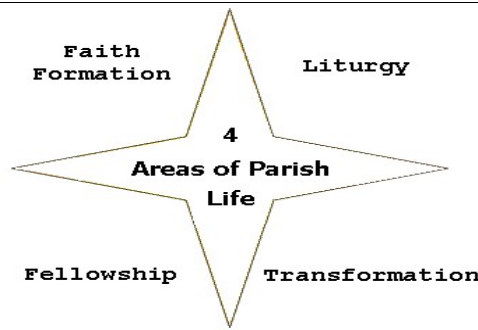





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**30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
 OCTOBER 24-25, 2020**

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

Saturday	Oct. 31 st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Rita Parker by Joan & Barry Teske
Sunday	Nov. 1 st	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Tom Laframboise by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 17-18, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$ 514.00	\$ 200.00
Oct. 17-18, 2020 - Propagation of the Faith	106.00	85.00
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Love of God and Neighbour



First Reading: Exodus 22.21-27
Psalm: I love you, O Lord, my strength
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40

Today's readings center on the greatest commandment: the love of God and the expression of that love in action by loving Him in our neighbor. The **first reading**, Exodus, explains the second greatest commandment: loving our neighbors especially, the underprivileged. Such neighbors include the strangers, the widows and the orphans. Exodus tells us to treat the downtrodden and neglected with kindness and compassion. Unlike many nations of the time, Israel had a clear and severe legislation that bade its citizens not to do any injustice to the strangers.

The Israelites were commanded to *love the strangers as they loved themselves*. The reason why they should do this is not farfetched: they too were strangers in the land of Egypt. So, they were to look into their own heart and remember the time when they were outsiders. Again, loving the stranger is something God did (Deut 10:18). The widows and orphans also have no protection because they have no husband or parents and thus can easily fall victims of every type of abuse. Scripture states that their protector is God himself who is called the Father of orphans and defender of widows (Ps.68:5). The importance of the love for this category of people can be seen in the norm in the Jewish law that states: if a farmer has left something behind in his field, he must not return back to collect it; he was to leave it there for the strangers, the orphans and the widows (Deut. 24:19-22). Just as God protected them and treated them kindly, so the Israelites are to protect others and treat them with kindness. Thus, they should become a humane society rooted in the basic religious concept of loving God living in their neighbor.

In the **second reading**, St. Paul shows his enthusiasm for the Thessalonians and expresses his joy that the members are now so good that they set an example for all other communities. He congratulates the Thessalonians on the positive effects of their example of loving one another as Jesus had commanded them to do. Their mutual love and their loving reception of Paul and response to his preaching bolstered the Faith of Christians elsewhere who heard about them. Their love in action speaks boldly about them.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus combines the commandment to love God to the commandment to love one's neighbor. He speaks of the conquering power of love. *As the Israelites were asked to love the stranger as themselves, so Christians are urged to love their neighbors. The ultimate offer of hospitality is the offer of love. Often the real stranger is not the person we don't know but the person we don't want to know, the person we refuse to love. That person could be a neighbor or a member of our own family. We can all have strangers in our house, still waiting to be welcomed and loved* (Unknown Author). The love of God and the love of neighbor are like two sides of the same coin. We cannot rightly make a distinction between them or place them in two separate compartments. In reality we cannot separate the two. There is indeed, only one commandment, according to Jesus. The love of God presupposes the love of neighbor and vice versa. Thus, there can be no concrete, credible and sincere expression of love for God without recognition of, and an outreach towards, the neighbor, especially those in need. There is no short-cut to God which goes around the love of the neighbor.

How are our communities today? Are they open or is it everyone for himself/herself? Is there an exchange of reciprocal help or is each one just going his/her way little caring about the others? **Happy Sunday!**

THE BOOK OF LIFE

The month of November is a special month for praying for the faithful departed with whom we are in the same Communion of the Saints. We are therefore encouraged to keep them in our prayers and if possible offer Masses on their behalf. In our two parishes, we have a tradition of leaving our **Book of Life** at the front of the church for the month of November. The **Book of Life** contains the names of deceased parishioners and relatives. **We also remember in a special way those who lost their lives in service to their country.**

Due to the COVID-19 protocol governing our celebrations, there will be no special celebration this year.

ST. MALACHY

Mass and Burial: Patricia Teske, Carl Miller, Helen Weatherdon, Muriel Bédard, Réjeanne Lanthier Lavell

Burial Only: Lorene Cecilia Farnand Lavell, Denis Roos, Gertrude Robineau Roos, David Duvall, Anne Jones Drouin

OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Carmel Gauthier, Hilary Lawlis

Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

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. (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>
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

COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU: We would like to send our sincere thanks to all who contributed either with food and/or cash donations to our recent Food Drive October 15th. We were able to fill 2 vehicles with food items, groceries and even a few cleaning supplies, as well as \$725.00 in financial donations.

The representatives from L'ami de l'Entraide were ecstatic upon our arrival to see all of your donations. They explained that they had currently started discussions with families in need to see what they "wished for" in their Christmas hampers. Thanks to your generous donations, they may now be able to allow for the requested fresh ham or turkey to be included as well as foods you donated.

So, your kindness is being "paid forward" too many. "Thank You" from the bottom of our hearts. ♥♥ We live in an exceptionally generous community.

Cheryl Cameron and Joann Kearnan

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