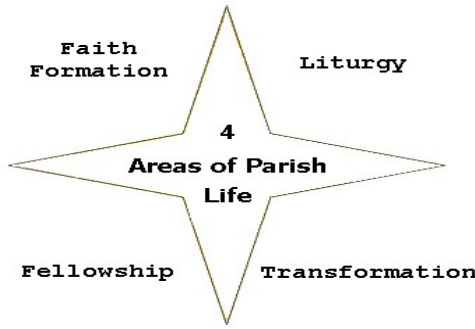





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**26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2020**

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

Saturday	Oct. 3 rd	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Special Intention by Doris Prevost Rita Weatherdon (20th ann) by Shirley, Rolly & Philip
Sunday	Oct. 4 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Tom Laframboise by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sept. 19-20, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$305.00	\$307.00
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Our 'Yes' and 'No' to God



First Reading: Ezekiel 18.25-28
Psalm: Lord, be mindful of your mercy
Second Reading: Philippians 2.1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32

Today's readings remind us that our final decision is consequential for our eternal destiny. They therefore advise us to choose to obey God gracefully by doing His will instead of choosing against it. In the **first reading**, God through the prophet Ezekiel, corrects the Jewish beliefs that children inherit the guilt of their ancestors and are punished for it and that God is more strict than merciful. God has an option for personal responsibility in which each person is to be rewarded or punished according to his or her individual actions and not someone else's actions. Moreover, God always gives people a chance to change and to accept the consequences of such change. The **second reading** extols the self-emptying love of Jesus as an example for Christian life. St. Paul in this passage affirms the truth that the final choice for God, made by perfect obedience to Him, will be rewarded. Christians should possess the same outlook as Christ, who emptied Himself, taking human form and dying on the cross. For this He has been exalted by the Father. Christ is the supreme model of obedience to the Father's will and so those who make the final choice for God will be rewarded.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus presents us with the parable of a father who has two sons as He confronts the chief priests and elders of the people. Jesus presents two sons in this parable as he does in the parable of the Prodigal Son. Here, the first son is asked to go into the vineyard, but he says "No." He later changes his mind and goes. The second says "Yes, sir," but does not go. In this story, Jesus shows that it is the final decision that is more important. He shows that the repentant tax-collectors and prostitutes, represented by the first son who initially refused to go, will make their way to the kingdom of God before the chief priests and elders represented by the second son in the parable. By their pride and refusal to obey God's call to repentance, the scribes and the Pharisees are excluding themselves, while the tax-collectors and sinners whom they despised, are repenting of their sins and will be accepted into God's kingdom. The Pharisees and scribes are criticized as "yes-men" whose easy promises are not matched by their performance, whose instant consent is not matched by their behavior, who maintain the outward appearance of piety without any real devotion to the will of God. They have outward piety unsupported by obedience to God. Promises can never take the place of performance, and fine words are never a substitute for fine deeds. Of course Jesus criticizes this earlier when He says "It is not anyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', who will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven (Mt. 7:21).

Today, God still has two sons in us. In our Christian communities and the world, there will always be people who say "yes!" to God in baptism but in concrete life they change their "yes!" into many "no's!" On the other hand, there are those who have never said "yes!" explicitly to God, but in their concrete life they love their brothers and sisters, help and suffer for them and perform many charitable deeds. We need to remember that what God in his mercy did for the tax-collectors and harlots in the parable, the Matthew's, the Augustine's, etc., and the millions of unknown penitents who are now Saints in Heaven, He can, and will, do for us, if we repent of our past sins and renew our lives as the first-asked son in the parable did. It is never too late for us to be transformed. Again in life, each of us intermittently behaves like the first son and the second son. It would be better if we become like another son: the one who says "yes!" and then keeps his word. Happy Sunday!

Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

Cereal Bars: Buckingham Elementary School will gladly accept cereal bars for the students. So starting the **first Sunday in October** a basket will be put out for this collection.

LIMITED SEATING: As of September 23 the Outaouais area has gone into the Orange Zone due to Covid-19 pandemic. This has restricted attendance to **25** in all churches.

Mass Attendance (OLV): Parishioners must telephone the Parish Secretary **no later than 2:30 p.m. on Thursday** each week to confirm their attendance at each upcoming Sunday mass. **NOTE: OFFICE MESSAGES ARE PICKED UP OFF HOURS SO MESSAGES CAN BE LEFT THERE IF YOU FORGOT TO REGISTER OR CANNOT MAKE IT ON SUNDAY. (819-986-3763)**

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.

PYX: All who bring a PYX to Sunday mass, Father has asked that you place it **opened** on the table at the bottom of the altar. Father to fill and then you can pick up as you come to communion.

OLV Schedule for Readers & Ushers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Oct. 4	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Oct. 11	Linda	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.***