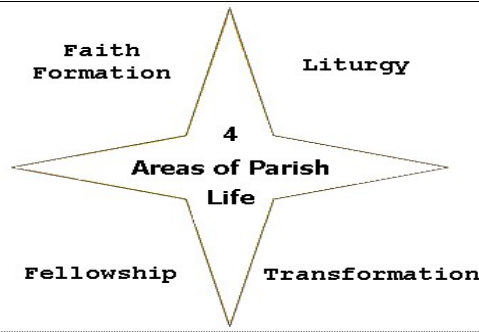





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**25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2020**

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

Saturday	Sep. 26 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	George Doherty by John, Fay, Tim & Maxine Doherty Claude Leost by Monique & Ken Simpson The Laurin Family by Linda Cameron Tom Laframboise by The Estate
Sunday	Sep. 27 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sept. 12-13, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$301.00	\$299.00

Thank you for your contributions

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

God is Generous



First Reading: Isaiah 55.6-9
Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call on him
Second Reading: Philippians 1.20-24,27
Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

Today's readings speak about God's generosity, the extravagant grace of the merciful God. God is both just and merciful, but His mercy often overrides His justice. In the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah reminds his compatriots, exiled in Babylon due to their unfaithfulness to God, that God is more merciful than they are and more forgiving. Contrary to their conviction that God is just like humans, who gets mean and mad and incapable of forgetting their sins, the Prophet tells them that it is big mistake to imagine a God like themselves. God, he says, is ready to pardon the infidelity which has resulted in their being exiled. He is not a human person; His way of thinking and acting will always surprise us. He will bless them with material and spiritual blessings. The Prophet therefore advises them and us to seek the Lord and put aside evil ways in order to receive His mercy and forgiveness. This prepares us for the Gospel. Paul in the letter to the Philippians, offers himself as a model of total submission to God's grace and God's will. He is ready to live continuing his mission if that is God's will. He is also ready to die and join the Lord if that is God's will. *"For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain"* (Phil. 1:21).

In the Gospel Jesus tells a parable of the landowner, a story that does not respect the normal principles of agreement. It is a strange parable of a landowner who hired laborers at five different times during the course of the day to work in his vineyard, but paid the same wage for a full day's work to all of them beginning with the last who only worked for one hour. This story of landowner's love and generosity represent God's love and generosity to all of us. It shows the difference between God's perspective and ours. It is a lesson on God's abiding love and mercy for all people regardless of their various extenuating circumstances. By this story, Jesus is trying to put across the message that salvation is a free gift of God. We cannot question Him about His dispensation of gifts which may at times appears to be disproportionate and tilted towards some people whom we consider as unworthy.

God's ways are not our ways. God does not work from the arithmetic of a calculator but from the fullness of His own heart. It is not the time-span of service that counts for God but the quality of our commitment and service. Moreover, there is more to life than the logic of action and reward. No matter when and how we find our ways to God, the point is that all receive the same stipend. We are not paid a wage for serving God. It is all a free gift. Since the eternal gift is eternal life, how could one be given more eternal life than another? God's love is unlimited and all inclusive. God is generous. We must not imagine that He is small minded like ourselves. For Jesus, the only attitude to be taken in front of our Heavenly Father is that of a child who does not claim any right, cannot merit anything, who always expects his father to be kind to him. There is nothing we can merit from God; from Him, we can only receive gifts and be grateful. *Do we allow God to do things His way, or do we get furious when He diverts from our way of operating?* If we resent God's freedom to show mercy to whom He pleases, not only do we repeat the grumble of the laborers in the parable, but we forget that we ourselves are beneficiaries of His mercy. God has a clear prejudice in favor of life's latecomers who find themselves with some form of handicap – the physically crippled, the psychologically crippled, the spiritually crippled, and the economically crippled. They are the prodigal sons, the outcasts, the overlooked and the ones people think they can safely ignore or shun. We may be the ones! 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. 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

Shut-Ins: Parishioners are reminded that Father Albanus is available and more than willing to meet with those individuals who are shut-in for a variety of reasons. In addition to Eucharist, Father is prepared to simply visit, as well as bring a spiritual message to those who are unable to leave their place of residence. **To book a time with Father, please contact the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763.**