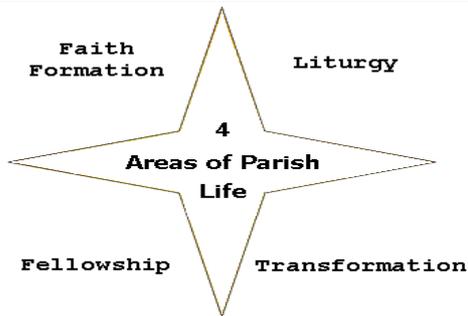




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**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
(WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY)
MAY 12-13, 2018**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	May 17 th	OLV	NO MASS
Saturday	May 19 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	John Sellers (8th ann) by Virginia & Family
Sunday	May 20 ^h	OLV @ 9:00 am	Pierrette Krawczyk by Tom & Isabel Laframboise Michel Robitaille by Claude, Dorothy & Family Evelyn Robitaille by Freida Kara Beatrice Bonin by Deborah Dorey Landry

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 5 - May 6 - Sunday Collection	\$682.00	\$248.00
May 5 - May 6 - Support	440.00	195.00
May 5 - May 6 - Papal Charities	185.00	55.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop - May 2018

“Let us pray that the family be recognized as a treasure of mankind, in every economic, social and every political decision to be made.”

Social Reflection: The family is a social institution. Social scientists provide various definitions of the family: to statisticians, and in a widely shared meaning, the family is a group of persons linked by kinship, either through a line of descent or by marriage. To anthropologists... the family has a social foundation. In so far as its structure and operation comply with a set of social rules, it makes out an institution. Today, state laws tend to restrict parental authority to the benefit of the child; two conceptions are opposed at the national assembly: biological family vs social family. Is the family a treasure of mankind?

Questions I may ask: The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2 highlights what the family is in God's plan, its import, its rights and duties. See numbers 2207 to 2231. I benefit from this reading.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

He Ascended into Heaven!

Today is Ascension and all the readings describe it. Jesus ascended into His Heavenly glory following His promise of the Holy Spirit to His disciples and the command to them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching. Jesus is still with us: ***I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.*** The **first reading** from the Acts of the Apostles gives an account of the event of Ascension. Jesus instructed His apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the "promise of the Father"- the Holy Spirit. The Spirit would empower them to become His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Jesus was taken into the cloud and there appeared two Heavenly messengers who assured them of Jesus' return in glory. In the **second reading** from the Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul gives the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation. He prays that the Lord may enlighten the eyes of our hearts so that we may know what hope to which He has called us. As Christians, our great hope is that one day we too will be ascending to heavenly glory as far as we complete our part of the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. We are called to preach the Good News of salvation to the whole world by word and deed.

The **Gospel** too describes how Jesus ascended into Heaven after giving His final blessing and missionary command to His disciples. He commissioned them to be His witnesses. Our goal in life should be completing Jesus' mission and the driving force of our lives should be the prospect of sharing the glory of the ascended Jesus. The Ascension of Jesus was the culmination of God's Divine plan for Christ Jesus. With mission accomplished, Christ was to return to His Father. Though a culmination, the Ascension was not a conclusion. He still remains with us, dwelling with us together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. The focus of the Feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ and the Lord's being "seated at God's right hand", meaning that He alone will be in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space and culture. It is there at the "right hand of God", that Jesus continues to make intercession for all of us with the Father. Hence, the Paschal Mystery – Jesus' passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit – is a single, unbroken Reality, which is to be understood by Faith.

While reading the biblical accounts of the Ascension our focus should be not so much on details of the event as on the mission Jesus gave to His disciples. They are not to be seen as a newspaper account of events. Despite the discrepancy in details, all accounts agree that the Ascension, a real event happening in real time and observed by real people, took place on a mountain. Even regarding the time period of its occurrence, the writers were not aiming at accuracy of historical details but were more concerned with transmitting our Lord's message. Having been commissioned, the apostles are to tell and retell the story of Jesus' life, suffering, death and Resurrection, Ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit. They are assured of the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

Brothers and sisters, the mission that Jesus gave is to all the believers, not a select few. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and evangelizer. As we celebrate this Feast of Christ's return to the Father, we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace by the witness of our lives. On this day we need to renew our commitment to be the disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish. All baptized people no matter our position in the Church are agents of evangelization. **Happy Ascension!**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Relay for Life: The walk for Cancer will be held on Friday, June 8 under the Brady Bridge. Anybody wishing to donate may give your donations to me and I will give them to the event. All **cheques** must be made to **CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY** and **cash** can be given also. Receipts will be issued in early 2019. (Thanks Monique)

Old Fashioned Tea & Quilt Expo: St. Aloysius Parish on Saturday May 26 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults & \$4 for children.

Centre D'Accueil (Old Age Home): Having a **Garage Sale on Saturday, May 26 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.** Any donations, **except clothing**, would be appreciated – including furniture. Donations can be dropped off anytime at 111 Lucerne St. in Buckingham. Monies raised goes to resident's needs.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Cereal Bar: Next Sunday will be the *last collection* for our cereal bar drive for the school until September. A basket will be out for your donations.

St. Malachy's Wardens' Meeting: Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 pm in the Sacristy.

Egg Cartons: The children at St. Michael's school thank you for helping them in their collection of egg cartons and bread bags. Our donations have exceeded their expectations and will contact us again should the need arise.

OLV Garage Sale: Scheduled for Saturday, **June 2** from 9 am to 3 pm. Contact Monique at 819-986-3763 for drop off. **All monies raised goes to the upkeep of our church. Any volunteers to help in this event please see or call Monique.**

OLV Spring Supper and Balloon Auction, May 18th - We Need your Support:

This year's menu for the catered supper will be **spaghetti, meat sauce, buns, salad and homemade desserts** followed by our popular **Balloon Auction**. Cocktails will be served at 4:30 pm with supper at 6:00 pm. Tickets: \$20.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children aged 6 to 12 and free for Children under 6 years of age.

As in past years, we are asking parishioners to donate items for the auction, preferably gift certificates from local businesses, and gift baskets of homemade items or plant arrangements.

Donations should be received no later than Tuesday, May 15th.

World Communications Day: Today, May 13, Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audio-visuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*God bless all the mothers all over the world
Who have such a fine way of giving
Their time and their love to their family and friends
The kind that makes life worth living.
God bless each one for the things that they do
And the things that they say to help cheer us.
And always, Dear God, keep them safe in your care
So that they will always be near us.*

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!