants of God. We grow in faith as we act in faith. A sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbor. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, an unselfish interest in a neighbor's troubles can do more good than a series of sermons given by some renowned theologian. We need to grow in faith by using the means Christ has given us in His Church. We must cultivate our faith through prayer, Bible study, participation in the Holy Mass (the mystery of faith) and leading a well-disciplined spiritual life.

Happy Sunday and have a good week!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

St. Malachy Wardens' Meeting - Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at 2:00 pm in Sacristy.

Our Lady of Knock Shrine Meeting - Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 1:00 pm in Sacristy. The purpose of the meeting is to compile a list of what needs to be done and to determine if there are enough volunteers for another pilgrimage. Everyone is welcome. If you know of someone who is interested, please inform them. If you are already involved, would you please make a list of what you do in preparation and/or the day of the pilgrimage.

OLV Needs Your Support:

A key to our success as a Faith Community is our ability to adequately support the celebration of the most Holy Eucharist (mass) every Sunday. That support comes in many forms such as community attendance and active support for key activities. Three key areas we need to look at and where there are issues are Lectors, Servers and Eucharistic Ministers.

Servers: Presently, our two remaining Servers have agreed to provide their services every other week, except for during the summer months when there are no servers. When there is no server, some of the duties are transferred to the Eucharistic Minister. ***These servers are also on duty for funerals.***

Eucharistic Ministers: Presently there are three Eucharistic Ministers, who have been providing this service to our parish for many years. This involves setting up the altar before the mass celebration, assisting the priest during the Eucharist, and returning all vessels, etc. to the sacristy after the celebration. ***We need to find more volunteers who are willing to become Eucharistic Ministers.***

Lectors: Presently there are four Lectors; they read approximately once a month, and as a result of a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers, also act as the second Eucharistic Minister. The problem is that two of these Lectors are away over the winter months, thus putting more pressure on the two remaining to play the dual roles of Lector and second Eucharistic Minister. ***Therefore, we need to find a minimum of two more volunteers.***

Considering that there are fewer and fewer parishioners every year at our Sunday celebrations, the burden of responsibility in our few remaining Ministers is very heavy. Please consider the fact that as a spiritual community, we all need to do our share if we are to continue to be successful. ***We are presently coming to a crisis point when it comes to our volunteer base.***

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Buckingham Friendship Club: Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. **Bingo begins at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.** then cookies, coffee and tea served afterwards. All are welcome! Come meet new friends and enjoy your afternoon.