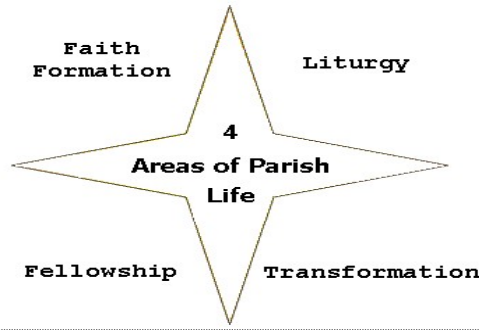





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**28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 OCTOBER 10-11, 2020**

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

Saturday	Oct. 17 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Mathea Stevens & John by Joan & Barry Teske
Sunday	Oct. 18 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Rita Parker by Susan & Jr. Lemieux Tom Laframboise by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 3-4, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$684.00	\$220.00
Oct. 3-4, 2020 - Support	130.00	97.00
- Needs of the Canadian Church	5.00	47.00
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Invitation to a Banquet



First Reading: Isaiah 25.6-10a
Psalm: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long
Second Reading: Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22.1-14

Today we are being presented with the theme of Banquet in both the first reading and the Gospel. The banquet in the biblical terms is the symbol of the happiness and joy of the Messianic times. Whoever accepts God will experience the most profound and real joy. In the **first reading**, the Prophet Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's mountain in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which God is preparing for His people. It is a great feast of "rich food and choice wines." The enemy that has been defeated in the prophecy is Death. It is not just physical death but all that for humans is defeat and death; it includes a meaningless life, derision, failure, pain and sorrow, hunger, disease, marginalization. At the Messianic times, every "death" situation will be transformed. Whatever is "non-life" will be wiped out. There will be only cheerfulness and happiness for all. It will be a time of feast, the banquet of the kingdom. In the **second reading**, St. Paul advises the Philippians to put their trust in the power and goodness of a provident God, Who, in Jesus, has given His Church everything needed to enable His followers to participate in the Heavenly banquet.

The **Gospel** presents two parables, the parable of the wedding feast and that of the wedding garment. The king invites guests to the wedding feast of his son. With everything ready, the king sends his servants to inform the invitees but they refuse to come. The king is the figure of God. The first and second groups of servants stand for the prophets of the Old Testament up to John the Baptist and the first apostles. The invitees who refuse to come represent the chosen people of Israel. The original invitation speaks of God's gracious call to His chosen people; the second shows the patience of God: even when all is ready, God still hopes there will be a change of heart. The consequence of the refusal is huge. The armies sent by the king represent the Roman armies which besieged and captured Jerusalem in AD 70. They demolished the Temple and burnt the city. The extension of the invitation to the highways and byways represents the carrying of the Gospel to the Gentiles, after the chosen people have rejected it.

Despite the various symbols, the central image of the Gospel is that of a God who as a gracious host, hopes that everyone will come to His banquet. The wedding garment, the condition for entering the banquet, is readiness, that is, conversion. At the final judgement, for the good and the bad, only those who are clothed in goodness will be invited to the banquet of life. "We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time and appreciate and make use of the provision for God's graces in the Church: we received the "*wedding garment*" of sanctifying grace in Baptism, and we receive additional graces to retain it through the other Sacraments. Our participation in the Eucharistic celebration and in personal and family prayers helps us to recharge our spiritual batteries and enables us to lead Spirit-filled lives. Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of the word of God and through His own body and blood in Holy Communion. We need to participate in the Eucharistic banquet with proper preparation by repenting of our sins and by actively participating in the prayers and singing during the Holy Mass. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet" (Fr Kadavil). Happy Sunday!

Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

Office Hours: Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, October 12th and opened on Tuesday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. – noon.

Prayers and Sympathy: Pray for the repose of the soul of **Muriel Bédard** (sister of Mary) whose funeral and burial was on Wednesday, October 7 in Mayo. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

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, cereal bars (2nd Sunday of each month) 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 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. 18	Diane D.	Ken & Nancy
Oct. 25	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
Nov. 8	Linda	Ken & Nancy
Nov. 15	Diane D.	Lyall & Gail
Nov. 22	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Nov. 29	Linda	Lyall & Gail

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Autumn is here and winter isn't far away. Time for "comfort food." Also hot soups and hot chocolate. Unfortunately not everyone in our community has "comfort food" on hand in their cupboards.

With this in mind, and to supplement the donations received at our weekly Masses, Joann Kearnan and Cheryl Cameron are organizing a **food drive** to benefit "**La Mie de l'Entraide**" in Buckingham on **Thursday October 15, 2020** at the **Gaetan Brunet park**, at the corner of Route 315 and Murphy Road in Mayo from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Two vehicles will be available to receive all donations. Grocery store gift cards or monetary donations are also accepted. **For more information, feel free to call Cheryl at 819 986 7828.**

Please share this message with family and friends. Together we can make a difference. Thank you in advance.

