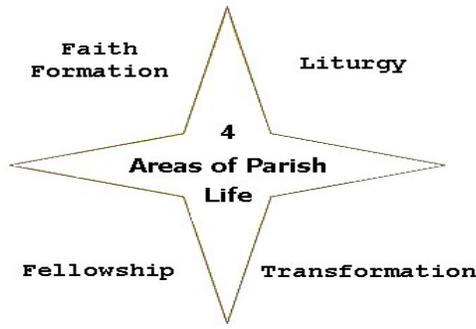




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**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
**MAY 15-16, 2021**

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 6:30 p.m.**

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**MASSES**

Saturday	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. Malachy @ <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Kenny Gaspar</b> by Ellen & Alvin Butler <b>John Sellers (11 year ann.)</b> by Virginia Sellers
Sunday	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Family &amp; Friends</b> by a Parishioner <b>All My Deceased Relatives</b> by Monique Perry <b>Special Intention</b> by Mary Lou Lalonde

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 8-9, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 470.00	\$ 205.00
<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**

## Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

### He Ascended into Heaven!



**First Reading:** Acts 1.1-11  
**Psalm:** God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 1.17-23  
**Gospel:** Mark 16.15-20

Today is Ascension and all the readings describe it. Jesus ascended into His Heavenly glory following His promise of the Holy Spirit to His disciples and the command to them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching. Jesus is still with us: *I am with you always; yes, to the end of time*. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives an account of the event of Ascension. Jesus instructed His apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the “promise of the Father”- the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would empower them to become His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Jesus was taken into the cloud and there appeared two Heavenly messengers who assured them of Jesus’ return in glory. In the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul gives the theological meaning of Jesus’ exaltation. He prays that the Lord may enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know what hope to which He has called us is. As Christians, our great hope is that one day we too will be ascending to heavenly glory as far as we complete our part of the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. We are called to preach the Good News of salvation to the whole world by word and deed.

The Gospel too describes how Jesus ascended into Heaven after giving His final blessing and missionary command to His disciples. He commissioned them to be His witnesses. Our goal in life should be completing Jesus’ mission and the driving force of our lives should be the prospect of sharing the glory of the ascended Jesus. The Ascension of Jesus was the culmination of God’s Divine plan for Christ Jesus. With mission accomplished, Christ was to return to His Father. Though a culmination, the Ascension was not a conclusion. He still remains with us, dwelling with us together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The focus of the Feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ and the Lord’s being “seated at God’s right hand”, meaning that He alone will be in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space and culture. It is there at the “right hand of God”, that Jesus continues to make intercession for all of us with the Father. Hence, the Paschal Mystery – Jesus’ passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit – is a single, unbroken reality, which is to be understood by Faith.

While reading the biblical accounts of the Ascension our focus should be not so much on details of the event as on the mission Jesus gave to His disciples. They are not to be seen as a newspaper account of events. Despite the discrepancy in details, all accounts agree that the Ascension, a real event happening in real time and observed by real people, took place on a mountain. Even regarding the time period of its occurrence, the writers were not aiming at accuracy of historical details but were more concerned with transmitting our Lord’s message. Having been commissioned, the apostles are to tell and retell the story of Jesus’ life, suffering, death and Resurrection, Ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit. They are assured of the assistance of the Holy Spirit..

Brothers and sisters, the mission that Jesus gave is to all the believers, not a select few. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and evangelizer. As we celebrate this Feast of Christ’s return to the Father, we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace by the witness of our lives. On this day we need to renew our commitment to be the disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish. All baptized people no matter our position in the Church are agents of evangelization. Happy Ascension!

## 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.

**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
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Greg	Ken & Nancy



### MAY - THE MONTH OF MARY

Of all creation, Mary has an entirely unique relationship with the Holy Trinity. She is Daughter to the Father, Spouse to the Holy Spirit, and Mother of the Son.

### **Not Everything is Cancelled” During COVID-19**

Not everything is cancelled...  
Sun is not cancelled  
Spring is not cancelled  
Relationships are not cancelled  
Love is not cancelled  
Reading is not cancelled  
Devotion is not cancelled  
Music is not cancelled  
Imagination is not cancelled  
Kindness is not cancelled  
Conversations are not cancelled  
Hope is not cancelled  
And God’s love for HIS people is never cancelled.