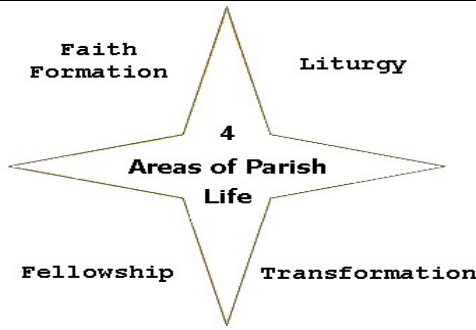





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22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 29-30, 2020

Sunday 9:00 AM	Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 PM
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MASSES

Saturday	Sep. 5th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Nora Somers by The Estate
Sunday	Sep. 6th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Hilary Lawlis by Susan & Jr. Lemieux Tom Laframboise by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Aug. 22-23, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$725.00	\$305.00
Aug. 22-23, 2020 - Fuel	255.00	142.00
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Messiahship and Discipleship

“whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”



Today's liturgy calls us to reflect on messiahship and discipleship. Christians are called to live their lives in a different way from others around them. Christian discipleship demands honesty, the willingness to suffer (*“take up your cross”*), generosity (*“to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God”*), and readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love.

In the **first reading**, we see the Prophet Jeremiah, the prototype of the Suffering Christ. The Prophet lives at a period of worsening political and religious situation under King Jehoiakim. There are unhealthy alliances, injustice, misappropriation of resources as well as religious externalism and concomitant lack of conversion of hearts and respect for the law of God. God therefore calls Jeremiah to warn the people. His words not only fall on deaf ears, but also arouse persecution against him. Due to his suffering, the prophet accuses God of tricking him and offers us a powerful description of someone suffering for obedience to his conscience. He feels abandoned by God and alone, an object of scorn and violent. In despair, he threatens to not speak in the name of God any more. Jeremiah is an archetype of those who carry out a special mission in God's name. Like Jeremiah, God does not promise us an easy life without sufferings and persecutions. But we need to be steadfast knowing that with God we will emerge victorious like Christ.

In the **second reading**, Paul advises the Christians not to model themselves on the behaviour of the world around them. Christians must rather adopt an attitude of sacrifice in the worship of God. He urges *“Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice”* to God and *“discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect”* and do it even if it is not pleasing to human taste. In today's **Gospel**, Jesus explains what Messiahship and discipleship really mean. He prepares his disciples for His approaching ordeal in Jerusalem which is necessary because it is according to the will of God made known through prophecies. Like Jeremiah, Jesus has to face the stark truth that His relationship with His Father involves personal anguish, suffering and rejection and will lead eventual to death.

Peter is frankly appalled by Jesus' statements and cannot accept the idea that the Messiah will be humiliated as the rabbis have taught the opposite. Having made a beautiful declaration that Jesus is the Christ, a title associated with victory and glory, Peter now denies that Jesus must suffer. He wants to remove suffering from the agenda. Jesus rebukes him, *“Get behind me, Satan.”* This is to nullify the temptation to Him to shrink from the work for which He had come. To really understand Jesus means to understand the cross. Peter here portrays himself in the light of a tempter; his ambition and desires belong to the realm of Satan, according to Jesus. Peter is moving in the direction exactly opposite to the plan of God; his proposal is according to the logic of man. This is in contrast to his role in last Sunday's Gospel. While in the Gospel of last Sunday Peter as one inspired by the Father accepts His plan of salvation by professing his faith in Jesus and so becomes a living stone of the Church, in today's Gospel he keeps thinking according to the logic of man and harbors thoughts of overpowering the enemies and similar ways of establishing God's Kingdom and becomes a stone that is an obstacle in the path. The Christ of Peter's dream is all glory and prestige, untouched by vulnerable humanity.

Jesus therefore gives the conditions for those who want to follow Him. They must choose the way of the cross and self-immolation. To follow Him, one must give up personal ambition and selfishness and be aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters. The disciples must carry the cross with Jesus; that is, they must always follow the same path as Jesus did, live His ideals and accept being persecuted or ignored in order to remain faithful to the Gospel. To find life, we must have the courage to do as Jesus did: lose it for our brothers and sisters. This life is transient. The only thing a person takes with him/her at the end of life is the love she or he was able to give. Happy Sunday!

Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

Office Hours: Please note that on Monday, August 31 the office will be opened from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Closed in the morning.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



September 13th will be the mass at St. Gregoire's Cemetery. More details to follow.

THE MOTORIST'S PRAYER

Grant me a steady hand and watchful eye,
that no man may be hurt when I pass by.
Thou gave life; I pray no act of mine
may take away or mar that act of Thine.
Shelter those Dear Lord, who bear me company,
from evil of fire, and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others' need.
Nor miss through love of speed
the beauty of the world; that thus I may
with joy and courtesy, go happily live's way,
and reach without mishap – Eternal Day.