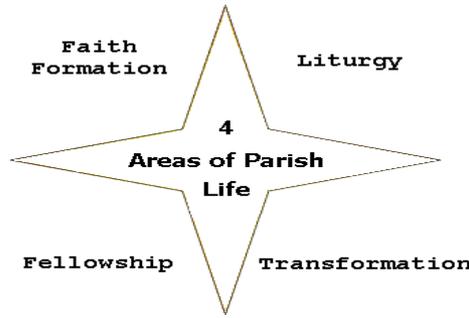




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**SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 13 - 14, 2018**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**MASSES**

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|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>Thursday</b> | Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> | OLV @ 10:00 am        | <b>James, Margaret &amp; Tom Dorion</b> by The Estate   |
| <b>Saturday</b> | Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup> | St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm | <b>Patricia Foster</b> by Ginny Roos & Family   |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup> | OLV @ 9:00 am         | <b>Bride Martin</b> by Geraldine Moore<br><b>Alma Miller</b> by Family & Friends<br><b>Tim Graham</b> by Regis & Irene Lemieux<br><b>Special Intention</b> by A Parishioner |

| <b>WEEKLY RECEIPTS</b>            | <b>OLV</b> | <b>ST. MALACHY</b> |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Jan. 1, 2018 – New Year's Day     |            | \$90.00            |
| January 6 - 7 - Sunday Collection | \$458.00   | 178.00             |
| January 6 - 7 - Support           | 259.00     | 164.00             |

“Let us pray that Christians and other religious minorities may live their faith freely and without discrimination.”

**Question we ask ourselves:** Do I have any prejudice about people who are arriving from another country? What may I do to become a welcoming person like Jesus?

**Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy**  
**The Christian Vocation**

Today's readings speak of Divine vocation. Each of us is called by God to be a witness for Christ by doing something for others with our unique gifts and blessings. They, therefore, remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for Jesus, the *Lamb of God*, by leading lives of holiness and purity. The **first reading** describes the call of Samuel. It tells us how Yahweh called Samuel to His service and how the boy Samuel responded to Him, saying, “*Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.*” Samuel was called to communicate the will of God to the people as they were going through a difficult and uneasy period. God blessed him in the mission entrusted to him, and Samuel became

an illustrious figure, ranking with Moses and David as a man of God. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 40), says, "*Here am I Lord, I come to do your will,*" indicating that our vocation is to obey, to do what God commands us to do. In the **second reading**, St. Paul explains to the Corinthians that their Divine call is a call to holiness. They, thus, need to keep their bodies pure and souls holy because by Baptism they have become parts of Christ's Body and the temples of the Holy Spirit. Sexual corruption, according to St Paul therefore, is totally incompatible with the life of the baptized because they are now united to Christ and are one with Him. The thoughts, words and actions of the call (baptized) have to be those of Christ.

The **Gospel** today describes the meeting that every person is invited to have with Christ. Christ has the message of eternal life and many can meet Him only if someone tells them about Him. In it, John the Baptist claims that his vocation is to introduce Jesus to two of his disciples as the "*Lamb of God,*" an expression that recalls the Paschal Lamb, whose blood was smeared on the doorposts of the Jews to save them from death (Ex 12:13). The expression also suggests Jesus' vocation to become a sacrificial lamb to atone for our sins. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is presented to us with the words of the Baptist "*Behold, the Lamb of God.*" The disciples followed Jesus to his residence, accepting his invitation to "*come and see.*" They stayed with him that day. They called Him "*Rabbi*" which means 'master,' or 'teacher.' Then Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus, introducing Jesus to him as the *Messiah*.

This Gospel describing the call or vocation of the first apostles challenges us to invite others to Christ by our Christian witnessing. Our Christian vocation is to live and die like the *Lamb of God*. We do that by leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying Christ's commandment of love; by appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd in his Church; by partaking of the Body and Blood of the Good Shepherd in the Holy Eucharist and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the Sacraments. We are called to die like the *Lamb of God* by sharing sacrificially our blessings of health, wealth and talents with others in the family, parish and community; by bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain and suffering through our graceful acceptance of all of it; by offering our sufferings for God's glory, as penance for our sins and for the conversion of sinners. Bearing witness to the *Lamb of God* requires a personal experience of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We get this personal experience of Jesus in our daily lives through the meditative reading and study of the Bible, through personal and family prayers and through our active participation in the Eucharistic celebration. Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the *Good News* of love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus. This is what John the Baptist did. It is what Andrew did. Philip (Jn. 1: 45-51) and the rest of the Apostles also did that. We are all called to do the same. **Happy Sunday**

## **OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS**

### **Thank You Volunteers-Things Don't Happen on Their Own :**

**Following mass on January 21**, OLV will be holding its annual volunteer appreciation event. It is a wonderful opportunity to thank those who contribute their time and effort in supporting both our social and more importantly our liturgical activities. Throughout the years, we at OLV, have been blessed to have the support of so many volunteers. As an example, let us not forget those anonymous volunteers who work behind the scenes in preparing for mass on a regular basis, by organizing the liturgy around Advent and Lent and by decorating the church in support of these events. Thanks to the volunteers who work in the kitchen in support of our Suppers, Teas and Funeral receptions. Thanks to those volunteers, who over the years fixed plumbing and electrical problems, replaced hot water tanks and who manage our heating and sound systems. They are too numerous to name, (you know who you are) so, on behalf of all our parishioners, a heartfelt thank you for your commitment to the well-being of our faith community. God Bless.

**Cereal Bars:** Basket will be available to accept your donations next Sunday.

**St. Malachy Fundraiser** – A Valentine's Spaghetti Lunch will be held on Sunday, February 11, 2018, at 11:30 am, at Ranch a Charley, 1361 Route 315, L'Ange Gardien, QC. Tickets will be: Adults - \$15.00 and Children - \$10.00. More information will follow.

**Feast of Saint Blaise:** Blessing of the throats will be held on the weekend of February 3 and February 4 at both St. Malachy and OLV during mass. St. Blaise is the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paul Fortier, brother of Ann, Peter and Billy. Our prayers and sympathy are with their families and friends at this great time of loss.

