



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 9 - 10, 2017

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

Thursday	Sept. 14 th	OLV @ 11:00 am	NO 10:00 am Mass Funeral Mass for Patricia (McClement) Dupuis
Saturday	Sept. 16 th	St. Malach @ 7:00 pm	For all the Holy Souls by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Sept. 17 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Ted Batty by Ethel Pearson Alma Miller by Claire Chamaillard Leonard Simpson by Ken & Monique Gordon (28th ann) & May (38th ann) Findlay by Dorothy & Claude Carriere Joan Teske (1st ann) by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
September 2 - 3, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$608.00	\$257.00
September 2 - 3, 2017 - Support	232.00	197.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions – September 2017

"Let us pray that our parishes, driven by a missionary spirit, foster testimonies of faith sharing and love."

Many people involved in education to Christian living hear a missionary call. I know catechists/teachers in my community. I take time to pray for them. I support them with a word of encouragement.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Resolving Conflicts and Fraternal Correction in Love

Today's liturgy reminds us of our responsibility towards others in our families, parishes and communities. As children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, we are responsible for one another. This individual responsibility in a Christian society includes fraternal correction of other members and our obligation to forgive our offenders and to ask forgiveness from others for our offences. In the **first reading**, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a "watchman for the house of Israel." Ezekiel is called to serve as a "sentry" for the house of Israel. A sentry is a soldier who guards the army camps, one who watches so that his army may not be attacked by surprise. The Prophet is obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word intended to convert the wicked, God will hold him responsible for the death of the wicked. If he warns the wicked, but they refuse to heed his warning, then the Prophet is not guilty. In the **second reading**, St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing and correcting the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Paul reminds us that love requires that we should watch out for one another's souls, and love specifies the manner in which our watchful care of one another should be conducted. Therefore, we should admonish one another so that we all may repent and grow in holiness.

The **Gospel** highlights one of the most painful responsibilities that we have towards others, namely fraternal correction. Christian charity obliges us to correct and counsel our brother or sister who has damaged the community by his or her public sin. Jesus teaches that as Christians, we are all God's prophets, God's representatives, God's watchmen, set on elevated places to give warning of approaching danger to our brothers and sisters. The prophets of all times have a grave responsibility for their people's salvation. None of us can retire from the task of being watchmen. The law "love your brothers and sisters" certainly demands that we should try to help them to return to the right path. But how do we do this? Jesus offers a three-step way. The first step, which is most delicate and sensitive, requires us to go to our brother or sister and speak to him/her personally. If our first attempt fails, we should ask the help of one or two brothers and sisters of the community. The Good and recovering of our brother or sister must always be the motive. The last stage which involves recourse to the community should take place only in cases when the sin committed may risk to upset all the brothers and sisters, especially the weaker in faith.

This act of confronting should not aim at humiliating him/her but reconciling with him/her. Just as conflict is sure to happen in a community of sinners, so confrontation can sometimes be the only language of love. The refusal to confront is the refusal to love. *If love faces the real, it cannot avoid facing conflict. Where silence would permit greater division in the community, love must do something.* Edmund Burke says "*All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.*" Doing nothing in the face of wrongdoing and hurt is precisely what the Gospel opposes. Each of us is a prophet and therefore a 'sentinel', responsible somehow for what happens to our brothers and sisters. Whoever sees somebody misbehaving cannot repeat Cain's words "*Am I my brother's keeper?*" (Gen. 4:9).

Jesus suggests too that the brother or sister should be considered like a pagan or a tax collector should s/he refuse to correct him/herself. This sounds a bit out of place in the mouth of Jesus who was proud of being called the friend of tax collectors and sinners (Mt. 11:19). The community has certainly no right to send away one of its misbehaving members. But she (the Church) has the right and power to denounce or condemn people (members) who call themselves Christians but act in ways that are incompatible with the Gospel message. The decision of the Church (community) will be the decision of God. Having inspired the Church (community) in her decision, God will also honour her judgement. It is part of the Church's ministry of "binding and loosing" entrusted to Peter and the Church (Mt 16:19); "*for where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*" (Mt. 18:20). **Happy Sunday!**

CELEBRATING NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day was recognized in Canada in 1995 as falling on the second Sunday in September to acknowledge the importance of grandparents to "the structure of the family in the nurturing, upbringing, and education of children (Grandparents play a critical role in strengthening the family)"

The words of grandparents contain something special for young people. And they know it. The words that my grandmother gave me in writing the day of my priestly ordination I still carry with me, always, in the breviary. And I read them often and they do me good. (Pope Francis)

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

No Mass: There will be no mass on Thursday, September 14 at 10:00 am.

Office Hours: Please note that on Monday, September 11 hours will be 1:00-4:00 pm.

St. Malachy Wardens' Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm, in the Sacristy.

OLV Christmas Tea: Please call the office for information on how to convene this event.

Thank You: My family was overwhelmed by the show of support and affection by all who followed our journey with Mom (Evelyn). We know that she appreciated (and sang) with the choir The Irish Blessing. Our sincere thanks to all as it made us happy to be part of a caring faith community. (Love Monique, Ken, Tammy & Karen)

Clothing Requests: The charitable organization who rents space in the OLV Rectory – **Just Equipping** – is looking for clothing for **men and women**. Requirements: washable fleeces like hoodies, jogging pants, gym pants, fall jackets, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, socks and underwear. These can be dropped off at OLV during the secretary's office hours. ALSO **SUITCASES NEEDED: large lightweight. All donations will be accepted no later than September 13.** This will give them time to sort and pack the donations. **Please bring to church office.**

HISTORY OF OLV

Following the departure of Father Donald Jeffrey in 1993, our parish would be led by a Pastoral team: Father Don MacLellan, Father Bob Smith, Sister Sheila and Sister Regina.

This team believed that parishioners should be involved in their parish. Various faith sessions were held in the evenings, with particular emphasis on better understanding our religion. A youth choir was formed. One memorable occasion was a children's Mass, which included puppets during the sermon!

Father Don was very knowledgeable when it came to computers and the OLV/St. Malachy parish office entered the electronic age with its first computer. Because of serious health challenges, Father Don was forced to leave in 1995.

The team was replaced by Father Lomer J. Rooney. Many will remember Father Lomer as a great speaker. His sermons were given in the center aisle of the church and usually contained a few jokes. Unfortunately, Father Lomer had to leave us that same year because of poor health.

Our Parish was to be without a permanent Pastor for the next two years. Priests, who were taking courses at St. Paul University, said Masses on the weekends. During this period, we were very fortunate to have two local priests, Father Yvan Robitaille and Father Andre Fortin, who rearranged their schedules on many occasions so that they could help us by presiding at funerals.