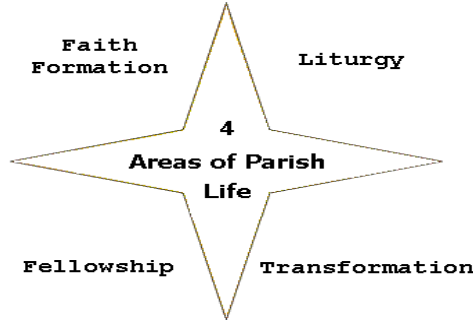




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22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 2 - 3, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Sept. 7 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate Mary Doherty by Family & Friends
Saturday	Sept. 9 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	For all the Holy Souls by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Sept. 10 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Norma Cullen by The McFall Family Mass of Thanksgiving by A Parishioner Buddy Ryan by Family & Friends The Laframboise Family & Mary Elizabeth Laframboise by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
August 26 - 27, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$493.00	\$217.00
August 26 - 27, 2017 - Fuel Collection	240.00	142.00

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>

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Messiahship and Discipleship

Today's liturgy calls us to reflect on messiahship and discipleship. Christians are called to live their lives in a different way from others around them. Christian discipleship demands honesty, the willingness to suffer ("*take up your cross*"), generosity ("*to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God*"), and readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love. In the first reading, we see the Prophet Jeremiah, the prototype of the Suffering Christ.

The Prophet lives at a period of worsening political and religious situation under King Jehoiakim. There are unhealthy alliances, injustice, misappropriation of resources as well as religious externalism and concomitant lack of conversion of hearts and respect for the law of God. God therefore calls Jeremiah to warn the people. His words not only fall on deaf ears, but also arouse persecution against him. Due to his suffering, the prophet accuses God of tricking him and offers us a powerful description of someone suffering for obedience to his conscience. He feels abandoned by God and alone, an object of scorn and violence. In despair, he threatens to not speak in the name of God any more. Jeremiah is an archetype of those who carry out special mission in God's name. Like Jeremiah, God does not promise us an easy life without sufferings and persecutions. But we need to be steadfast knowing that with God we will emerge victorious like Christ.

In the second reading, Paul advises the Christians not to model themselves on the behaviour of the world around them. Christians must rather adopt an attitude of sacrifice in the worship of God. He urges "*Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice*" to God and "*discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect*" and do it even if it is not pleasing to human taste. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains what Messiahship and discipleship really mean. He prepares his disciples for His approaching ordeal in Jerusalem which is necessary because it is according to the will of God made known through prophecies. Like Jeremiah, Jesus has to face the stark truth that His relationship with His Father involves personal anguish and suffering and rejection and will lead eventual death.

Peter is frankly appalled by Jesus' statements and cannot accept the idea that the Messiah will be humiliated as the rabbis have taught the opposite. Having made a beautiful declaration that Jesus is the Christ, a title associated with victory and glory, Peter now denies that Jesus must suffer. He wants to remove suffering from the agenda. Jesus rebukes him, "*Get behind me, Satan.*" This is to nullify the temptation to Him to shrink from the work for which He had come. To really understand Jesus means to understand the cross. Peter here portrays himself in the light of a tempter; his ambition and desires belong to the realm of Satan, according to Jesus. Peter is moving in the direction exactly opposite to the plan of God; his proposal is according to the logic of man. This is in contrast to his role in last Sunday's Gospel. While in the Gospel of last Sunday Peter as one inspired by the Father accepts His plan of salvation by professing his faith in Jesus and so becomes a living stone of the Church, in today's Gospel he keeps thinking according to the logic of man and harbor thoughts of overpowering the enemies and similar ways of establishing God's kingdom and becomes a stone that is an obstacle in the path. The Christ of Peter's dream is all glory and prestige, untouched by vulnerable humanity.

Jesus therefore gives the conditions for those who want to follow Him. They must choose the way of the cross and self-immolation. To follow Him, one must give up personal ambition and selfishness and be aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters. The disciples must carry the cross with Jesus; that is, they must always follow the same path as Jesus did, live His ideals and accept being persecuted or ignored in order to remain faithful to the Gospel. To find life, we must have the courage to do as Jesus did: lose it for our brothers and sisters. This life is transient. The only thing a person takes with him/her at the end of life is the love s/he was able to give.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers & Sympathy: Pray for the repose of the soul of Evelyn Robitaille whose funeral was on Saturday, September 2 at OLV. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

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.

OLV 75th Anniversary-Community Gathering

Saturday, September 9th from 2 - 6 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).
- Various musicians such as Phil Casey, Francois (Pit Plouffe) and other surprise guests will be on hand to set our toes-a-tapping and a dance floor to show off your moves.

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

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!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Lady of Light Cultural Association – The OLLCA will be holding a quilt exhibition, corn roast and family fun day on **September 10, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. A beautiful array of handmade quilts made by crafters from the surrounding area will be showcased inside the OLLC Centre, 6458, Route 315, Mulgrave & Derry. Admission is free but donations can be made to the OLLC Centre.

The corn roast will begin at 12:00. Hotdogs and hamburgers will also be served. Fun activities for the young and old will take place throughout the afternoon. There will also be a bake sale – donated baked goods would be greatly appreciated.

Garage Sale: Our Lady of the Annunciation Annual Parish, 189 Achambault St., Gatineau (Hull Sector). Saturday, **September 9th, 2017, 8:00 am-2:00 pm**.. Household items, baking goods, jewellery, toys, Christmas items, plants and books. Hot dogs and drinks for sale outside. To donate goods or for further information, please call: 819-771-4613 or 819-777-8825.

Clothing Requests: The charitable organization who rents space in the OLV Rectory – **Just Equipping** – is looking for clothing for **men and women**. Requirements: washable fleeces like hoodies, jogging pants, gym pants, fall jackets, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, socks and underwear. These can be dropped off at OLV during the secretary's office hours. ALSO

SUITCASES NEEDED: **large lightweight. All donations will be accepted no later than September 13.** This will give them time to sort and pack the donations. **Please bring to church office.**

HISTORY OF OLV

Following the departure of Father Donald Jeffrey in 1993, our parish would be led by a Pastoral team: Father Don MacLellan, Father Bob Smith, Sister Sheila and Sister Regina.

This team believed that parishioners should be involved in their parish. Various faith sessions were held in the evenings, with particular emphasis on better understanding our religion. A youth choir was formed. One memorable occasion was a children's Mass, which included puppets during the sermon!

Father Don was very knowledgeable when it came to computers and the OLV/St. Malachy parish office entered the electronic age with its first computer. Because of serious health challenges, Father Don was forced to leave in 1995.

The team was replaced by Father Lomer J. Rooney. Many will remember Father Lomer as a great speaker. His sermons were given in the center aisle of the church and usually contained a few jokes. Unfortunately, Father Lomer had to leave us that same year because of poor health.

Our Parish was to be without a permanent Pastor for the next two years. Priests, who were taking courses at St. Paul University, said Masses on the weekends. During this period, we were very fortunate to have two local priests, Father Yvan Robitaille and Father Andre Fortin, who rearranged their schedules on many occasions so that they could help us by presiding at funerals.