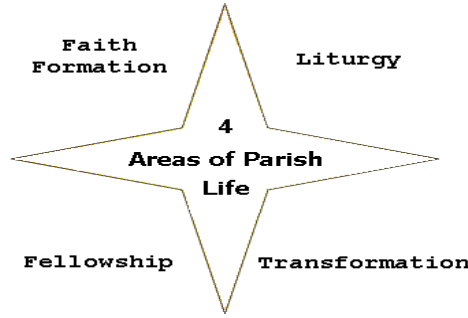




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**28th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 13 - 14, 2018**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Oct. 18 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Oct. 20 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Nora Somers by Catherine McFaul & Family
Sunday	Oct. 21 st	OLV @ 9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Casey Family by Philip & Dorothy Ann Casey Larry Cameron by Isabel & Tom Laframboise Linda Allen by The Walking Stars Muriel Cowan by Peter & Penny Dunlop

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 6 - 7 - Sunday Collection	\$528.00	\$246.10
Oct. 5 - 7 - Support	333.00	160.00
Oct. 5 - 7 - Donation		50.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop October, 2018

“Let us pray for the bishops, gathered in Rome around Pope Francis from the 3rd to the 28th of October, for the Synod of bishops 2018: “Young people, faith and vocational discernment.” That any direction taken meet the challenges, the concerns and the dreams of young people and reach them in their current reality to foster a meaningful involvement in the Church.”

Question I ask myself: 14 - 21 OCTOBER: WORLD MISSION WEEK/ THEME: “Together bold enough to be missionaries.” Do I feel concerned by this theme? I select a way of implementing it.

FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY

Christianity: A Radical Choice

Today's readings ask us to give absolute and unconditional priority to God rather than to "things" in our choices. In life, we are faced with many choices. Many are the things that attract us, and we cannot have them all. To choose some means that we have to renounce others. The **first reading** advises us to use God-given virtue of prudence and to seek true wisdom rather than fleeting realities. It makes reference to the choice of Solomon (1Kgs 3:4-15). He could have asked for gold, health, power and strength; instead he asked for wisdom. He preferred it to every other gift. All treasures and things are nothing compared with the wisdom of God. To choose wisdom is to receive every other thing. Wisdom is not incompatible with the joys and satisfactions of life; it is rather the source of them all. A wise person, who chooses things according to the plan of God, loses nothing and gains all. Since Jesus is Wisdom Incarnate, when as Christians we choose following Jesus ahead of everything else, we receive everything else along with Jesus. We find happiness when we choose wisely, otherwise we become unhappy.

The **second reading** tells us that the word of God is like a double-edged sword that penetrates deeply and uncovers all that is hidden in human beings. It warns us that we are accountable before God as to how we use our blessings. The living and effective word of God must be our guide in evaluating the use of our blessings; it forces us to take radical decisions. The word of God is alive and active: once it leaves the mouth of the Lord, it produces its effect (cf. Is. 55:10-11). The word of God is also incisive and penetrating. Like a very sharp sword it penetrates the most intimate part of the soul of the listener. Hence, the word that does not disturb our peace, that does not question our bad habits, and that does not transform our communities, cannot be the word of God. In the **Gospel**, Jesus asks the rich young man to make a very committed and important choice: either follow Him, giving up all his riches, or keep his goods and lose Him. The man's enormous wealth was his sure security and it greatly enhanced his power and status in the society. By asking the man to part with entire wealth, Jesus is challenging him to opt out of his comfortable easy lifestyle and firmly entrenched class position. In doing so the man makes himself vulnerable for the sake of the kingdom.

Jesus is always challenging us too with His word. It challenges particularly the rich who have a vested interest in the system. A radical option for the kingdom requires us to opt out of our class security since wealth can be a possible obstacle to following Jesus. To be noted is that the demand by Jesus is not just a matter of giving out something in alms; everything must be given up. In choosing Jesus, nothing in us should be left out. It is either everything or nothing. He does not admit of half measures! Jesus, however, does not condemn riches but the selfish accumulation of them. The Christian ideal is not poverty, hunger and nakedness but the fraternal sharing of all the goods that God has made for all. It is not a sin to become rich; the sin lies in being rich all alone. The rich man in the Gospel prefers to keep his wealth and does not have the courage to accept the ideal proposed by Jesus and goes away sad. We need to accept the invitation to generous sharing. Jesus was so generous that He gave us His very self. Like Him, we should have the desire in our heart to give. Each of us has something in our life that serves as a major obstacle to happiness and peace, to holiness. It may be anger, grudges, addictions, lust, apathy, lies, infidelity, etc. God invites us today to make a radical choice, to make effort to remove that. **Happy Sunday!**

WORLD MISSION MONTH

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday.

Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission.

On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world.

Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church's mission.

Your donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and train seminarians and religious Brothers and Sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Pacific Island and some of our Canadian dioceses.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Best wishes: Our thoughts are with *Mary Lou and Allen Lalonde* as they celebrate their *50th Wedding Anniversary* on Thursday, October 18. God Bless!

Cereal Bar Drive: Next Sunday a basket will be present for your donation to our children at Buckingham Elementary School for their breakfast program.

Christmas Tea: *Thanks to all who volunteered for all other jobs. The BRIC-BRAC Table is the only position that is open. Anybody interested? Tell Susan or Monique.*

Used Stamps: Did you know that one cancelled stamp can help feed a child for a day? Support The Redemptorist Mission Stamp Bursary by bringing your used stamps and placing them in the specially marked boxes on each side at the top of the stairs.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Andrew's United Church: Please join us on **Saturday, October 20** from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** for our **Book Sale and Coffee and Treat Bar.**

Final 2018 Event: Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre Final event for the 2018 Season October 28, 2018 (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Wine and Cheese and Exhibit of Robert Emile Fortin and Lynne Zentner's art works at Kent and Mary Browne's Cottage at Long Lake. Tickets: \$20/person and available by calling Brenda Miller at 819 986 -7358. All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre.



At every weekend mass at Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy, offerings are brought up to the altar. Do you know what we do with the food collected? The non-perishable food is delivered to the local food bank, *La mie de l'entraide*.

If everyone donated just one (1) non-perishable from our cupboards every week, what a beautiful gesture that would be from our two parishes!

THANKS FOR CARING AND SHARING!