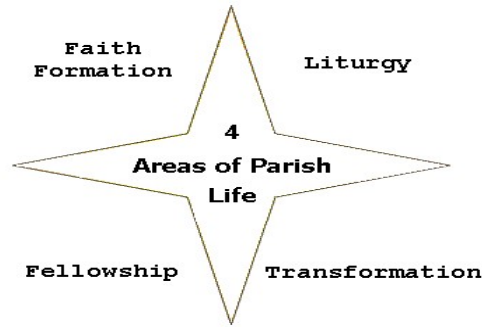




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**2nd SUNDAY
 OF EASTER
 APRIL 10-11, 2021**

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 6:30 p.m.

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MASSES

Saturday	Apr 17 th	St. Malachy @ 6:30 p.m.	Allen Teske by Ann & Bill Price
Sunday	Apr 18 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Julia Martin & Bill Weir by Barbara Weir & Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
April 3-4, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 2,142.00	\$ 407.00
April 3-4, 2021 - Support	435.00	220.00
April 3-4, 2021 - Holy Land	110.00	61.00
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

Our Lady of Victory Sunday Mass Celebration

A **new Zoom link** has been created for the regular Sunday morning 9:00 am mass celebration at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Join Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3220682713?pwd=Z0l3ZURacXhObmREbi91KzhxaUtuUT09>

Meeting ID: **322 068 2713**

Passcode: **046463**

Faith in the Risen Lord



First Reading: Acts 4.32-35

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His steadfast love endures forever.

Second Reading: 1 John 5.1-6

Gospel: John 20.19-31

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and the readings reflect that. They also speak about the necessity for trusting Faith and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer and the responsorial Psalm mention God's mercy which is manifested in sending His only Begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord through His paschal mystery. The **first reading** from the Acts of the Apostles stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community. The **second reading** also echoes the same message of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. St. John reminds us that we practice spiritual works of mercy by obeying God's commandments and especially Jesus' commandment of loving others as He loves us with selfless, sacrificial and agape love. Loving others as Jesus loves them demands that we treat others with God's mercy and compassion. The **Gospel** describes how Jesus showed His mercy to the doubting Thomas and emphasizes the importance of faith. The declaration by Thomas is very important. It is the foundation of our Christian Faith. Our faith is based on the Divinity of Jesus as proved by His miracles, especially by the supreme miracle of the Resurrection from the dead. Thomas' profession of faith is the strongest evidence we have of the Resurrection of Christ and his faith culminated in his own self-surrender to Jesus and his heroic missionary work in India, his fearless preaching and the powerful testimony given by his martyrdom around A.D. 72.

The early Christians practiced sharing love and compassion in the breaking of bread and the gathering of the community, as Jesus taught. The Apostles continued to testify to the resurrection with great power. The testimony was certainly powerful because it was done with courage, but this is not the main quality of their 'power'. They came up with irrefutable evidence of the living Christ but not by doing marvels and performing miracles. The real proof, the one that all could see, was different: it was the completely new life of the community of the first Christians. They were united in heart and soul; no one claimed private ownership of any possessions as everything they owned was held in common. The Christians appeared as citizens from a different world because of their extraordinary life. The only reason for all this is: Christ has risen! The Risen Christ was not visible but the community born of His Spirit was there for everybody to see.

How do we prove to our world that we are people of the resurrection? We ought to live in communion of hearts; a life that is devoid of domination of others and imposition of ideas, options, tastes and opinions. Our community life should be that of sharing of goods and not one obsessed by effort to accumulate wealth for oneself and leave as little as possible for others. We must make an effort to share our possessions, since our instinct leads us to withdraw into ourselves and to look only after our own interests. What 'strong' evidence can we give to others that Christ is risen and alive? Is it words, beautiful words, plenty of words or should we rather provide faith that shows clearly that Christ is living? St John writes this story not just to give us some news but to describe the sentiments and relations that must prevail within an authentic Christian community led by faith in the risen Lord. The great generosity showed by the first Christian community born at Easter is seen as a fulfillment of the prophecy in Deut.4:36-37 that one day there would be no poor among the people of God. Only when we are able to form such a community inspired by love, generosity and selflessness shall we be able to prove that the Spirit of Christ is among us. In this new logic, our attitude towards material goods cannot be the same.

In the Thomas' story, St. John wants to tell us that the risen Lord now has a life which cannot be detected by our senses, a life that cannot be touched by our hands or seen with our own eyes; it can only be the object of our faith. Faith can never be founded on what one sees. The resurrection can never be proved scientifically. That is why Jesus said 'blessed are those who have not seen and believed'. They are blessed because their faith is more genuine and purer. One who sees has the certainty, not the faith; s/he has an irrefutable proof, and, therefore does not really need faith (Amellini, F vol.B, p. 113). The proof for faith is in the Gospel which contains the word of Christ. Where can this word of Christ be heard? It is in the gathering of believers for the celebration of the Eucharist. The Risen Lord appeared when all the believers are gathered together. Whoever, like Thomas, is not present at the community gatherings, cannot experience the Risen Lord, hear His word, receive His peace and forgiveness, feel His joy and receive His Spirit. Whoever stays at home on the day of the Lord, even if it is to pray alone, may experience the presence of God but cannot experience the Risen Lord, because He manifests Himself only where the community is gathered. And if s/he does not meet the Risen Lord, what does s/he do? Like Thomas, s/he will look for 'proofs' to believe, but will never find them. Thomas was not there but was there the following Sunday! **Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!**

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

Contact: Should you wish to speak to Father you can call him directly at 819-663-5244.

Mayo Masses: Saturday mass will be at **6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 10th**. This will allow all to get home before the 8:00 p.m. curfew.

OLV SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS & USHERS		
Date	Lectors	Ushers
April 18 th	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
April 25 th	Greg	Ken & Nancy
May 2 nd	Linda R.	Lyall & Gail
May 9 th	Diane	Ken & Nancy
May 16 th	Linda C.	Lyall & Gail
May 23 rd	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
May 30 th	Greg	Lyall & Gail

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

La Mie de l'entraide

La Mie de l'entraide has recently posted that the food bank is looking for the following items if the population is able to contribute:

Tomato soup

Tomato paste

Tomato sauce

Fruit juice boxes

However, all non-perishable goods will be accepted, as well as egg cartons. Baskets are available in both churches for your donations.

Monetary donations can also be made on their Facebook page as well at the following website:

<https://lamiedelentraide.wordpress.com/faire-un-don/>

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