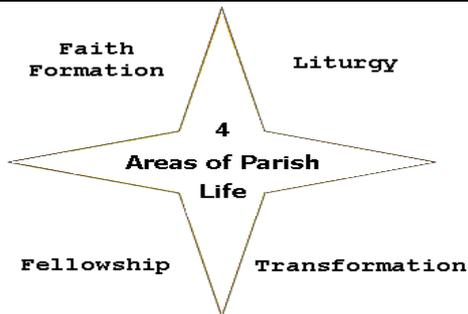




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**5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 8-9, 2020**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Feb 13 th	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Feb. 15 th	St. Malachy @ 4:30 p.m.	Father Yves Masse by Ginny Roos & Family
Sunday	Feb. 16 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Harvey Weatherton (40th ann) by Rolly, Shirley & Philip Plouffe Carriere & Findlay Families by Claude, Dorothy & Family Carriere Maureen Dunning by Regis Lemieux Bea (21st ann) & Ed (30th ann) Dunlop by Peter & Penny Dunlop Peter Burke by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Feb. 1-2, 2020 - Sunday Offering	\$586.00	\$292.00
Feb. 1-2, 2020 - Support	251.00	92.00
Jan. - Initial Offering	10.00	
<i>Thank you for your contribution</i>		

BISHOP'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY, 2020

Together with Pope Francis, let us pray that the cry of so many migrants is heard and heeded: they are our brothers and sisters in humanity.

Social Reflection: Just a few weeks ago, we were reminded of the 10th anniversary of the earthquake that killed 200,000 people in Haiti in 2010. What happened to the survivors? Some remained, but thousands of others had been accepted into the United States through a temporary status immigration program. Now, since 2017, it has ended. Fearing that they would have to return to Haiti, many of them in order to seek asylum in Canada, chose the route of the smugglers, coming to Quebec via the Roxham road at the cost of great difficulty. While some Quebecers welcomed them, others reacted negatively, even provoking clashes. So much so, that it seems now that Quebecers fear immigration more than pollution. How can we overcome these tensions?

Answer for our faith: As Christians, what attitude do we have towards the injustice caused by the exploitation of immigrants, victims of various criminal acts: overcrowding on boats or trucks, sexual exploitation, trafficking of minors, forced labor, child soldiers, forced begging, forced marriage, organ trafficking. Pope Francis reminds us that to welcome a stranger is inherent to the very nature of the Church and bears witness to her fidelity to the Gospel. In his message for peace in 2018, he says, "every immigrant who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ who identifies himself as a stranger in every age, whether welcomed or rejected (cf. Mt 25:35.43)." Are we not all children of God?

Action I take: In the wake of the massive arrival of refugees, fleeing the United States, the Church and Society Council of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Quebec proposes a message on the reception of refugees entitled, "People Seeking Asylum". I am taking note of this reflection.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Be the Salt! Share the Light!

Can a person have an identity separate from their Christian identity? Have you ever met a person who has one identity on Sunday but a different identity during the week? I believe our true self, when we are most authentic, is when we are rooted in Christ.

Who we are, is who we are in Christ; and the readings this Sunday encourage that authenticity. They speak about our two-fold mission to the world, to be the Salt and to be the Light. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah stresses the importance of sharing the light. The Israeli exiles have returned but they have a complaint against God: "Why have we fasted if you did not see, why mortify if you never notice?" (Is.58:3). Isaiah tells them that genuine fasting is related not only to God but to their neighbor. Their fasting should include sharing their food with the hungry, sheltering the homeless and clothing the naked. When they do these - then your light will shine like the dawn and your wound will be quickly healed over. The practice of religion, therefore, must include God and their neighbor.

The message of sharing the light is also echoed in the Gospel of the Sermon on the Mount. In this Gospel, Jesus continues to instruct His disciples. Discipleship is not only about a right relationship with God but also about a relationship with other people. Discipleship is not a personal privilege; it is for the benefit of others and the glory of God. Firstly, He calls them the Salt of the earth. In Jesus' time Salt was connected with purity, because it was white and it came from the purest of all things, the sun and the sea. Salt was the commonest of all preservatives in the ancient times when there were no fridges and freezers. Salt lends flavor to food. As the salt of the earth, the Christian must be an example of purity in words, in conduct and in thought. As salt, the Christian is called to preserve the Faith which he/she has received and pass it on intact to others. The Christian as the salt should lend flavor to the earth. In a worried and depressed world, the Christian should be the one who remains full of joy, conveying it to others. He/she should make the world palatable, not just to others but also to God. Christians should preserve the cultural values and moral principles Jesus has given us and so contribute to the development of cultural and social life. As salt seasons and preserves food, the Christian should help to improve the tone of the society, preserve the Faith and extend the fire of the Spirit through evangelization efforts. If a Christian fails in this regard then they become like flat insipid salt that is wholly useless.

Secondly, Jesus calls His disciples the Light of the world. By this, He tells them to be like Him, the One who is the Light of the world. The disciples and Christians should be luminaries reflecting the One True Light, just as the moon reflects the light of the sun. Jesus is confident that His disciples have something which is worth showing and sharing. Light is not a private energy; it is not for hiding or hoarding. As Christians we must not hide the light which God has lit in our lives. A light is meant to be seen. Christians must be visible like a "city" on a hilltop and a lamp on a "lamp stand." Our Christianity should be visible in the ordinary activities of the world. As the light, the Christians must make the way clear to others; they must be an example. They should be a warning light to others to halt when there is danger ahead. As light the Christian should expose everything hidden by darkness. When we share our Light with others, another Christian is born! Are we Christians who are carrying the Light which can be seen, the Light which warns, the Light which guides?

Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

St. Malachy Mass Change: February will be last month that Saturday mass will be at 4:30 p.m.

On Going Collections: Used postage stamps, bread bags, pop tabs, egg cartons and used candles. Also cereal bars for our School the 3rd Sunday of each month.

OLV Volunteer Appreciation Night



On Friday, January 24th, Our Lady of Victory held its Volunteer Appreciation Night. A total of 42 individuals celebrated this special evening. Given that the number of OLV parishioners is less than 100, it is truly amazing how many of these parishioners support our liturgical and social activities – it shows the strength of our faith community.

As with all our events, it takes volunteers to organize such an evening. Many thanks to the wardens team who ensured the success of the evening: Susan Lemieux, Gail Preston, Lyall Campbell, Bill Raby and Bill Cameron.



Update on The Synodal Process – Second Phase

Last May, the synodal process of the Archdiocese of Gatineau held a pastoral zone meeting. After taking stock, during the First Phase, of parish strengths, weaknesses, and challenges, it was time to come together – a time of collective discernment where challenges were prioritized.

The next step in the Second Phase of the Synodal Process is to organize a workshop in each parish. Our parish delegates will review the next consultative step with the Inter-Parish Planning Committee. **Details to follow.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

World Day of the Sick: On Tuesday, February 11th there will be Anointing of the Sick at the regular 7:00 p.m. mass at St. Luc's. All are welcome!