



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
Gatineau, Québec
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**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT
MARCH 11 – 12, 2017**

St. Malachy
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Sunday 9:00 AM		Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 PM
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MASSES

Monday	Mar. 13 th	OLV @ 1:00 pm	Funeral for Alma Miller
Thursday	Mar. 16 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Mar. 18 th	St. Malachy @ :00 pm	Agathe Somers (17th ann) by Wilbert & Family All Deceased Members of St. Malachy & OLV by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Mar. 19 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Lyne Pearson by Virginia, Terry & Jeff Sellers Bride Martin by Bev Belter Louis-Denis Roy (26th ann) by Val, Lewis & Family Bob Zinkie by Family & Friends
Tuesday	Apr. 4 th	OLV @ 7:00 pm	Penitential Service with Individual Confessions

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Mar. 4 - Mar. 5, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$450.00	\$192.00
Mar. 4 - Mar. 5, 2017 - Support	280.00	147.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – March 2017

"So that the particular contributions of women is recognized in the different spheres of society."

Social Reflexion: International Women's Day was established by the United Nations in 1977. Its goal was, and remains, to reflect on the condition of women throughout the world, and to fight against social inequalities. Sadly violence against women is still too much prevalent in our societies, and many inequalities and preconceived notions are still circulating, even in the 21st century. Will we, one day, have justice for all?

Questioning Ourselves Sunday, March 12, 2017: 2nd Sunday of Lent: Is there a woman in my entourage who is a light in my life and on my path?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

God is Calling Us to Journey

Today's readings invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, and to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we have received by our Spirit-filled lives. The life of a Christian could be compared to a journey to be taken in the company of the Master. This journey connotes a passage through time and places, and it includes the people we have encountered, the kind of time we have made as well as the successes and failures we have experienced on the way. Each person's journey is peculiar in its details, and we all have to make our own journey. Our life journey, however, is not so easy since life is not only a journey but also a search. In the course of their lives many people change direction and explore unfamiliar paths.

The first reading presents the story of Abram, our father in the journey of faith. He was the first to start off on this journey in answer to a summons from God. Something happened to Abram that greatly changed the course of his life. He was called to leave his familiar world - his country and his father's house. Abram was to find his security in the promise of God. He travelled hopefully in the belief that one day his journey would lead to the fulfillment of God's promises. With the call of Abraham, God introduced something completely unprecedented in the history of mankind. God intervened directly and chose a man who would be a father of the people through which salvation would come to the world. Abraham experienced setbacks and trials, but he travelled on. He always felt sure, that God, in spite of all probabilities, would lead him to success and happiness. He was convinced that, despite all, God's purposes are being furthered.

We, also, are all called to journey in life. Through the eyes of faith, the passing of the years looks somewhat different. We believe our journey is going somewhere - instead of simply ending with death, we will emerge into the life of heaven. We are pilgrims like Abraham, moving towards the land of promise. Like St Paul, we try to deal with the problems and setbacks along the way, with the help of the Lord. If we are faithful, in the end we will share the total joy of joining Christ in glory, as the reward of life's pilgrimage. Each step on the journey takes on meaning in the light of the goal set before us by God. Our whole life can be made a journey towards God. Just as he called Abraham, so He calls each of us to be His own. His call to us is quiet but insistent. He is not telling us : 'leave your country and your father's house' but 'leave your old ways, the pride and selfishness, the hardness of heart, the angry temper, the envy and the falsehood. And go to the land I shall show you'.

Thus, the direction of our pilgrimage is not geographical but moral. God is telling us, 'Go towards charity, purity, sharing in truth, prayer and goodwill. Go in the way of the Gospel. Go to heaven. Having God's command and submitting wholly to it made Abraham the first great pilgrim. Henceforth, all His activity took on the value of obedience to God; He was on the high road towards the living God. The same spirit will give the deepest meaning to our lives too. Instead of being absurd or useless, our efforts to follow the Gospel of the Master are full of meaning. As Christians, it is an invitation for us not to withdraw into ourselves, to have the courage to give up certain behaviours, certain ways of thinking so widespread in our society and, certain customs contrary to the Gospel. Giving them up is certainly hard, but what God promises is great. Progress along the way is the real formula for peace of mind. Hence St Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, Oh Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in you.'

Represented by the apostles, in the gospel, we are therefore called to listen to Christ. And when we do, we would be sure to continue our own journey to the goal despite the suffering or death on the way. During this Lent, we are invited to open our ears to listen to what the Lord is about to tell us and to journey along the path He asks us.



Women are building an inclusive society in Indonesia: This week Development and Peace – Caritas Canada is taking you to Indonesia to meet Risya, a 22 year old Indonesian woman who has been blind since adolescence. Thanks to a workshop in journalism offered by our partner, the Association of Independent Journalists (AJI), this courageous young woman started to use her blog to write about the discrimination faced by women with disabilities and to encourage these women to believe in their potential. AJI has offered media workshops to 170 women and now they can make their voices heard!

Remember! In 2004, a tsunami hit the coastlines around the Indian Ocean, resulting in 300,000 victims. In collaboration with its partners, Development and Peace provided emergency relief, completed the construction of 3,500 permanent homes and related infrastructure, and helped establish 26 community organizations.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Cereal Bars: Basket will be out next Sunday for your donation. The school has expressed their appreciation for this generosity as it is a greatly needed student food aid.

St. Malachy's Wardens Meeting: Monday, March 13th at 7:00 pm in the Sacristy.

Secretary Hours: No office hours on Monday. Will be on Tuesday from 9 am - 12 pm.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Andrews United Church presents "A Night in The Tropics" featuring Eddie Alleyne on Steel Drums, Saturday, April 1st at 7pm. Tickets \$10, for adults, kids 12 and under, free. Prize for the best tropical shirt. Monies raised will go towards roof renovations.

For tickets call Stacey 819-281-6337 / Donna 819-986-9359 or e-mail at st.andrews.buckingham@gmail.com .

HISTORY OF OLV

Every month there will be an historical write up of the founding of our church. We thank Dorothy Ann Casey for providing us with this information.

The parishioners of the newly formed OLV immediately began to take the necessary steps to have their Church built. The property on Charles Street was purchased from the Town of Buckingham for \$1.00. (This had been the site of the Brisebois Hotel, which had burned down in the mid 1920's).

On October 13, 1942 the ground was broken by a crew and power shovel provided by the Electric Reduction Company. Digging was completed in three days, and the construction of the "Basement Church" began.

Once again because this was wartime, supplies were hard to obtain. Wooden pillars had to be used as steel ones were unobtainable but would be replaced with steel at a later date. The church bell was donated by the Town of Buckingham. The church was completed in April 1943 at a cost of about \$50,000.00!

The parishioners celebrated their first Mass on Christmas Eve in 1943.

It should be noted at this time, due to the generosity and determination of the parishioners, they were able to pay in full the construction of the basement church, the first rectory and deposit \$40,000.00 in the bank for the future construction of the upstairs church.