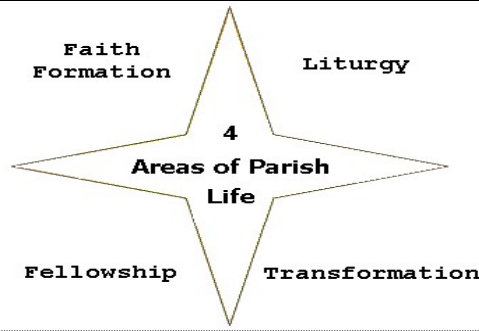





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**29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
 OCTOBER 17-18, 2020**

<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Celebration of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Saturday 7:00 PM</b>
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**MASSES**

Saturday	Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>Peter Ellement (7<sup>th</sup> ann)</b> by Shirley & Family <b>Nora Somers &amp; Deceased Members of the Somers &amp; Ryan Families</b> by The Estate
Sunday	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Vincent Doherty &amp; Family</b> by Regis Lemieux <b>Peter Burke</b> by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 10-11, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$450.00	\$373.00
Needs of the Canadian Churches	125.00	10.00
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

**Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy**

***"Give to Caesar and to God"***



**First Reading:** Isaiah 45.1,4-6  
**Psalm:** Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab  
**Gospel:** Matthew 22.15-21

Today's readings speak of the nature of our obligations to God and to our country. They show us how, with God's help, we can be ideal citizens of both earth and Heaven. In the **first reading**, the Prophet Isaiah foretells how, indirectly, the policies of the great Persian Emperor Cyrus would help God's saving plan for His chosen people. Enlightened by the Lord, the Prophet discovers beyond the political events that God has a plan for salvation. As he entered Babylon, Cyrus freed all prisoners and allowed the slaves to return home. As a wise and generous King, he allowed each person to practice his/her religion freely and even helped to reconstruct the temples destroyed by the Babylonian soldiers. Cyrus, according to the Prophet, was fulfilling the project of salvation prepared by the Lord. He was an instrument of salvation in the hands of the Lord. In the **second reading**, Paul praises the Thessalonian converts for their fidelity to God and to Christ His Son, and for their practice of the virtues of faith, hope and charity with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The **Gospel** presents the encounter between Jesus and the delegation of the Pharisees made up of their disciples and the Herodian's. The Pharisees resented paying taxes to a foreign king as an infringement of the divine right of God. The Herodian's, on the hand, were supporters of Herod the Great and his family, so favoring collaboration with the Romans and paying taxes to Caesar. The Pharisees and the Herodian's are united in their common desire to eliminate Jesus. The delegation tries to lay the ground for the charge of treason. They question Jesus about the taxes paid to Caesar; a dangerous question. Any answer could bring Jesus trouble. If He denies the need to pay taxes to Caesar, He could be charged with treason before the Roman authorities. If He supports the taxes, he will attract the anger of the majority of His fellow countrymen. Beside the economic import of the question, it all has a religious implication. The coins used to pay the taxes bear the image of the emperor, violating for many pious Jews, the Mosaic prohibition against images. Aware of the trap and malice, Jesus does not answer the original question, but makes an announcement; *"Give...to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"*, one that has received varied interpretations.

One thing should be pointed out: faith cannot be lived in a way that is unrelated to the reality of this world. Religion affects all the options of the human person and all the moments of the person's life; thus it necessarily influences political options and the fulfillment of duties as a citizens. **Give back to Caesar:** if one keeps in one's pocket Caesar's coin, it means that one uses it and thus recognizes the Roman power. One cannot invoke religion only when it is time to pay taxes. It is a moral as well as a civil duty to contribute to the common good through the payment of just taxes (Fernando Armellini, *Celebrating the Word*, p. 281). Christians, as citizens of the country, ought to pay for the services and the privileges that government provides, like paved roads, police and fire departments, banks, schools and other necessities. The Christian has to be an exemplary citizen. **Give back to God:** One may ask "what". Is there anything that does not belong to Him? No. So we must give everything to Him. But how? Just as the coin has to be returned to his owner, the emperor, because it bears his image, so we must return to God the creature that bears His image. What creature? Man. Genesis says *"God created man in the image of Himself, in the image of God He created him"* (Gen. 1:27). So man is the creature that cannot be under the ownership of anyone else but God. Nobody has a right to dominate us, enslave us and oppress us. We are sacred, we belong to God.

Since God has dominion over the whole of creation, Caesar's relative power is subservient to the ultimate power of God. All authority and power have to be evaluated in the light of God's plan. Jesus' reply includes the fact that it is for the people to evaluate whether in demanding taxes; Caesar is reflecting the things of God. The political arena is not a territory protected from religious evaluation and criticism. If Caesar is subservient to God, then his laws are open to Christian evaluation. Christians should therefore rise up to criticize, contest, and discuss with whoever fails to respect the image of God in every person. Since everything is God's, we must give ourselves to Him 100%, not just 10% on Sundays. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations and find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, for the reading of the Bible and the proper training of our children in faith and morals. Our contribution to the parish Church should be an expression of our gratitude to God, giving back to God all that He has given us. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, yet another way of giving to God His due, our whole self. Happy Sunday!

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Since, 1926, the Universal Church dedicates the month of October to reflection on and prayers for the missions. The second to last Sunday in October is called **World Mission Sunday**. The liturgy is centered on the call of Christ: "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations." The faithful are invited to pray for the realization of this great mission of Christ.

## OUR LADY of MISSION

Mary, when you said "yes" at the Annunciation,  
God sent his Son into the world, as the bearer of Mission!  
Mary full of grace, you set out in haste at the Visitation,  
as a model for all missionary disciples.  
Mother of the Church, let us discover our call in order to respond:  
**"Here I am!"**  
Guided by the Spirit, sent by Jesus Christ,  
we will proclaim, with your help, the Good News to all Creation!  
Our Lady of the Missions, pray for us! Amen.

## Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

**Office Hours:** Closed Monday morning, October 19<sup>th</sup> and open in the afternoon from 1-4 p.m.

**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)**

**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 Lectors & Ushers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Oct. 25	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
Nov. 1	Linda	Ken & Nancy
Nov. 8	Diane D.	Lyall & Gail
Nov. 15	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Nov. 22	Linda	Lyall & Gail
Nov. 29	Diane D.	Ken & Nancy

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