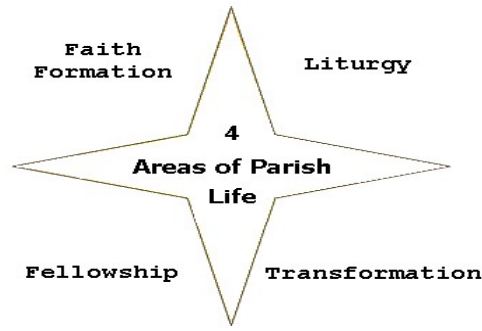




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**3rd SUNDAY
 OF EASTER
 APRIL 17-18, 2021**

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 6:30 p.m.

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MASSES

Saturday	Apr 24 th	St. Malachy @ 6:30 p.m.	Allen Teske by Alvin & Ellen Butler
Sunday	Apr 25 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Diane Cameron Bedard by Nancy Pearson Philipp Lotz & Family by Marianne Lotz

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
April 10-11, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 615.00	\$ 178.00
April 10-11, 2021 – Development & Peace	460.00	172.00
<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=Z0l3ZURacXhObmREbi9lKzhxaUtuUT09>

Meeting ID: **322 068 2713**

Passcode: **046463**

Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Faith in the Risen Lord 2

<u>First Reading:</u>	Acts 3.13-15, 17-19
<u>Psalm:</u>	Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord.
<u>Second Reading:</u>	1 John 2.1-5
<u>Gospel:</u>	Luke 24.35-48

On this third Sunday of Easter, the Liturgy continues to present to us the message of the Resurrection of Christ. Today's readings challenge us to adjust our lives to the living presence of the risen Lord as we grow daily more aware of God's presence with us and around us as the Holy Spirit. The **first reading** is part of St. Peter's post-Resurrection speeches. Following the healing of the crippled man by Peter and John at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:1-10), the people are astounded and wonder if the apostles are healers with special and mysterious powers. In today's passage Peter explains that the healing is not as result of his power or holiness. What has happened, he says, is the work of Christ and evidence that Jesus is alive. He forcefully declares that the messianic prophecies have been fulfilled in the crucified and risen Jesus and challenges all to turn toward God so that their sins might be wiped away. The actions of the apostles embody the life and sentiments of Jesus, who while on earth, was always concerned with what was for the good of His fellow men and women, taught a way of life, cured the sick, gave food to the hungry and sought out the lost. Thus, if such things are being done in His Church with the same force and power, it means that Jesus is alive and continues to act through us and that His Spirit is still present in the world. The works the apostles do prove undoubtedly that Jesus is alive.

In the **second reading**, St. John answers the doubts raised by the heretics of his time. He therefore asserts the fundamental Christian doctrines that Jesus' death was a sacrifice offered as expiation for our sins and those of the whole world. He says that though we must admit our sinfulness, we nourish our hope with the knowledge that Jesus Christ, the upright, is with us. The **gospel** describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to His apostles who were in the locked Upper Room. Jesus removes the doubts of His apostles about His Resurrection by inviting them to touch Him and also by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explains to them how the prophecies have been fulfilled in Him and commissions them to bear witness to Him and preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name after receiving the Holy Spirit. In this passage we found elements of wonder, fear, and doubts as it is always the case in Jesus' apparitions after His Resurrection. When the Risen Jesus appears, He is never recognized immediately and those who see Him always have doubts (cf. Jn. 20:11-18; 21:1-14, Lk. 24:13-35, Mt.28:17). The apostles do not find it easy to believe. Their faith develops slowly and uneasily.

Today's gospel passage shows that the apostles are in a state of shock. The Good Friday happenings continue to hunt them. In that atmosphere of wonder, fear, doubt and gloom, Jesus makes an appearance. He breaks in with the words of peace: *Peace be with you!* The peace Jesus communicates is not an uneasy peace of coexistence with the demons of fear, doubt and anxiety. It is not the fragile peace that the world gives. It is the peace of the Resurrected Jesus who has convincingly conquered sin and death. By confronting His disciples with His physical self, he builds their shattered psyche by opening their minds to the sacred scriptures. It is this invincible peace of the Risen Lord that we are all invited to communicate to our world ridden by anxiety. The spiritual journey of the apostles towards faith is the image of what we also have to go through. We too pass through many doubts, uncertainties and fears before we can "see" the Risen Lord. Every time we gather together in prayer and listen to His word, He is among us. Gradually our eyes open up, and we discover that if we die with Him, we will enter with Him into the full life of God. Belief in the Lord's resurrection urges us to radically change our way of thinking and living.

Happy Sunday!

FATHER ALBANUS'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Dear All,

My term as the administrator of our four sister parishes will expire on August 31st. I am not going to have it renewed. It was a very difficult decision for me to take. I have spoken with the Archbishop about this.

I came up with this decision after due and prayerful consideration of various factors top of which is my inner desire to be closer to my mother for a couple of years at this stage of her life.

I understand what this means for these four churches. I am praying that whatever decision to be made in regarding our parishes be such that would satisfy the spiritual and religious longings of our loved parishioners and the glory of God.

Please, continue to pray for me as I plan to make this huge move. May you continue to have great and wonderful Easter celebrations.

Fr Albanus

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.** This will allow all to get home before the 8:00 p.m. curfew.

Cereal Bars: Will discontinue collecting for the school until next year.

Ongoing collections: Pop tabs, used postage stamps, used candles, egg cartons and your donations to the Food Bank.

OLV SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS & USHERS

Date	Lectors	Ushers
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

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Thank you for sharing love this Lenten season!

The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign called you to share love, and you opened your hearts. The money that the parish raised for ***Development and Peace*** will help sustain programs and projects that serve some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Thank you for your generosity.