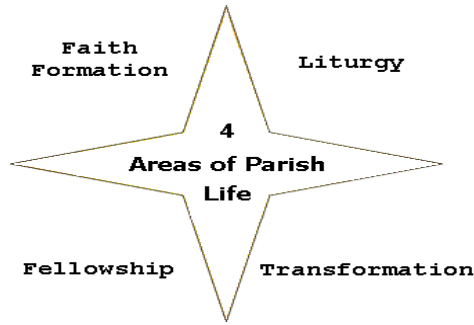




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**THE TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15 - 16, 2016**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Reading I Exodus: 17.8-13
Responsorial Psalm Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Reading II 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.2
Gospel Luke 18.1- 8

Lord, you puzzle me. I hear you telling me to persist, I hear you say, "God will quickly grant justice." But then I think of good people suffering, of children dying, of Jews in Auschwitz, still singing the psalms as they walked into the gas chambers. Surely there are times when you delay in helping us.

At times like this I turn to the memory of your passion and your agonized prayer in the garden. You have faced a dark and apparently empty heaven, yet stayed faithful. Keep me with you.

MASSES

Thursday	Oct. 20 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Saturday	Oct. 22 nd	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	David Murphy by the Murphy Family Rupert McCoy and Deceased Members of the McCoy Family by the Estate
Sunday	Oct. 23 rd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Kay Lemieux by the Community Cathy Stanyar Dubé (10th ann.) by the Family Gladys French (1st ann.) by the Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 8 - 9, 2016 - Sunday		\$330.00

THE ARCHBISHOP'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 2016

“Let us pray that each country has the concern of equitable sharing in the common good, and that World Mission Day renews in every Christian community the joy and responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel.”

Questioning Ourselves: Sunday, October 16th, 2016: Tomorrow, World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty, what can I do so that there is less poverty in my environment? I can read about Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World, and include information on movement and initiative suggested for this day.

Sacramental Preparation

Anyone wishing to enrol children or youth in sacramental preparation (Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation), please notify the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763. **You will be notified of an introductory meeting at a later date.**

Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Consistency in Prayer

Today's readings centre on prayer. They speak about perseverance in prayer, consistency in prayer and trust in God as we pray. They also speak about the justice of God that reaches out to the poor and weak enabling them to fight against injustice. In the first reading, Moses makes tireless intercession with consistency for the victory of Israelites in the war. As long as Moses keeps his arms raised, the Israelites do well, but when his arms lower, his army seems to be losing. Moses therefore “stays with his prayer” until the enemy is defeated. His persistence spells military victory for Israel. St Paul, in the second reading, tells Timothy to persevere in his ministry; to proclaim the word of God with persistence in all circumstances and to use it to “*teach, reprove, correct and train in righteousness.*” Jesus' parable of the unjust judge and the persistent widow emphasizes the “necessity of praying always and not losing heart.” Consistency in prayer is Faith in action. The widow is a model of trust and tenacity for Christians.

Jesus, by this gospel, is not comparing God to the unjust judge thereby suggesting that he answers prayer only to avoid being bothered. The point being made by Jesus is that if a godless judge can restore justice to a person persistently pleading for redress, how much more will a God of justice surely act in favour of those who plead unceasingly with their hearts. In an age accustomed to instant coffee and instant results, we are impatient with what appears to be an endless delay. To be noted, however, is that the values we cherish are not instantly available. Values like peace and justice take time to establish. The danger is that we give up too quickly. Persistence is needed: we have to invest our time in what we believe.

Brothers and sisters, we need to combine formal prayers with active prayers. Our formal, liturgical prayers are important. Our personal prayers are important too. But bringing ourselves into God's presence during our works several times in the course of our day is also needed. There is a Latin adage *laborare est orare* (to work is to pray). A consistent commitment to good in carrying out our daily duties is prayer of a sort; a very important one for that matter. A combination of formal prayers and prayers in action (active prayers) enables us to pray always and pray with consistency and trusting perseverance.

Finally, we have to realize that God does not write a blank check, thereby guaranteeing whatever we want in whatever form, that we ask for. He knows what we need, when we need it and how to give it. Sincere and persistent prayer makes us ready to accept his will. Such prayer reshapes our hearts to God's original design. Such prayer does not change God; instead it changes us. Prayer must become like eating and breathing. We have to eat daily. We also have to take breaths always.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is *World Mission Sunday*. Every parish across the world will celebrate this unique Sunday. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and Mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. Please be as generous as possible to the collection for the Propagation of the Faith, for more than 1200 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and some of our Canadian dioceses that depend on the *World Mission* collection. As agreed by the Holy See and the Bishops of Canada, a portion of the Canadian contribution assists six mission dioceses in Northern Canada. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

Clarification for OLV envelope holders: Due to an administrative error, the OLV collection envelope for the Propagation of Faith (World Mission Sunday) is dated October 16 while the official date is October 23.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Teske. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

Harvest Supper: Tickets for both the supper and raffle tickets for a painting are now on sale. Mark your calendar for our Harvest Supper on **Friday, October 28th** sponsored by both our parishes.

When we act together, change is possible!



Over the last 50 years, ***Development and Peace*** has had many achievements: 15,000 projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East; more than 3.5 million signatures sent to the Canadian government for greater justice; committed members across the country working for change; and a worldwide presence through national and international networks, such as Kairos and Caritas.

Join the movement! Take action for justice by becoming a member of ***Development and Peace*** or by signing the Action Card that will be distributed next week. In order to be prepared to sign the Action Card, read the stories found in the Action Sheet inserted with this bulletin.