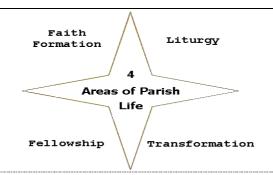


Our Lady of Victory 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 14-15, 2015



St. Malachy 3889 Route 315 Mayo, Québec J8L 3Z8

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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Food for Thought

Reading 1 Responsorial Psalm

2 Chronicles 36.14-17a, 19-23++

Reading II

Let my tongue cling to my mouth if I do not remember You.

eading II Ephesians 2.4-10
Gospel John 3.14-21

The divine spark or presence is in each of us, often called the light of God. Prayer is the time when we "switch on" this light and allow ourselves to become aware of the light of God filling us with love, forgiveness and healing.

The light of God in each of us spreads to others, and it is through God's people that God's light shines in the world.

MASSES

Thursday	March 19th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Mass of Thanksgiving by Carmel Gauthier & Family
Saturday	March 21st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Royal Beaulne (43 rd ann) by Richard & Rachel Beaulne Gladys Miller & Holy Souls by Ginny Roos
Sunday	March 25th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Norah Renwick by the Estate

Parishioners are invited to join in praying the Rosary before all Masses

WELCOMING - A JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

We continue our Lenten Journey under the common banner - "Welcoming, A Journey Towards Easter" as suggested by our Archbishop. Part of this journey includes the singing of the theme composed by the Archbishop, *Teach us, Loving God*. Copies of the hymn can be found at the entrance.

This year's Gospel readings really lend themselves well to an ongoing reflection on the role of welcoming in a Christian life. The following reflection will assist parishioners with their special Lenten prayer intentions.

4th Sunday: Welcoming, A Way of Light

Jesus reveals the meaning of His life: He has come to make manifest the deep love of the Father for all of humanity. He invites his disciples to welcome this love by turning away from darkness and receiving the light of love. The first step is welcoming the love that the Father offers us in Jesus. And to remain in this light, we must welcome one another. Otherwise, we remain in the darkness of our own selfishness.

MARCH MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may continue to be ever more valued.

Reflection on Social Issues: From the very beginning in the « New World » colonial society and the Church have been built up by women of faith. With courage based on their faith, Jeanne Mance, Marguerite Bourgeois, Marie of the Incarnation and many others have cared for the bodies and spirits of the people of this new continent. Women have continued up to today to play an important role within the Church. Since the 1970's women have been demanding that their contributions be recognized and that they be acknowledged as full partners with Christian men. What place is given to women in our lives and our communities?

<u>Our Faith Response:</u> In his letter to the Galatians, Saint Paul reminds us that we are all equals in Christ. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor freeman, there is neither male nor female, because you are all one in Christ." (Gal. 3:28). Within the Church, do we acknowledge and respect the contribution of women?

Pope Francis calls us to "make room for women in the life of the Church": "there is a need for the presence of the feminine to be more widespread and more in-depth in the community", "in pastoral responsibilities, in our journeying with individuals, families and groups and in our theological reflection." ROME 8 Feb. 2015 (Zenit.org)

The Pope encourages us to "explore new models so that women are not left with the impression that they are mere residents in the Church but rather full participants in social and ecclesiastical life". This is a "challenge that we can no longer put off" because "Church is woman": it is not for nothing we refer to Her as "She". ROME 8 Feb. 2015 (Zenit.org)

Questions we need to ask ourselves

Sunday 15 March 2015: Do I foster the full inclusion of women within my Christian community?

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS

Garage Sale

Our Lady of Victory is holding a Garage Sale on Saturday, April 11th. This is where **YOU** purchase a table for \$20.00. Please contact Monique or Ann if interested.

Birthday Greetings to Thomas Laframboise who celebrated on March 12th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



The Share Lent collection for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is next Sunday - Solidarity Sunday!

Money must serve, not rule! The Pope loves everyone, rich and poor alike, but he is obliged in the name of Christ to remind all that the rich must help, respect, and promote the poor. I exhort you to generous solidarity and to the return of economics and finance to an ethical approach which favours human beings.

Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 58

Next Sunday, March 22nd, is the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday when the annual Share Lent collection for DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE will be held. Your generous solidarity is vital to the mission of DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE and our ability to help, respect, and promote the poor. Please be sure to bring your Share Lent envelope for your gift.

If you are a Sunday envelope user, please use the D&P envelope in your box. All others who would like to make a contribution, a D&P envelope is included in today's bulletin. **All cheques should be made payable to the applicable Parish**. All contributions will be forwarded to D&P at the end of the campaign and tax receipts will be issued at the appropriate time.

COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>Buckingham Elementary Home and School Association</u> will be holding their 1st Annual Tea on Saturday, March 28th from 1:00-3:00 at Buckingham Elementary School. Tea, sandwiches and sweet treats will be served and baked goods and pickling will be sold. Please contact Jennifer at 819-986-2503 to confirm attendance or if you would like to rent a table (\$10.00 anything kitchen related).

La Mie de l'Entraide (Food Bank)

The Transformation Committee has been advised that the shelves at La Mie de l'Entraide (Pine Street) are low. Each month, over 400 families rely on this service. Our weekly donations help La Mie de l'Entraide meet their demands.

Recently our food collection was given to help out in an emergency situation and was greatly appreciated by the recipients. Thank you for your ongoing support.

<u>Royal Canadian Legion</u> – There is a bingo every Monday from 1-3 pm. Coffee, tea and cookies are served. **Everyone welcome.**

<u>Camp FUN (Faith-Understanding-Nurture)</u> - St. Andrew's United Church will be offering a six week day camp for children aged 4-12 starting in July. For details and a registration form, please refer to poster at entrance of Church.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
March 7-8, 2015 - Sunday Offering	\$642.00	\$224.00