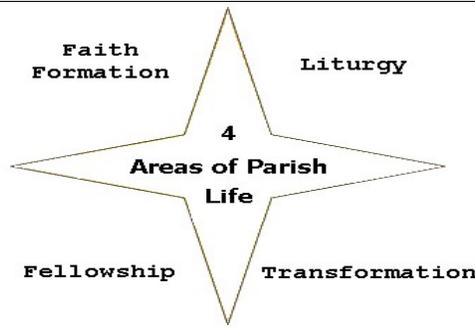




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**27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 OCTOBER 3-4, 2020**

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

Saturday	Oct. 10 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Jack & Louise Doherty & Mary Dougherty by John & Fay Doherty
Sunday	Oct. 11 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs John Laluck & Terry by The McNamara Family Mr. & Mrs. Robert McDonnell by Gregg McDonnell

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sept. 26-27, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$410.00	\$240.00
Sept. 26-27, 2020 - Fuel	150.00	200.00
Sept. 26-27, 2020 - Needs of the Canadian Church	90.00	
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Vineyard of the Lord



<u>First Reading:</u>	Isaiah 5.1-7
<u>Psalm:</u>	The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Philippians 4.6-9
<u>Gospel:</u>	Matthew 21.33-43

Today's readings speak about the necessity of bearing fruit in the Christian life and the consequent punishment for spiritual sterility, ingratitude and wickedness. Biblical writing portrays the chosen people as *vineyard of the Lord*. In the **first reading**, Isaiah, the prophet, in his Song of the Vineyard describes God's care of, and expectations for, His Chosen People. With all the care and cultivation lavished on His Vineyard, God as the owner has a lively expectation of a good yield at harvest time but all He receives for His labors are sour grapes. Hence, God laments: "*When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?*" This is the story of God's relationship with the people of Israel. God demands good works from them: faithfulness to the covenant, social justice, love for the poor and the orphan, the widow; instead He harvests sins, infidelity, oppression and exploitation, false accusations in courts, hatred, bloodshed, a religion of ceremonies and external cult without conversion of the heart. St. Paul, in the **second reading**, tells Philippians about the high expectations he has for them, reminding them that they need to become fruit-producing Christians by praying and giving thanks to God and by practicing justice, purity and graciousness in their lives.

In the **Gospel**, St. Matthew utilizes some ideas of Isaiah's Song. Here, the landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel, as God's special people, and the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel who were in charge of making the people produce good fruits. The two groups of servants sent are the prophets who, before and after period of the exile in Babylon, were sent by God to remind the people of their alliance, but they were treated with disdain and violence. The Son is Jesus, sent with hope that the tenants will respect him. But the landowner's (God's) hope is misplaced as His Son is thrown out of the vineyard and killed. The punishment of leasing the vineyard to other tenants clearly shows Matthew's view that the kingdom of God will be granted to the Gentiles, who will be expected to deliver the good fruits. Matthew uses this story, addressed to the chief priests and elders, to explain salvation history. His story explains why the New People of God is made mostly of Gentiles who have come to believe in Christ.

Today's passage is handed over to us not to curse the infidelity of the Jews of Jesus' time but to warn us, the Christians of our time, that the danger of committing the same mistake still exists for us. The parable also speaks to us about the patience of God. When His servants are killed He sends more and more in the hope that people will turn from their evil ways. Even when these are killed, He still hopes that His beloved Son will make His people change their ways. Jesus is God's last appeal, His final challenge. Depending on our response to Him, judgement is then made. If we are now the tenants, then we are subject to His expectation of us and subject to His judgement of us. God looks to us for the fruits of faith, love and obedience; He expects that we will deliver forgiveness, mercy and justice. We cease being either God's vineyard or the tenants of God's vineyard when we stop relating to others as loving servants. Finally this parable teaches that instead of glorying in our privileges and Christian heritage, we are called to deeds of love, including bearing personal and corporate witness that invites others into God's kingdom. Jesus has given us the Church, and through her everything necessary to make Christians fruit-bearing: the Bible to know the will of God, the sacraments, role models in thousands of saints. We are expected to make use of these gifts and produce fruits for God. The questions staring us at the face are: what fruits do we, as Christians yield today? Are we yielding fruits of justice, peace and serenity? **Happy Sunday!**

Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

Cereal Bars: A basket will be placed for your donations next Sunday.

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?

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 will 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. 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.**