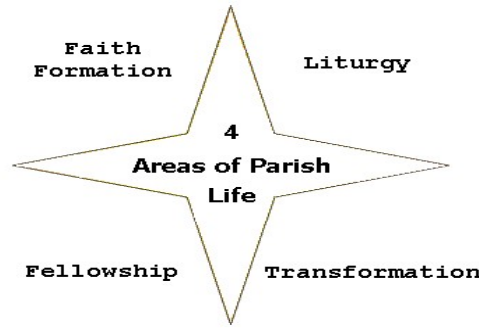





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**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 22-23, 2020**

<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Celebration of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Saturday 7:00 PM</b>
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**MASSES**

Saturday	Aug. 29 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>Maurice &amp; Eleanor Doherty</b> by John, Elizabeth and Tim
Sunday	Aug. 30 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Evelyn Robitaille</b> by The Carriere and Simpson Families <b>Tom Laframboise</b> by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Aug. 15-16, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$595.00	\$260.00
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

**Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy**

**The Source of All Authority**

**CHRIST GIVING THE KEYS TO SAINT PETER**



The main theme of all three readings is that God is the Source of all authority. God shares His authority with elected civil rulers to serve the people, and with the Pope and the other Church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His children. The **first reading** describes the authority given to Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah. This was during the reign of King Hezekiah. Shebna, the former prime minister was proud and cheated and so was removed and replaced with the humble and faithful Eliakim. Eliakim was decorated with the robe, the sash and had the key of the house of David placed on his shoulders. These are the insignia of his office. To receive the keys means to have full power in the place of the king, authority to administer his property and to decide who was to be received and who should be kept out of the

palace. His authority is described as “he shall be father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.” His is not like the power of the selfish politicians. It is not an authority to do and impose what one likes and even less a right to receive honours and privileges. It rather consists in being like a father ever ready to sacrifice for his children.

This first reading prepares us for the Gospel where we are told that Jesus gave the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to Peter, the first Pope. In today’s Responsorial Psalm (Ps 138), David thanks God for having raised him from lowly origins and given him authority as king over the people of Israel. In the **second reading**, St. Paul praises God for the depth of His wisdom and knowledge and correct judgments, and asserts that He is the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven.

The **Gospel** presents Peter’s confession of faith in Jesus, the Son of God and Messiah and Jesus’ conferral of teaching and ruling authority in the Church, to Peter. Peter as we know is first in all the lists of the apostles. He is the spokesman for the apostolic college and their acknowledged ruler. Peter’s name is changed from Simon to “Peter,” a name which means “Rock” (from Aramaic ‘Cephas’ and Greek ‘Petros’). He says, “On this rock, I will build my Church.” Jesus is here referring to the faith in Him that Peter has professed. This faith constitutes the solid foundation of the Church. It makes it invincible and capable of dominating the forces that may rise against it forever. All those who, like Peter, will profess the faith in Christ-Jesus Son of the living God, are becoming part of this solid building that will never fall. The “gates of the underworld” refers to the forces of evil, what is contrary to the life and well-being of humans and is not to be understood in the material sense. Nothing can stop the Church that believes firmly in Christ from accomplishing its mission of salvation.

The teaching authority (magisterium) is established by Jesus to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the church members. Jesus says “I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.” Like Eliakim, Peter is given the keys too. By this, He gives Peter and his successors the power to ‘bind and loose’ (terms which mean to forbid and to permit) which means the power to make laws and exercise authority in the Church, and the assurance that their decisions will be ratified in Heaven. The Petrine authority however does not consist in having privileges and honours nor does it have the similarity with that of the political leaders and kings. Peter is to function as the great unifier, the one who holds the different factions together to live up to the name of “rock.” The best way to describe the ministry of the Pope comes from St. Irenaeus of Lyons who called the bishop of Rome, ‘the one who presides over charity.’

Given the division in the Church today as always, the universal community of Christians clearly needs the Petrine figure, who will summarise in himself the unity of the whole Church. No doubt, the role of the papacy is at the centre of discussion in regard to all the Christians. We believe that being in communion with the Pope, the Petrine figure, is as important today as it was in the early Church. Keys open doors as well as close them; they give access as well as prevent it. Christians hope that the Petrine figure can still become the great symbol of unity in the Church by using his authority in the service of unity, like Peter. The Pope functions as the great unifier, the one who holds the different factions together, the one who is the first in the defence of those who have received a mission from God to spread the Gospel. In this way he lives up to the new name given to Peter, “the Rock.” Happy Sunday!

### **Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News**

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hilary Lawlis (brother to Mike). Service, with the immediate family only due to Covid-19 restrictions, was held this week at Tubman’s. Our prayers and sympathy are with his family and friends during this time of loss.

**Mass Attendance (OLV):** As a result of limited seating, Parishioners must telephone the Parish Secretary **no later than 2:30pm on Thursday** each week to confirm their attendance at each upcoming Sunday mass.

**On-Going Collections:** Used postage stamps, egg cartons, pop tabs, new and used candles and donations to Food Bank.

**Office Phone:** Please be advised that we **DO NOT have call display** at the office. So please leave a voice message and not assume we have this service.

### OLV Schedule for Readers & Ushers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Aug. 30	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
Sept. 6	Diane D.	Gail & Nancy
Sept. 13	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Sept. 20	Linda	Lyall & Gail
Sept. 27	Diane D.	Ken & Nancy

**PLEASE ADVISE EACH OTHER IF CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE & ADVISE MONIQUE SO SEATING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE ADJUSTED**



### **Explosions in Lebanon: Donations to Development and Peace - Caritas Canada to be matched**

**August 11, 2020**

**Development and Peace** wishes to convey its solidarity with the Lebanese people and with all of our partners in Lebanon, after the tragic explosions that shook the capital of Beirut on August 4, 2020. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people affected by this disaster and those who have lost loved ones.

Our partners on the ground are already working to help those impacted by this disaster. For this country, already struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic and economic collapse, each donation makes a difference. **Donations made to Development and Peace – Caritas Canada are eligible to be matched by the Canadian government.** As a member of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, **Development and Peace** will be participating in the matching fund launched by the Canadian Government and the Humanitarian Coalition to help the people of Lebanon. See the following link to donate online:

<https://www.devp.org/en/articles/explosions-lebanon-donations-development-and-peace-caritas-canada-be-matched>

You can also send donations to the Development and Peace office at:

**1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor  
Montréal, Québec Canada  
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### **Community News**

**Father Philippe Gendron:** *A memorial mass will be said for Father Gendron on **Monday, August 24th at 10:30 am.** The service will be held at St. Grégoire church and will be presided by Archbishop Durocher. If you are planning to attend, arrive early as seating is limited.*