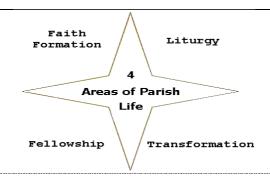


Our Lady of Victory 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5



### TRINITY SUNDAY

**JUNE 10 - 11, 2017** 



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## Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday 7:00 PM

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#### **MASSES**

Thursday	June 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OLV</b> @ 10:00 am	NO MASS		
Saturday	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Agathe Somers by Ginny & Joe Roos		
Sunday	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OLV</b> @ 9:00 am	Bride Martin by Evelyn Robitaille Buddy Ryan by Eunice & Bruce McDonnell Alma Miller by Susan & Junior Lemieux Maurice Laurin by Nicole Charbonneau		

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
June 3 - June 4, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$578.00	\$245.00
June 3 - June 4, 2017 - Support	242.00	222.00

## The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – June 2017

"For those people and families who have been affected by the great flooding caused by the spring floods so they can find strength and comfort to stand up and live in dignity knowing they are loved by God and those around them."

Thus, a beautiful fraternity will settle and will live in everyday life as a true community.

<u>Questioning ourselves: Sunday, June 11, 2017</u>: Feast of the Holy Trinity. At the beginning of each of my prayers or meetings, I take the time to make the sign of the cross.

# Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy Trinity Sunday

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a doctrine enunciated by the Ecumenical Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople. It is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in One God, sharing the same Divine Nature. The Trinity does not suggest that we are 'tri-theists' (believing in three gods) or that we are 'modalists' (believing that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are simply different appearances taken on by God in various stages of history). Instead, we believe that there is only the One God, revealed in salvation history and existing as the Trinity, a community of three Divine persons. God is not a lonely old man but He is a 'family'. He is the model of unity for all people and the model of community among people.

Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that 1+1+1 = 1 and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith. The importance of this doctrine for Christian life cannot be overemphasized. All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven and our marriage blessed and our Bishops, Priests and Deacons ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. Church bells ring thrice daily, reminding us to pray to the Holy Trinity. We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Any biblical proofs? There are only vague and hidden references to the Trinity in the Old Testament. But the New Testament gives clear teachings on the Holy Trinity. At the Annunciation, God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit overshadows her and God the Son becomes incarnate in her womb. At the baptism of Jesus, when the Son receives baptism from John the Baptist, the Father's voice is heard and the Holy Spirit appears as a Dove. At the Ascension, Jesus gives the missionary command to His disciples to baptize those who believe, in the name of the Trinity. In John, chapters 15-18, we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity: God the Father creates and provides for His creatures; God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God; God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us and guides us to God.

Any lessons from the Trinity? We ought to respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide. Let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength and that He is our final destination. He is not one in a far-away heaven where He does not care about our joys, sufferings, problems or anxieties. He is "God with us," the God who stands at our side every day, to the end of time. The three Persons reveal the fullness of the unity of God's love. Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity also in the family relationships of father, mother and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family.

We are called to become more like the Triune God through all our relationships. We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. Modern society follows the so-called "l-and-l" principle of unbridled individualism and the resulting consumerism. But the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "l-and-God-and-neighbor" principle: "I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people." Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of our family, our Church, our community and our nation. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance. Are our communities signs of this presence of God in the world for those who suffer, for those who go wrong, and for those who are poor?

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Happy Trinity Sunday!

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

<u>Baptism:</u> Congratulations to Lee Farnand and Stephanie Berndt on the occasion of the Baptism of their daughter Livia Margaret this weekend at OLV. We welcome **Livia Margaret** into our faith community, the Body of Christ.

<u>Confirmation:</u> Two of our parishioners received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday at St. Aloysius Parish. Congratulations to **Zachary Andrew Lemieux Lefebvre** and

Pierce Dylan Lemieux who were confirmed by Archbishop Paul-André Durocher during the Pentecost celebration.

<u>Thursday Mass:</u> No mass at OLV on Thursday, June 15. Father will be away for a priests retreat. Please keep Father in your prayers.

<u>Prayers and Sympathy:</u> Pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Roos Berndt whose funeral was last week at St. Malachy. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

#### **HISTORY OF OLV**

After Father Ferguson's death in 1971, our parish was without a Pastor. No replacement could be found immediately as there was a shortage of priests in the Diocese. Father Blase Burneston was appointed as administrator of the parish and was later replaced by Father Maurice Egan as administrator.

In 1972 Father John Berube of the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette was appointed our new pastor. Father Berube continued Father Ferguson's work of promoting the Christian and material well-being of the Parish. Improvements were made to the church, the grounds were landscaped and renovations to the church and rectory were made.

On December 15, 1973 Father Berube was with us as we achieved our long-time dream of burning our mortgage. In just over 30 years, OLV had grown from its very modest beginnings to a parish that had its own church, church hall and rectory! Much appreciation and gratitude is owed to those parishioners who worked so hard and gave so much in order to achieve their dream of a Parish of their own!