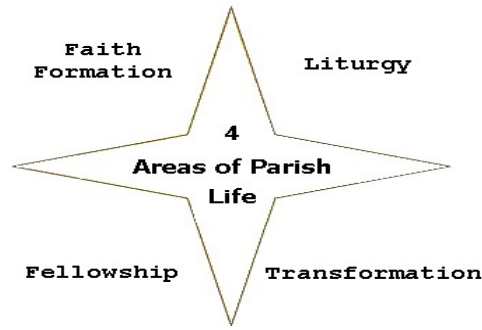




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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 22-23, 2021

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

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MASSES

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| Saturday | May 29 th | St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m. | Kenny Gaspar by Cheryl & Peter Cameron |
| Sunday | May 30 th | OLV @ 9:00 a.m. | Clifford Daly by Regis Lemieux Allen Teske by Isabel Laframboise |

| WEEKLY RECEIPTS | OLV | ST. MALACHY |
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| May 15-16, 2021 - Sunday Offering | \$ 470.00 | \$ 215.00 |
| May 15-16, 2021 - Papal Charities | 105.00 | 45.00 |
| <i>Thank you for your contributions</i> | | |

Update – Departure of Father Albanus

Dear brothers and sisters, for some reasons I will be going earlier than I have originally thought. I leave on 16th June 2021 from Montreal. I have already spoken with the Archbishop regarding this adjustment. Thank you all for your understanding. *Fr Al*

Pentecost

Pentecost like Easter, is a major feast inherited from ancient Israel's liturgical calendar. The Greek word for it, meaning "fiftieth (day)", refers to the span of days between Passover and Pentecost. It was originally an agricultural feast celebrating the first fruits of harvest. It soon took a deeper meaning in Judaism relating to the history of salvation and became the feast commemorating the gift of Torah at Mount Sinai. Just as ancient Israel fully became God's people through the gift of Torah and the covenant made at Mount Sinai, so the Church, the New Israel, gets its full stature at Pentecost with the gift of the Spirit.

In the last seven weeks, we have focused on the foundational and central mystery of Christianity: the Resurrection of the Lord. Jesus remains with us until the end of time (Matthew 28:20), although not physically.

- Do we believe that the Spirit of Pentecost is still at work in the Church and in the world?
- What has become of the fire kindled by the Spirit?
- Of the boldness and the freedom that we could see at work in the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

Fifty years ago, Pope John XXIII prayed that Vatican II be "a new Pentecost and a new Spirit in the Church." Let us welcome the Spirit to create in us a new heart and set the world ablaze with love. (article in Celebrate!, Spring 2012, by Jean-Pierre Prévost)

Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Receive the Holy Spirit; Receive and Use the Gifts!

First Reading: Acts 2.1-11
Psalm: Lord, send forth your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13
Gospel: John 15.26-27; 16,12-15

Pentecost literally means fiftieth. It is a feast celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Passover feast of the Jews and a feast celebrated on the fiftieth day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus (the New Passover) by Christians. The Jews celebrated it as the commemoration of the arrival of the Israelites at Mount Sinai and the receiving of the Law by Moses on their behalf. The Israelites celebrated it to thank God for having chosen them and giving them the Law to guide their lives. Despite the Law the old Israel did not always produce good fruits. For us Christians, Pentecost marks the end and the goal of Easter season. It is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The disciples needed this Power to be with them in the 'absence' of Jesus. There are times when we are asked to do something for which we feel entirely unqualified. The readings of last Sunday (Ascension) challenged us to take the good news to the whole world. Lest such a task seem beyond the power of the disciples, Jesus asked them to wait until the Spirit came. That is what we celebrate today, the descent of this power from on high.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes this event. The disciples had a powerful wind from heaven and then *'divided tongues as of fire appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them.'* The disciples all *'began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability.'* By saying that the disciples received the Holy Spirit on the Pentecost, St. Luke is teaching us that for us Christians, the Spirit has substituted the new Law for that of Moses. That new Law is the Law of the Spirit. It is the new heart, the life of God, which once it enters a person, transforms and changes that person into one capable of producing spontaneously the work of God. When one is filled with the Holy Spirit, something never heard of before begins to take place in one's life; one loves with the same love as God loves. One does not need anyone to teach them (1Jn:3, 9). The Spirit is now the only Law of Christians. Through the Spirit, the disciples now possessed the power and the ability to share the good news with all the nations of the world.

In the second reading, St. Paul explains what the Holy Spirit does for us. First, He enables us to say, *"Jesus is Lord."* Only with the help of the Spirit can we come to realize and acknowledge that Jesus is indeed God. We cannot on our own arrive at that truth. Paul then describes the varieties of gifts given by the same Lord. *'To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.'* Hence, the Holy Spirit facilitates and coordinates all the activities of Christians so that they can accomplish God's purpose for the world. The Spirit is not shy of difference, but is free to deal with people as individuals. Variety is the emphasis! It is not that our differences are stifled by the Spirit; rather our differences are funded by the Spirit who works not to standardize everyone, but to make variety His mark. Our task is to discover how the Spirit has gifted us in individual ways, and to appreciate the Spirit's different gifts in other people.

The Gospel adds another dimension to what the Holy Spirit gives us. Appearing to His disciples, Jesus says: *"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."* Through the Holy Spirit the Church possesses the power to forgive sin. As Christians it behooves us to forgive and heal one another. We too often forget that we have this power. Remember! The disciples locked themselves up out of fear before Jesus appeared. We can literally say that it was fear that has gathered them together. However, John the evangelist shows us that there is an exit from this paralyzing fear through the peace that Jesus brings. *"Peace be with you."* As the risen Jesus breathes on them, the disciples breathe in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the breath they take on that Easter Sunday evening, the breath that gives them all new heart. The response to the Psalm says: *"Lord send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."* Thus, only in the gift of the Spirit is fear changed into freedom. Only in the Spirit are the disciples empowered to understand the past anew and see the future with hope. The Holy Spirit is the exit from the hopelessness of being locked into a cruel and fearful past. Through the Holy Spirit the disciples will reach all the people trapped in the hopelessness of their own lives. They are commissioned to share this new Spirit with myriad people whose lives are hell without the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete (Comforter, Helper, Encourager or Enabler). He works quietly in us and through us every day behind the scenes, in the basic activities of our lives and the lives of the people around us. He is quietly at work: in our taking on responsibilities that we once thought beyond us; in our refusing to let the greed of society take over our soul; in our giving thanks always even though times have been hard; in our rising above past failures and putting past hurts behind us; in our finding a central core of peace in the midst of turmoil like this time; in an adult patiently teaching a child self-esteem and self-control; in the person sitting quietly beside a hospital bed; in a parent praying for a troubled son or daughter. The Spirit calls us to repentance, to turn our lives around; He calls us to Faith and to take up our cross and follow Jesus. However we look at the Holy Spirit, He is always our Helper, always helping us to be what God made us to be. He helps us to be truly great, namely, to be servants to one another. Likewise the Spirit promotes Jesus in our lives; He gathers us around the cross of Jesus; He changes our lives, helping us to be more patient and forgiving, to seek new beginnings in our relationships with one another and to let the power of God's love have the final say over the conflicts we get into. He is available to us every moment of every day as we face the choices between self-centeredness and being the God-centered people the Spirit has called us to be in Christ. Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:" [Cardinal Newman was beatified September 19, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI.]

***“Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love.
AMEN.”***

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

Mayo Masses: Beginning May 29th mass will return to 7:00 p.m.

| OLV SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS & USHERS | | |
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| Date | Lectors | Ushers |
| May 30 th | Greg | Ken & Nancy |
| June 6 th | Linda R. | Lyal & Gail |
| June 13 th | Diane | Ken & Nancy |
| June 20 th | Linda C. | Lyal & Gail |
| June 27 th | Virginia | Ken & Nancy |

Food Drive

Nancy Carriere and Joann Kearnan will be hosting the 2nd annual spring food drive in aid of La Mie de l'Entraide.

Date: May 29th, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Gaetan-Brunet Park at the corner of Route 315 and Murphy Road, Mayo.

To receive your donations, 2 trucks will be available at the Park. During this time of social distancing, we ask that you place your donations in the back of one of these trucks or we will gladly remove the items from your car trunk for you. Once all donations have been collected we will deliver them to La Mie de l'Entraide on Joseph Street in Buckingham. They are currently short on canned meats and soup, small peanut butter jars, sugar, flour, treats, etc. In addition, they mentioned donations such as, toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers (size 4,5,6) laundry soap, etc. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Should you wish to make a monetary donation, place your cash or cheque for La mie de l'entraide in a sealed envelope with your name and address inside so that a tax receipt can be issued. Or you may wish to mail your donation directly to La mie de l'entraide at 129 Rue Joseph, Gatineau, QC J8L 1G1.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.