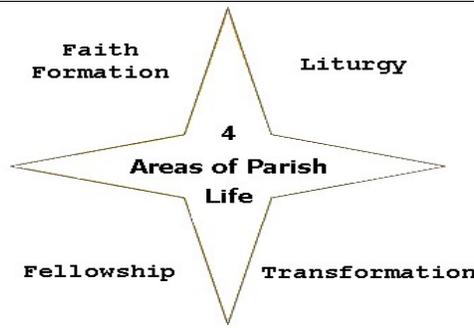




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24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2020

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

Saturday	Sep. 19 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	John & Mathea Stevens by Ken & Monique Simpson
Sunday	Sep. 20 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Rita Parker by Nicole Charbonneau Kevin & Greg McNamara by Regis Lemieux Special Intention by a Parishioner

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sept. 5-6, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$795.00	\$280.00
Sept. 5-6, 2020 - Support	389.00	217.00

Thank you for your contributions

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Forgiveness and mercy



Our scriptural readings today challenge us, as children of God, on the difficult issue of forgiveness. According to the scripture there has been a progressive evolution in understanding of the way to make up for the wrongs received and to discourage others from causing more. In ancient times, one would retaliate with the maximum possible violence, such that the wrong done was returned with added interest (Gen. 4:23-24). The book of Exodus shows some progress in the famous “*eye for eye, tooth for tooth... wound for wound, stripe for stripe*” (Ex.21:24). This basically calls for effort to see that punishment is according to justice; the principle that the punishment given should be proportional to the offence committed. Beyond these was the movement towards leniency as seen in the book of Leviticus 19:18: “*You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself....*” Today’s first reading moves in the direction of this latest position.

The author, in the first reading, gives the advice which underlines the futility of vengeance. He reasons that when we give vent to our retaliatory instincts, our rage and grudges, we do not get any justice done; we simply make things worse. Nursing anger or cherishing resentment is harmful for our health; it disables us and makes us defenseless when we look for our own sins to be forgiven. We ought to go beyond simple justice and must open our hearts to sentiments of mercy. Forgiveness of offences, according to Ben Sir, is an indispensable condition to pray and obtain pardon from God. When one offends us, do we demand rough and complete justice or do we show mercy and forgiveness? In the Gospel, Jesus dwells on this too. As Matthew continues to deal with relations between Christians, he focuses on the need for forgiveness between members of the community in today’s Gospel.

The rabbinical tradition of the time of Jesus insists on the need to establish peaceful relations between people and condemns vengeance, anger, grudges and advises reconciliation. But this view is qualified as the duty to forgive is limited to the people of Israel. Hence, Peter’s question to the Master, who appears to have different views. Peter’s “*seven times*” suggests forgiving *always* and *every time*. (Seven in the Bible represents *totality*). But Jesus’ response goes beyond Peter’s fears. Not just *always* but *more than always*, if that is possible. That is the implication of “*Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.*” He uses this parable of the two debtors to stress that pardon has to be infinite and to emphasize the immense distance that there is between the heart of God and the human heart. There is no sin which God will not forgive; no guilt will be greater than His love. God’s inexhaustible goodness is here contrasted with the meanness of human heart which is incapable of forgiving even the smallest offences. Therefore, the Christians, as children of God, must forgive offences with a heart similar to the heart of their Father who is in heaven. They ought to show a love that has no limits. Also, forgetfulness of our sins leads us to lack of compassion; remembering how our sins have gone unpunished by God should lead us to forgive others. We need to be constantly reminded that we live in the gracious forgiveness of God. 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.

Coronavirus Update: In our mass celebrations, and until further notice, communion will be offered in body only (with hosts), in the hand only and not on the tongue, and wine offerings will be suspended.

Also, parishioners are discouraged from shaking hands during the exchange of peace.

MASKS ARE MANDATORY

On-Going Collections: Used postage stamps, egg cartons, pop tabs, new and used candles and donations to Food Bank. Did you know that the **pop tabs** are converted to cash and donated to the **Monarque Palliative care house** in Montebello?

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. 13	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Sept. 20	Linda	Lyall & Gail
Sept. 27	Diane D.	Ken & Nancy
Oct. 4	Linda	Ken & Nancy
Oct. 11	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
Oct. 18	Diane D.	Ken & Nancy
Oct. 25	Virginia	Lyall & Gail

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

Update on Diocesan Protocol for COVID-19 Deconfinement

Communion Outside the Church

1. If communion is brought to a public residence, permission must be sought from the director of care and their directives closely followed.
2. The pyx must be thoroughly cleaned with water and soap before and after each use.
3. Only one host should be deposited into the pyx.
4. A Eucharistic minister should bring communion to only one person a day.
5. The minister will disinfect his or her hands before beginning the celebration.
6. The minister will wear a mask while being in the space occupied by the communicant.
7. The minister will only give communion in the hand.
8. The minister will avoid all physical contact and maintain physical distancing with the people present for the sacrament, limiting his or her time in the residence.
9. A pastoral dialogue is frequently part of this ministry: it would be advisable to maintain this practice through a phone conversation before or after bringing communion

COMMUNITY NEWS



La Mie de l'Entraide – our local food bank: There is a current need for canned goods. Parish volunteers deliver these items every week to La Mie de l'Entraide which is situated at 129 Joseph Street. The food bank is also accepting egg cartons; **however there is no longer a need for plastic bread bags.**

The ***“anti-waste refrigerator”*** located in the side entrance to the food bank is now available year-round to collect surplus fruits and vegetables from farmers, community gardens, grocers and citizens. A more detailed list of items acceptable can be found on the refrigerator door. Your support is very much appreciated.