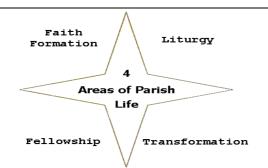


Our Lady of Victory 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5

Sunday 9:00 AM



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 20 - 21, 2018

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MASSES

Thursday	Oct. 25 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate	
Saturday	Oct. 27 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV	
Sunday	Oct. 28 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Tribute to Frances Costello To all who I prayed for Eddie Cameron (30 th ann) by Lorraine & Family	

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 13 - 14 - Sunday Collection	\$592.00	\$262.00



Christ, Us, Our Communities, Our Neighbourhoods

The Synodal process was officially launched at the Patronal Feast, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church last week. There have been meetings with parish delegates to present the approach of the first stage and the tools to animate parish meetings or control groups.

In our desire to have a portrait as real as possible of the perception of our diocesan Church, we have put online a survey for those **who are more distant from the Church**. What is our impact on them or our environment? I invite you to send the following link https://fr.surveymonkey.com/r/BFGVV3X to people you know and ask them to take minutes of their time to answer this survey. This is the information we want to collect.

The process has begun and we hope you will be part of the success of this important step for our future as Catholic Church.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop October, 2018

"Let us pray for the bishops, gathered in Rome around Pope Francis from the 3rd to the 28th of October, for the Synod of bishops 2018: "Young people, faith and vocational discernment." That any direction taken meet the challenges, the concerns and the dreams of young people and reach them in their current reality to foster a meaningful involvement in the Church."

Question I ask myself: I take the time, today, to read Pope Francis's message to young people: 'Together with young people, let us bring the Gospel to all'.⁴

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-05/pope-francis-message-world-mission-sunday-2018.html.

FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY

Servant Leadership

Today's readings describe leadership as the sacrificial service done for others and offer Jesus as the best example. The leadership of Jesus is a servant leadership; one that is hinged on service and sacrifice which are the criteria of greatness in His kingdom. We are called to be good followers of the Servant Leader, Jesus. The various God-given abilities and talents are not to cause division, to help us rule over others, or to compete with others. All gifts must be a source of communion and complementarity. To be great means to be the last and servant of all as Christ was.

The **first reading** from the Prophet Isaiah taken from the fourth servant song of messianic prophecy, shows God preparing His people to adopt the mentality of giving up one's life as Jesus was to demonstrate later. It tells how the promised Messiah will save mankind, by sacrificing Himself as the atonement for our sins. As a 'suffering servant', Jesus had done this sacrificial service of love for us by giving His life on the cross as an offering for us and taking our punishment on Himself.

The **second reading** tells us that the Son of God was not afraid to come down to our level as a human being; as one of us He shared our condition. As God-man and Mediator-High Priest, Jesus has offered a fitting sacrifice to God as a ransom to liberate us from the slavery of sin. During the time of Jesus, a ransom was the price paid to free someone from slavery; the ransomer offered himself as a substitute for the slave. This is what Jesus did in our behalf. He is able to understand well our weakness because He Himself was tempted like us, though sinless and so we can confidently hope for God's mercy.

The **Gospel** explains how Jesus had accomplished His mission of saving us from the slavery of sin as the "suffering servant." On His way to Jerusalem, He just announced for the third time that He was going to be insulted, condemned to death, scourged and killed. But the disciples did not seem to have understood the meaning of His words. They were still thinking about Jesus, the messiah, coming to establish the kingdom of this world with great political power.

James and John, in their request, betrayed this misunderstanding. They seemed to say: 'we are convinced that we have the right to the first places in the kingdom that you are about to establish.' Surprisingly, these are two of Jesus' best and most generous disciples. The reaction of the other ten disciples is pretty sharp and shows that they too have assimilated very little of the teaching of Jesus. Hence, those who manifest the greatest lack of understanding for the words of God are not just some unknown disciples but the close ones. They have accepted all that Jesus said about married life, they have left everything to follow Him; but when it comes to giving up power and superiority over others, they lose their heads. Jesus told them that one day they would give up their lives for Him and that the places given to each one in glory is a gift of the Father, not something that can be claimed on merit. In this Gospel, Jesus therefore offers the ideal of dedication to the service of others as fundamental to Christian discipleship. We are challenged to become great by serving others with the sacrificial agape love like Christ, the suffering servant. We ought to 'drink the cup' of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble, sacrificial service for others in our homes, workplaces, communities etc. When parents sacrifice their time, talents, health and blessings for the welfare of their children; when husband and wife are 'servants' to each other; when teachers are 'servants' to their pupils; when doctors see their patients as 'superiors' that they must serve; when traders try to keep their customers happy through good service and honesty, they are serving God. Service always involves suffering because we cannot help another without some sacrifice on our part.

Today more than ever, we need people with courage of Christian convictions for social justice, we need spiritual leaders in our Church who, even in the face of persecution, can break open the undiluted word for all, who can lead us in our prayers, offer us on the altar, and draw us together as sacrament. If we want to be leaders, we must learn to be available, accountable and vulnerable: that is servant leadership! **Happy Sunday!**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today on World Mission Sunday, we are invited to celebrate our mission's vocation, to pray for the people who are actively engaged in mission, and to generously contribute to our worldwide mission solidarity fund through this collection. Your gift on this day helps:

People in remote villages, town and cities, through the witness and work of missionaries and local priests; Children, the elderly, refugees, the sick, and orphans through the services of religious Sisters and Brothers; To bring the Gospel to the poorest of our human family;

Catechists proclaim the message of hope and peace that only Christ can give.

Please offer your prayers for the work of the Church in the missions today and be as generous as you can on World Mission Sunday.

PRAYER for WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

We pray to the Lord our pledge to preach with our youth the Gospel to everyone: You call us to preach your Good News to all nations, in every situation! Inspired by you, we come out from our churches and our houses to preach the Good News. Inspired by our youth, their dreams and their questions, we are keen about your Mission. Together, we will build a new Earth, which will be more just, more in solidarity and more fraternal. We will build relationships marked by trust, sharing and openness to other people. We will not erect walls of division, but we will build bridges to connect your large human family!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

<u>Best wishes</u>: Our thoughts are with *Anita & Melvin Berndt* as they celebrated their *55th Wedding Anniversary* on Friday, October 5, 2018. God Bless!

COMMUNITY NEWS

<u>Final 2018 Event:</u> Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre Final event for the 2018 Season October 28, 2018 (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m). Wine and Cheese and Exhibit of Robert Emile Fortin and Lynne Zentner's art works at Kent and Mary Browne's Cottage at Long Lake.

All proceeds will be donated to Our Lady of Light Cultural CentreTickets: \$20/person and available by calling Brenda Miller at 819 986 -7358.