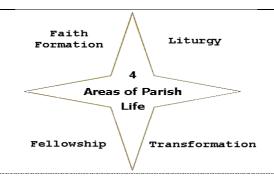


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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 11 - 12, 2017



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Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Nov. 16 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate	
Saturday	Nov. 18 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Augustine Okafor by Ann & Bill Price	
Sunday	Nov. 19 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Ted Batty by Isabel & Tom Laframboise Brulé & Charbonneau Families by Nicole Evelyn Robitaille by Val, Lewis & Family The Laframboise Family & Mary Elizabeth Laframboise by The Estate	

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
November 4 -5, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$645.00	\$206.00
November 4 -5, 2017 - Support	419.00	241.00
November 4 -5, 2017 - Missionary Bishops & Societies	220.00	

The Archbishop's Monthly Intentions: November 2017

"Let us pray for the countless poor we are meeting every day, that we become more aware of human destitution and that, like Jesus, we strive to give them a hand and or help them restore their dignity"

Questioning ourselves: I try to identify a helpless person when I walk in the neighborhood; or take part in various activities. I try to make contact with her/him. If I determine her/him needs, I may refer her/his to an agency which would respond to those needs.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Always Get Enough Oil Ready

Today's readings warn us concerning the preparation for the end of our world, the end of our time and our passage to another world. They speak about vigilance. In the first reading, the author offers us Wisdom, personified as a woman. Writing to the dispersed Jews, the author wants his fellow Jews to seek wisdom and learn from it. Wisdom is a Divine gift that will not elude the one that seeks it sincerely. He therefore advises his fellow Jews to be faithful to the ancestral religion which amounts to seeking Divine wisdom despite the hostile environment. The Jews must therefore live their lives in strict conformity with the Divine wisdom given to them so generously by God. The message of this reading in one word is: God willingly reveals Himself, but mysteriously, in His own way, according to His own timetable. God can be found, but only by those who never give up the search, yet patiently await His initiative.

In the second reading, St Paul, writing to the early Christians expecting the imminent return of Jesus, tells them to be vigilant in order not to miss His return. He writes to respond to their fears and questions about those who die before the Parousia: will the few Christians who die in this short period somehow miss out on the benefits of Jesus' return? They will not, according to Paul, because what God has wrought in the death and resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who have "fallen asleep". Paul wants them and us to believe in what the Lord has done for us and not to fret. Only the alert and vigilant can experience God coming in their lives, not those who are asleep to the present. The Gospel continues the theme of end times and the second coming of Christ. In the parable of the wise and the foolish virgins Jesus illustrates teachings about the coming of the kingdom. Like the other parables in Mt 25 and 26, this parable finds pointed application for the waiting faithful in the early Church as they come to terms with an unexpected delay in the Parousia (the second coming of Christ) which most expected in their own time.

The ten virgins symbolize the Church awaiting the Messianic time. The vigilant among her members are attentive to the essential things while the foolish think about everything except what is important in life. The foolish girls are interested in their dresses, jewels, perfumes, hairstyle, but forget the most essential thing: the oil. Oil stands for our personal relationship with God. In Scripture, it is often used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit; it stands for character and Christian values which we cannot borrow or buy the foolish virgins' choice. It stands for spiritual capital, all that we build up by good works (concern for the needy and acts of justice). It symbolizes Christian Faith. It includes the spirit of reconciliation with the others and a willingness to share our lives and its blessings with others. Oil refers to faithful and obedient discipleship as defined by the Gospel. We should not lose our heads over the things of this world (money, feasts, pleasure, status, etc.) and forget doing something serious and durable in life. It is true that God will always find a way to save a person, but in the end each person will find him/herself holding what she/he has done with his/her existence, what she/he has built up or burnt down. The images in the Gospel call our attention to the seriousness with which we must consider our lives. We should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now rather than waiting until it is too late. Happy Sunday!



Thank you!

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OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

<u>Prayers and Sympathy:</u> Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carl Price, brother of William (Ann). Funeral will be held at St. Stephen's on Monday at 11:00 am. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends at this time of loss.

<u>All Snowbirds:</u> Please advise the office if you are planning to be away over the winter months so Ministry schedule can be adjusted accordingly for 2018.

St. Malachy's Warden's Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, at 7:00 pm in the Sacristy.

OLV Warden's Meeting: Thursday, November 16th at 7 pm.

OLV Christmas Tea: Date: Saturday, December 2. Time: 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Cost: \$6.00

Craft Table: Ladies will accept your craft donations. Please leave items at the office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>CLSC Flu Shot Clinics:</u> Will be held at the Community Centre 181 Joseph St. Buckingham on these dates and times :November 16, 12 noon to 8 pm. November 30, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. December 7, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

<u>St. Andrew's Christmas Tea:</u> Will be on Saturday, November 25 from 2:00-4:00 pm at 570 ave de Buckingham. Bake Table, Novelties, Crafts. **Adults** \$7.00 / **Children** (3-12) \$4 **Free** 2 and under.

Le Chanterelle Christmas Concert: Will be on December 13. More information to follow.

Heart & Soul Christmas Concert: Will be held at OLV on Thursday, December 21st at 7:30 pm. Advance Tickets Prices: \$10.00 per person or 2 for \$15.00. Cost at door - \$10.00 per person. No charge for children. Tickets are available from all members. Refreshments and desserts will be served in hall after the concert. Come and enjoy our Christmas music



This weekend, we pause in silence to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in war, in order to preserve the freedom we enjoy today. In addition, as a Christian community, we pray for God's peace in the world and for all those families and individuals throughout the world torn from their homes as a result of war, aggression and inhumanity.