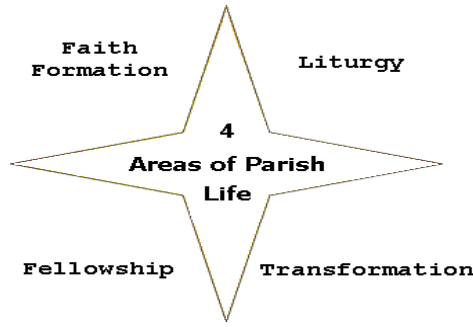




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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 7 – OCTOBER 8, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Oct. 12 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Oct. 14 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Peter & Kathleen Roos by Ginny Roos Bob Garvey by Barbara & Family
Sunday	Oct. 15 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Eric Ryan by Isabel & Tom Laframboise Jos McGurn by The Family Deceased Members of the Casey Family by Dorothy & Phil Casey Joan Teske by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

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ST. MALACHY

September 30 - October 1, 2017- Sunday Collection	\$542.00	\$154.00
September 30 – October 1, 2017- Support	280.00	172.00

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Vineyard of the Lord

Today's readings speak about the necessity of bearing fruit in the Christian life and the consequent punishment for spiritual sterility, ingratitude and wickedness. Biblical writing portrays the chosen people as *vineyard of the Lord*. In the **first reading**, Isaiah, the prophet, in his Song of the Vineyard describes God's care of, and expectations for, His Chosen People. With all the care and cultivation lavished on His Vineyard, God as the owner has a lively expectation of a good yield at harvest time but all He receives for His labors are sour grapes. Hence, God laments: "*When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?*" This is the story of God's relationship with the people of Israel. God demands good works from them: faithfulness to the covenant, social justice, love for the poor and the orphan, the widow; instead He harvests sins, infidelity, oppression and exploitation, false accusations in courts, hatred, bloodshed, a religion of ceremonies and external cult without conversion of the heart. St Paul, in the **second reading**, tells Philipians about the

high expectations he has for them, reminding them that they need to become fruit-producing Christians by praying and giving thanks to God and by practicing justice, purity and graciousness in their lives.

In **the Gospel**, St. Matthew utilizes some ideas of Isaiah's Song. Here, the landowner is God, the vineyard is Israel, as God's special people, and the tenants are the political and religious leaders of Israel who were in charge of making the people produce good fruits. The two groups of servants sent are the prophets who, before and after a period of the exile in Babylon, were sent by God to remind the people of their alliance, but they were treated with disdain and violence. The Son is Jesus, sent with hope that the tenants will respect Him. But the landowner's (God's) hope is misplaced as His Son is thrown out of the vineyard and killed. The punishment of leasing the vineyard to other tenants clearly shows Matthew's view that the Kingdom of God will be granted to the Gentiles, who will be expected to deliver the good fruits.

Matthew uses this story, addressed to the chief priests and elders, to explain salvation history. His story explains why the New People of God is made mostly of Gentiles who have come to believe in Christ. Today's passage is handed over to us not to curse the infidelity of the Jews of Jesus' time but to warn us, the Christians of our time, that the danger of committing the same mistake still exists for us. We cease being either God's vineyard or the tenants of God's vineyard when we stop relating to others as loving servants. The parable teaches that instead of glorying in our privileges and Christian heritage, we are called to deeds of love, including bearing personal and corporate witness that invites others into God's kingdom. Jesus has given us the Church, and through her everything necessary to make Christians fruit-bearing: the Bible to know the will of God, the sacraments, role models in thousands of saints. We are expected to make use of these gifts and produce fruits for God. The questions staring us at the face are: what fruits do we, as Christians yield today? Are we yielding fruits of justice, peace and serenity? **Happy Sunday!**

Earthquakes in Mexico

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada

A powerful earthquake registering 7.1 on the Richter scale hit Mexico City on September 22nd 2017 barely two weeks after a violent 8.2-magnitude earthquake hit the south of the country. **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** has launched operations with local organizations to provide emergency aid for those affected. According to a recent assessment, these two earthquakes have resulted in the deaths of nearly 400. More than 2,000 people have been injured and require medical attention, and dozens of children are currently missing.

Development and Peace is calling upon the Canadian public to give generously to help victims cope with this disaster. The funds raised, along with emergency funds from the organization, will be used to meet health needs and provide food, shelter, and non-food items for those most affected. **Development and Peace** is also helping those affected by the devastating hurricanes that devastated multiple Caribbean islands in recent weeks.

To give online, <https://www.devp.org/en/pressroom/2017/comm2017-09-22>

or you can send your donation towards Emergency Mexico to: Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor Montréal, QC H3G 1T7

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Memory Book: Looking for pictures, stories and anything that you have done (or still doing) for our church. Even if you stay in the background you still have something to contribute. Please call the office – 819-986-3763 – and let us get together.

Cereal Bars: Basket will be available for your donation next weekend Oct 14-15.

OLV Wardens Meeting: Wednesday, October 11th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

Garage sale: Monique is looking at a spring garage Sale. Call her if you have any items to contribute and drop off time and date can be arranged.

OLV Christmas Tea: **Date:** Saturday, December 2. **Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 pm. **Cost:** \$6.00

As in the past we are asking all parishioners to contribute something to both the Food Table and the Kitchen. If you are not called, consider this your invitation.

There will be a raffle for two \$50.00 gift certificates from Maxi. Cost of tickets will be \$2.00 for 1 ticket and \$5.00 for 3 tickets. These tickets will be going on sale prior to and after each mass in November. Draw will be done at the tea at 2:45 pm.

Donations to the Craft Table would be appreciated.

Used Stamps: Did you know that one cancelled stamp can help feed a child for a day? Support The Redemptorist Mission Stamp Bursary by bringing your used stamps and placing them in the specially marked boxes on each side at the top of the stairs.

Egg Cartons: Recycle your used egg cartons by placing them in the food basket. These are used by our local Food Bank and also for the Special Education Children at St. Michel School. Monique will divide these cartons to ensure that both places get your donations.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Invitation: October 11 is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, the principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Gatineau. All the faithful are invited to participate in a Mass, presided by Archbishop Paul-André Durocher at **7:00 PM on October 11** at St. Joseph Cathedral (245 Saint-Joseph Blvd).

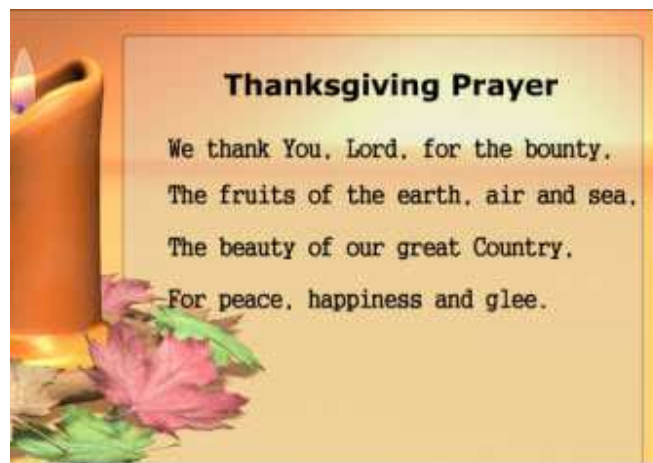
HISTORY OF OLV

In 1997 the newly ordained Father Yves Masse became the new pastor of OLV. He would be with us until 1999.

His replacement was Father Jean Loi Nguyen. Father Jean Loi had been forced to flee his home land of Vietnam many years earlier. To say that Father was a computer enthusiast would be an understatement! He shared his love of computers with the younger members of the Parish. He also organized dinners and “fun” evenings in the parish hall for the children.

Many parishioners will remember Joseph and Myriam, Father’s Vietnamese friends, who were often seen around the church helping out with Father’s many projects.

Father had never driven a car before. A few parishioners could probably give some interesting accounts of their experiences during the driving lessons!



Thanksgiving Prayer

We thank You, Lord, for the bounty,
The fruits of the earth, air and sea,
The beauty of our great Country,
For peace, happiness and glee.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!