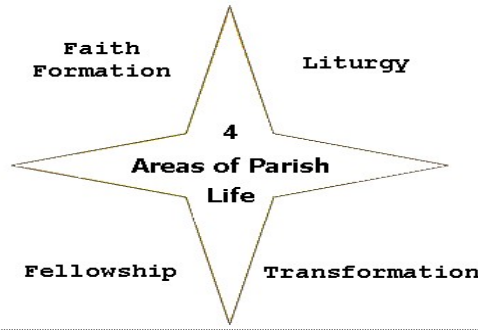





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**23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2020**

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

Saturday	Sep. 12th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	John & Sarah Doherty (nee McCoy) & their Family by John & Fay Peter Roos & The Holy Souls by Virginia Roos
Sunday	Sep. 13th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Doris Lemieux by Regis Lemieux Gertrude McDonnell by Gregg McDonnell

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Aug. 29-29, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$531.00	\$347.00
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Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Resolving Conflicts and Fraternal Correction in Love



Today's liturgy reminds us of our responsibility towards others in our families, parishes and communities. As children of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, we are responsible for one another. This individual responsibility in a Christian society includes fraternal correction of other members and our obligation to forgive our offenders and to ask forgiveness from others for our offences. In the **first reading**, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a "*watchman for the house of Israel.*" Ezekiel is called to serve as a "*sentry*" for the house of Israel. A sentry is a soldier who guards the army camps, one who watches so that his army may not be attacked by surprise. The Prophet as "a sentry" is obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word intended to convert the wicked, God will hold him responsible for the death of the wicked. If he warns the wicked, but they refuse to heed his warning, then the Prophet is not guilty. In the **second reading**, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another

should be our only reason for admonishing and correcting the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Paul reminds us that love requires that we should watch out for one another's souls, and love specifies the manner in which our watchful care of one another should be conducted. Therefore, we should admonish one another so that we all may repent and grow in holiness.

The **Gospel** highlights one of the most painful responsibilities that we have towards others, namely fraternal correction. Christian charity obliges us to correct and counsel our brother or sister who has damaged the community by his or her public sin. Jesus teaches that as Christians, we are all God's prophets, God's representatives, God's watchmen, set on elevated places to give warning of approaching danger to our brothers and sisters. The prophets of all times have a grave responsibility for their people's salvation. None of us can retire from the task of being watchmen. The law "*love your brothers and sisters*" certainly demands that we should try to help them to return to the right path. But how do we do this? Jesus offers a three-step way. The first step, which is most delicate and sensitive, requires us to go to our brother or sister and speak to him/her personally. If our first attempt fails, we should ask the help of one or two brothers and sisters of the community. The good and recovering of our brother or sister must always be the motive. The last stage which involves recourse to the community should take place only in cases when the sin committed may risk upsetting all the brothers and sisters, especially the weaker in faith.

This act of confronting should not aim at humiliating him/her but reconciling with him/her. Just as conflict is sure to happen in a community of sinners, so confrontation can sometimes be the only language of love. The refusal to confront is the refusal to love. *If love faces the real, it cannot avoid facing conflict. Where silence would permit greater division in the community, love must do something.* Edmund Burke says "*All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.*" (Unknown). Doing nothing in the face of wrongdoing and hurt is precisely what the Gospel opposes. Each of us is a prophet and therefore a 'sentinel', responsible somehow for what happens to our brothers and sisters. Whoever sees somebody misbehaving cannot repeat Cain's words "*Am I my brother's keeper*" (Gen. 4:9).

Jesus suggests too that the brother or sister should be considered like a pagan or a tax collector should s/he refuse to correct him/herself. This sounds a bit out of a place in the mouth of Jesus who was proud of being called the friend of tax collectors and sinners (Mt. 11:19). The community has certainly no right to send away one of its misbehaving members. But she (the Church) has the right and power to denounce or condemn people (members) who call themselves Christians but act in ways that are incompatible with the Gospel message. The decision of the Church (community) will be the decision of God. Having inspired the Church (community) in her decision, God will also honour her judgement. It is part of the Church's ministry of "*binding and loosing*" entrusted to Peter and the Church (Mt 16:19) which we read last Sunday but one; "*for where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*" (Mt. 18:20). Happy Sunday!

Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

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>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Sept. 06	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



Sunday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m. will be the service at St. Gregorie's Cemetery to honor our departed loved ones. Bring your own chairs and distancing will be respected.

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.