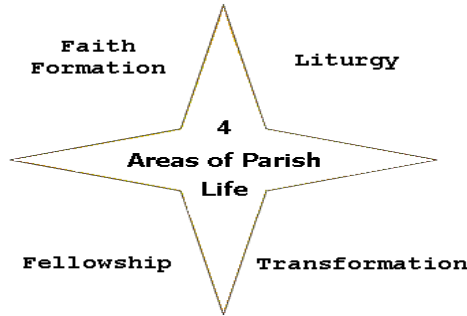




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**30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2019**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Oct 31 st	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Nov. 2 nd	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	Nov. 3 rd	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Tom Laframboise by Jane Bouchard Lotz Family & Friends by Marianne Lotz Maureen & Betty by Maureen & Norbert Ricard Ed Moreau by Val, Lewis & Family Peter Burke by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 19 - 20, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$578.00	\$230.00
Oct. 19 - 20, 2019 - Propagation of the Faith	193.00	52.00

Thank you for your contribution

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop October, 2019

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

Social Reflection: Everything is going fast nowadays. So fast! Our world is evolving at a staggering pace. Technologies change overnight. What seemed unacceptable a few years ago is now happening. Can we run counter to progress? We are undergoing a massive transformation; how do we deal with it? Shall we accept it? Shall we resist? All kinds of motives prompt us to change our habits. Through their sensitivity or their sense of equity to nature, people are taking on new food patterns: vegetarian, vegan and others. In the meantime, should electronic media replace our printed media? What should we do? What can we do?

An Answer to our Faith: While Christians have to experience all those changes, they must also consider religious transformations. Such transformations may look frightening; they may trigger a fear of losing one's certitudes, but which certitudes? Are people trying to change God? Since God is infinitely great, can we enclose Him in our convictions? Do we fear the loss of our ways of doing things? As history unfolded, in the Old and the New Testaments, God revealed Himself. Did not Jesus change his mind, during His life on earth, as He became aware of His mission? When the Canaanite woman tells Him: "even little dogs eat the scraps that fall from their masters' table," He answers, "Woman, you have great faith. Let your desire be granted" (Mt 15,21-29). While, at the beginning of the Church, St. Matthew wants to share the Good News only with Jews, St. Paul wants it to be shared with all. No! While the Good News may not be changed, but could our ways of sharing it be modified?

Action I take: Pope Francis proclaimed that October would be Extraordinary Mission Month. I say the pope's prayer for that occasion.¹

¹ <http://www.october2019.va/en/mmsott2019/preghiera-mms2019.html> Prayer proposed by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Missionary Month.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Humble and Honest Prayer

Last Sunday's readings centered on perseverance in prayer. Today's readings continue the kerygma on prayer with emphasis on true humility and honesty as the hallmarks of authentic prayers. Sirach, in the **first reading** talks about the "*the prayer of the lowly, piercing the clouds and will not rest until it reaches its goal.*" Because these prayers come from the heart of those who know how much they need God, they are heard. God surely has no favourites and answers all; but the oppressed, the orphan and the widow, and the least are His special concern. St. Paul, in the **second reading**, in his humility acknowledges his works as accomplished by the grace of God. God, he says, has enabled him to fight the good fight for which he expects a crown of righteousness. In the **gospel** Jesus addresses people who pride themselves on their virtue while despising everyone else with the parable of the Pharisee and the tax-collector. Jesus, in this parable, teaches that God hears the prayers of those who come to Him in humility with a repentant heart.

We see a contrast between the Pharisee and the tax-collector in their prayers. The Pharisee addressed his prayer "to himself." He compared himself to the tax-collector who he described with the worst of terms. He flaunted his religious observances: fasting and paying of tithe. For all his giving, he never gave himself. The Pharisee prayed as one who needed no forgiveness and he got none. On the other hand, the tax-collector stayed at the back and his prayer was, "*O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*" He told the simple truth about himself and threw himself entirely on God's mercy. He owned his own sin. Unlike the Pharisee whose real self is secret, the tax-collector's real self is no secret. His prayer was heard because he was humble and asked for mercy. The tax-collector got much more than he asked for: he prayed for mercy but is now justified. His prayer "pierced the clouds; the Pharisee's prayer reached its destination: himself. The tax-collector prayed as one who needed forgiveness, and, he received it.

Brothers and sisters, we should avoid being Pharisaic by bragging about our achievements with no credit to God, the source of all good; by seeking a praise and recognition from others for our accomplishments thereby hurting their feelings. We should not imitate the Pharisees who honour themselves by despising others. We should rather imitate the humble tax-collector by acknowledging our total dependence on God and His grace for all our achievements and blessings. Accordingly, we have to confess to God daily our sinfulness and ask for His pardon and forgiveness; and become more sensitive to the needs and feelings of others and serve them as best as we can. Jesus is known as the friend of tax-collectors and sinners. But He does not put their sinfulness on hold. He rather enlarges their world by calling them away from sinfulness into the freedom of God's mercy.

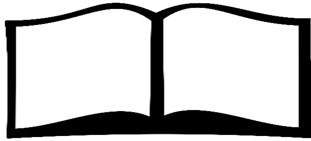
Our personal and other prayers should include all the necessary ingredients; request for pardon and forgiveness for our sins, thanksgiving for the numerous blessings we receive daily from God, praise and worship, surrendering of our life and all our activities completely and unconditionally to God, acknowledging our weakness and total dependence on him and finally presenting our needs and petitions. All these should be accompanied by our fervent request for God's strengthening in our weakness and temptations by the daily anointing of His Holy Spirit.

O God, be merciful to me a sinner!

Happy Sunday.

THE BOOK OF LIFE

The month of November is a special month for praying for the faithful departed with whom we are in the same Communion of the Saints. We are therefore encouraged to keep them in our prayers and if possible offer Masses on their behalf.



In our two parishes, we have a tradition of leaving our **Book of Life** at the front of the church for the month of November. The **Book of Life** contains the names of deceased parishioners and relatives. Some blank pages can be found in the front for anyone who wants to add names and comments. It is our way of expressing our faith that the dead find peace with God and will be raised to life when the Lord Jesus comes in glory.

The families who lost someone in the past year will be invited to participate at **next weekend's celebrations** where there will be a short ceremony of lighting a candle from the Easter candle and remembering our deceased.

The **Book of Life** will be placed next to the Easter Candle which speaks of the ultimate victory of life over death, of light over darkness, in the dead and risen Jesus. We are called to share in that victory.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Solemnity of All Saints: A mass will be celebrated at St. Aloysius at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, November 1 for this event. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Missals: Next week these will be out on the table at a cost of **\$6.00 each**. ***Please put your money in the basket provided.***

Sympathy: Our prayers and sympathy are offered to Liza Deschatelets on the death of her sister Vilma this past week. May all their family members and friends find strength and courage in this time of loss.

Request for old candles: The Special Needs Students at St. Michel need old used candles for their upcoming projects. If you can help just leave them in the box (marked pop tabs) at the top of the stairs or drop them in the office. I will see that they get these. (Thanks Monique)