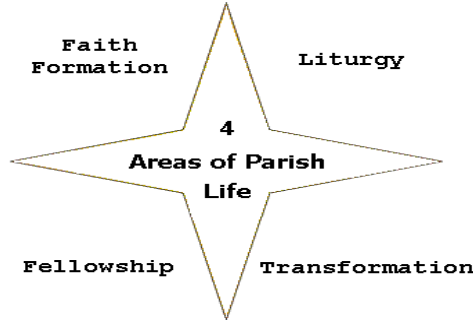




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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 26 – 27, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Saturday	Sept. 2nd	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Linda & George Roos by Ginny Roos Edmay Baulne (6th ann) by Richard & Rachel
Sunday	Sept. 3rd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bride Martin by Nancy Pearson The Lotz Family & Friends by Mrs. Lotz Alma Miller by Val & Lewis Rowe Augustine Okafor by Tom & Isabel Laframboise

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
August 12 - 13, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$266.00	\$235.00
August 19 - 20, 2017 - Sunday Collection	770.00	360.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop August 2017

Reflections Sunday, August 27, 2017: I dare stand beside priests, members of religious orders and the faithful who must all the time justify their Christian commitment.

HISTORY OF OLV

Father Donald Jeffrey, a member of the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, became our pastor in 1987. His spiritual guidance helped us all to better our Christian lives

Many will remember Father singing "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" on Good Friday and the celebration of Holy Saturday, which included many hours of decorating the sanctuary! It was during this time, after many meetings and much discussion, that the first Mardi Gras dance was held in the parish hall. Father Jeffrey arrived dressed as Uncle Sam. Father loved to sing and, on occasion, he sang a song or two with the band at the parish dances.

It was under Father's guidance that OLV celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1992. Many former parishioners returned to celebrate this joyous event. Father Jeffrey remained with us until 1993.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Source of All Authority

The main theme of all three readings is that God is the Source of all authority. God shares His authority with elected civil rulers to serve the people and with the Pope and the other Church leaders for the material and spiritual welfare of His children. The **first reading** describes the authority given to Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah. This was during the reign of King Hezekiah Shebna; the former prime minister was proud and cheated and so was removed and replaced with the humble and faithful Eliakim. Eliakim was decorated with the robe, the sash and had the key of the house of David placed on his shoulders. These are the insignia of his office. To receive the keys meant to have full power in the place of the king, authority to administer his property and to decide who was to be received and who should be kept out of the palace. His authority is described as "he shall be father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah." His is not like the power of the selfish politicians. It is not an authority to do and impose what one likes and even less a right to receive honours and privileges. It rather consists in being like a father ever ready to sacrifice for his children.

This **second reading** prepares us for the Gospel where we are told that Jesus gave the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to Peter, the first Pope. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 138), David thanks God for having raised him from lowly origins and given him authority as king over the people of Israel. In the second reading, St. Paul praises God for the depth of His wisdom and knowledge and correct judgments, and asserts that He is the Source of all authority on earth and in Heaven.

The **Gospel** presents Peter's confession of faith in Jesus, the Son of God and Messiah and Jesus' conferral of teaching and ruling authority in the Church, to Peter. Peter as we know is first in all the lists of the apostles. He is the spokesman for the apostolic college and their acknowledged ruler. Peter's name is changed from Simon to "Peter," a name which means "Rock" (from Aramaic 'Cephas' and Greek 'Petros'). He says, "on this rock, I will build my Church." Jesus is here referring to the faith in Him that Peter has professed. This faith constitutes the solid foundation of the Church. It makes it invincible and capable of dominating the forces that may rise against it forever. All those who, like Peter, will profess the faith in Christ-Jesus Son of the living God, are becoming part of this solid building that will never fall. The "gates of the underworld" refers to the forces of evil, what is contrary to the life and wellbeing of humans and is not to be understood in the material sense. Nothing can stop the Church that believes firmly in Christ from accomplishing its mission of salvation.

The teaching authority (magisterium) is established by Jesus to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the church members. Jesus says "I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven." Like Eliakim, Peter is given the keys too. By this, He gives Peter and his successors the power to 'bind and loose' which means the power to make laws and exercise authority in the Church, and the assurance that their decisions will be ratified in Heaven. The Petrine authority however does not consist in having privileges and honours nor does it have the similarity with that of the political leaders and kings. Peter is to function as the great unifier, the one who holds the different factions together to live up to the name of "rock." The best way to describe the ministry of the Pope comes from St Irenaeus of Lyons who called the bishop of Rome, 'the one who presides over charity.' **Happy Sunday.**

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada would like to express its profound gratitude to Canadians across the country who rallied to donate \$2.5 Million to **Development and Peace**, of which \$1.3 M is eligible to be matched by the Government of Canada for its Famine Relief fund. This fund will be used for humanitarian aid in response to the severe food crisis happening in parts of East and West Africa and Yemen. **Development and Peace** is supporting projects in these countries that are bringing much-needed aid to thousands of those affected. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE: By phone** at 1-888-664-3387 **By text** – using your cell phone, send a text message with the word PEACE to 45678 to donate \$10 to **Development and Peace**. **By mail** to: 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. W, 3rd Floor, Montreal QC H3G 1T7. For more information about **Development and Peace**, go to: <https://www.devp.org/en/famine-relief-fund>

Cemetery Services: Instead of a morning mass celebration, it has been decided to have a Liturgy of the Word Celebration which will be held on **Sunday, September 10th at 1:30 pm.** at the St. Grégoire Cemetery. The Sunday morning mass celebrations will be held as usual at St-Grégoire at 9:30 am and at St. Luc at 11:00 am. In case of rain, the Cemetery Celebration will take place in the St-Grégoire church.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

OLV 75th Anniversary- Picnic: Scheduled for Saturday, **September 9th** from 2:00 - 6:00 pm. *All present and past parishioners from OLV and St. Malachy are invited to this event.*

Activities will be as follows:

Church hall: Live music with tables & chairs (already set up).

Outside: Activities for children & adults.

Tickets will be sold for a 50/50 draw - 3 tickets for \$5.00 and 1 ticket for \$2.00

Bring your own chair for outside activities.

This is an alcohol-free event with coffee, tea, soft drinks and juice available.

Corn-on-the-cob and hot dogs will be served. **EVENT IS FREE!**

The Committee is hopeful that parishioners will enthusiastically support this community event and encourage their children and grand-children to attend.

Our Lady of Knock Pilgrimage: What a fitting tribute to Our Mother on Her Feast of the Assumption. To clergy, parishioners, former parishioners, family, friends and guests, thank you for your participation. An event such as this could not have been realized without the helping hands of many volunteers, too numerous to mention, who helped prepare and were involved in the religious events, those who cleaned, set up and take down, worked in the various booths, donations of food, traffic control, use of property for parking, sound system, delivery of picnic tables and awning. May Mother Mary and her Son, Jesus, continue to bless and watch over us.

OLV Christmas Tea: Would you like to convene our Christmas Tea? Please contact the parish secretary. There is a manual on the procedures to help you understand your role.

Update from the Just Equipping Team: Pierre and I are in Canada for the summer and enjoying our little old house in Gatineau. Our hearts, however, are very much still in the Great Lakes region of Africa, as the challenges there abound!

The Rwanda team has been doing a fabulous job working with the elderly and sick 'génocidaires' in the Rubavu Prison. We have had great joy meeting with small groups of about 35 of them at a time. We sing, share and pray together. Then we do our exercises, which is hilarious, always wondering which of us will topple over first.

Chaplains Fine, Nelson and Kizungu have handed out several hundred pieces of warm clothing to the very frail, who are cold at night. Many have only this contact with the outside world. As they are slowly released back into their communities after many years, the chaplaincy team has occasionally been able to pave the way for their re-integration, meeting with family and others, facilitating reconciliation opportunities and arranging for and accompanying them on the ride home. This is an emotional, intensive and expensive undertaking. We are thankful to be a small part of it.

This week the team in Goma RDC, were witness to a horrific event. A fire was set in the part of the Musenze Prison housing the women and juveniles with whom Simeon and his team work regularly. The cause appears to have been mounting despair at not receiving food for up to four days. The conditions are disastrous, and we ask for your prayers for the chaplains as they try to figure out what to do next in what seems like an impossible situation.

Jean Bosco amazingly has been able to visit all the Burundi prisons again this month. It is extremely difficult to find transportation money and food contributions to bring to each institution, but God has protected him and his team and we are so grateful for their faithfulness.

We had hoped to bring 5 team leaders to Canada this fall for a short program. Four were refused visas by Immigration Canada - with no recourse. So Chaplain Fine (Ms Delphine Furaha) will come alone in September. We want this trip to be a time of much needed rest, encouragement and renewal for her. (She is very excited and nervous - first time away!).

Thank you for allowing us to share these few snippets of real life with you - in all their horribleness and joy because of God's grace and your support.

Judy