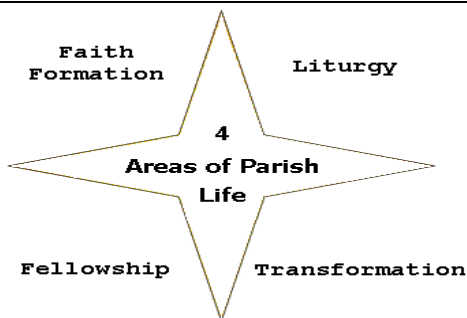




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**THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

JANUARY 20 - 21, 2018

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Jan. 25 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Jan. 27 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Evelyn Robitaille by Shirley Ellement
Sunday	Jan. 28 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Lyne, Charles, Ginette & Meaghan Pearson by Friends of the Kitchen Evelyn & Jean Paul Robitaille by Le Grenier D'Apprentissage Bob Pearson by Ethel & Nancy

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Jan. 13 - 24, 2018 - Sunday Collection	\$474.00	\$244.00

Bishop's Prayer Intention for January 2018

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

Question we ask ourselves: Do I care for Christian unity?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy Responding to God's Call

The readings of this Sunday speak about the need for repentance and a prompt response to God's call. The **first reading** tells the story of Jonah who tried to escape the mission he was given by God and how the people of Niniveh responded positively to the call to convert. God had to deal with the disobedient, fleeing prophet Jonah to turn him around (convert him), so that, repenting, he would go to Nineveh to preach repentance there. The wicked people of Niniveh accepted Jonah as God's prophet at once, and promptly responded to God's call for repentance as Jonah preached it. In the **second reading**, Paul urges the Christian community in Corinth to lose no time in accepting the message of the Gospel and in renewing their lives with repentance because Jesus' *second coming* may occur at any moment. Paul does not invite us to despise all material goods and comfort but rather advises us to give earthly/material things their real importance. They are, no doubt, important but they are not eternal. Therefore he stresses the need for courageous choices and renunciations as regards them for love of our brothers and sisters. This love is far superior to all material goods. Earthly things pass away but love is eternal.

Today's **Gospel** describes how Jesus came to Galilee and began preaching, challenging people to "**repent and believe** in the **Gospel**." Like John, Jesus also called for **repentance**, meaning a change in one's mind or in the direction of one's life, setting new priorities. Conversion/repentance means beginning to think according to God's logic and place the needs of our brothers and sisters first, and not our own. Repentance also means hating sin, not just being sorry for the consequences of one's sins. **Believing** in the Gospel demands from the hearers a resolution to take Jesus' words seriously, to translate them into action and to put trust in Jesus' authority. Jesus preached the **Gospel**, or Good News, that God is a loving, forgiving, caring and merciful Father Who wants to liberate us and save us from our sins through His son, Jesus. The Gospel describes the call of Jesus' first disciples, Andrew, Peter, James and John. By this, today's Gospel also emphasizes how we, sinners, are to respond to God's call with total commitment by abandoning our accustomed style of sinful life. Jesus started his public ministry immediately after John the Baptist was arrested. According to Mark, Jesus selected four fishermen, Andrew and his brother Peter with James and his brother John, right from their fishing boats. Jesus wanted these ordinary, hard-working people as assistants for his ministry because they would be very responsive and generous instruments in the hands of God.

The disciples' call does not come as they are praying or doing anything particularly important but as they are just going about their daily chores. This shows that the call is completely gratuitous. We have come to know and follow Christ because He chose to reveal to us the love of the Father without any merit on our part. The disciples in the Gospel answer their call immediately; they left everything to follow Jesus. They are not allowed any delay. They must reply at once, and such reply must be accompanied by a concrete giving up of their past way of life. Hence, every disciple has to make an immediate and final separation. Nothing should stand in our way when it comes to following Christ. Even legitimate love for parents and family, an attachment to one's profession, a need for social and financial security, the wish not to lose one's friends, these all must be given up if they are impediments to the life that Jesus calls us to. It is therefore appropriate for us to ask ourselves: what did we leave when we decided to follow Jesus? What links did we serve? What "nets" should we leave behind today when we decide to follow Jesus? (Armellini Fernando, Year B,p 173-174). We need to appreciate our call to become Christ's disciples: Every one of us is called by God, both individually, and collectively as a parish community, to continue Jesus' mission of preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom and healing the sick. We are called individually to a way of life or vocation: – a religious commitment (priest, deacon, missionary, religious Sister or Brother, marriage partner or single person), plus a particular occupation arising from our talents (medicine, law, teaching, healing, writing, art, music, building and carpentry, home-making, child-rearing..). Our own unique vocation should enable us to become what God wants us to be (Kadavil, A). **Happy Sunday!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Servers: You may have noticed that we did not have any server on Sunday. This is because we are down to only 2 servers who will be serving the **First** and **Last** Sunday of each month. The Eucharistic Ministers are asked to prepare the vessels and place on the altar on the other Sundays.

Ministry listing: Please advise Monique if you are going to be away anytime in March and April as this listing is prepared about mid-February.

First Communion: Last Sunday, Kelly-Ann McDonnell received the body of Christ for the first time. Congratulations.

St. Malachy – Warden’s Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Sacristy.

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 Phyllis Cosgrove, (relative of Carmel Gauthier). Our prayers and sympathy are with her family and friends at this great time of loss.

OLV - Mark These Dates on Your Calendar for 2018: More information to follow later.

April 10th - **Card Party** in church hall May 18th - **Spring Supper & Balloon Auction**
June 2nd - **Garage Sale** in church hall Sept 15th – **Family Gathering & Musical Afternoon**

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

Still collecting: *Used stamps, egg cartons and food for our local food bank.*

Garage Sale: Are you downsizing and looking for a place to drop off your items? The office is open to receive your donations (during office hours or Sunday before/after mass). Our sale is scheduled for Saturday June 2nd. **NO CLOTHING, SHOES or LARGE ITEMS and FURNITURE.** Paperback books, dishes, glasses and other small items will be accepted. Call Monique to arrange a drop off time.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! We would appreciate it if you could identify yourself to Fr. Albanus at mass. If you would like to become a regular parishioner, feel free to contact the office at 819-986-3763 to obtain a Registration Form. **Note:** the weekly collection envelope is the principal source of revenue for both parishes.

Shut-Ins: Parishioners are reminded that Father Albanus is available and more than willing to meet with those individuals who are shut-in for a variety of reasons. In addition to Eucharist, Father is prepared to simply visit, as well as bring a spiritual message to those who are unable to leave their place of residence. **To book a time with Father, please contact the Parish Administrator 819-986-3763.**