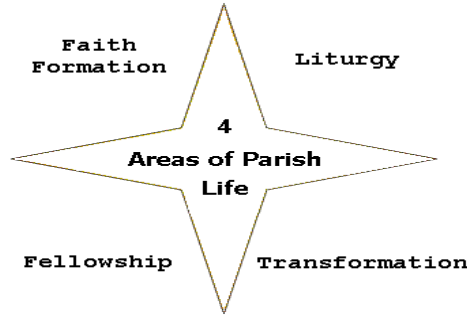




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**33rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 17 – 18, 2018**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Nov. 22 nd	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Nov. 24 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Bert & Marguerite Murphy by The Family
Sunday	Nov. 25 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Christopher Farnand by Granny

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov. 10 - 11 - Sunday Collection	\$487.00	\$203.00
Nov. 10 - 11 - Missionary Bishops & Societies	175.00	28.00



The Synodal Process – Statistical trends in the Archdiocese of Gatineau

To help parishes get a better sense of their parish reality, the diocesan team has compiled a statistical profile for each parish with information on weddings, funerals, baptisms, confirmations, and first communion. We also compiled these for the diocese as a whole. While statistics are only one part of the picture of what we are living, the trends are quite notable. Most notable is the dramatic drop in weddings over the past 30 years, from 746 in 1988 to only 114 in 2017. Over the same period, the number of funerals have been largely stable.

A concerning trend is the dramatic drop in the sacraments of Christian initiation over the past twenty years. Between 1998 and 2017, the number of baptisms and confirmations dropped in half (from 2075 to 994 baptisms; and from 994 to 453 confirmations), and first communions dropped even more dramatically (from 1660 to 686). These statistics are not intended to discourage us, but to name the reality before us. It is an essential step toward making good decisions for the future.

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop November, 2018

Question I ask myself: WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, PROCLAIMED BY POPE FRANCIS : There are poor people all around us. Did I get involved to help the victims of the September 21st tornado? I will check to see what I can do to help.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Waiting for the End with Courage and Hope

As we approach the end of the Church's Liturgical Year, the liturgy naturally offers us an opportunity to reflect on the Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. Today's readings therefore assure us that God will be with us all the days of our lives and the Holy Spirit is ever present in our midst to guide, protect and strengthen us. This should be a source of courage to us as we face the uncertainty concerning the end time "when Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." The **first reading** is from the Book of the prophet Daniel, a book that was originally written to comfort and give hope to the Jewish people persecuted by a cruel pagan king, Antiochus. The king wanted to wipe out all semblance of religion. The author promises that Michael will arise to defend the holy people. He also admits that all those who were killed because they refused to betray their faith will awaken to share the joy of the kingdom of God and the wise who defended justice will shine as brightly as the heavens – the first assertion of resurrection in the Bible. The words of hope here were not written only for the Jews of the time; they are also valid for all today living under similar conditions.

In the **second reading**, the author challenges us to look to the future with hope and calmness. Why? Jesus, the mediator who sits at the right hand of God, has secured the forgiveness of our sins and our sanctification through His sacrifice on the cross. The message of hope is echoed too in the Gospel. St. Mark offers us hope as he did the early Christians persecuted by the Roman Emperor Nero. He reminded the early Christians of Jesus' words about His glorious return to earth with great power and glory as judge to gather and reward His elect. Accordingly, we should not worry about the date of the end of the world; it is more important to know how to live now, in this world. Jesus asks us to spread optimism around us. The difficulties and dramas of life should not be considered as signs of death but, like the woman's labor, as announcing the birth of new life. Despite the hate, suffering and tears, our communities should be signs of hope and source of love, joy and peace. Like Daniel in the first reading, Mark continues to remind us that God will ensure that the righteous survive the ordeal and find a place with Him.

Through the image of the fig tree, Jesus warns us that we must be ever prepared to give account of our lives when He comes in glory as the Judge because we cannot know "either the day or the hour" of His second coming. Only the Father, and nobody else, knows the time and the hour of the final establishment of the Kingdom of God but there are evident signs that show the time is near. We should therefore keep alert like the farmer who knows how to interpret the signs that mark the coming of the new season. Today, many of us suffer many failures, injustices, disappointments in our lives; friends betray us, children disappoint us, relatives always engage in disagreements with us. But Jesus invites us not to be discouraged. Even during the darkest moments, we will be able to see the signs of the kingdom that is coming closer. As they face both joys and sorrows in their lives, Christians should raise their heads and see in every event the sign that the Son of man is near, while the unbelievers lower their sight, look down to the ground and despair. Instead of worrying about the end time events, we are asked to live every day of our lives loving God living in others, by our committed service to them with sacrificial agape love. Based on our ways of life, are we convinced that at the end good, not evil, will prevail? **Happy Sunday!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Bells of Peace – A Remembrance of Those Who Served in the First World War.

At sunset on November 11, a simple memorable tribute to our veterans was held at St. Malachy. Parishioners, family, friends and neighbors gathered in silence outside and listened to the reading of "In Flanders's Field" and the one hundred tolls of the bell, sung "Amazing Grace" and observed a minute of silence. It was interesting to hear the shared stories of loved ones who had served in the war. A special thank you to the youth and volunteers who took turns in the ringing of the bell, those who provided the wreath, poppies and candles and all who attended. **We Will Remember Them.**

Book of Life: We honor our loved ones who have died from Nov. 1 to Oct. 31 of the previous year to the current year. The funeral date is used for our event. Feel free to add names to this book.

New Sunday Missals: Now on sale for \$6.00.

OLV Christmas Tea: December 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm for this annual event. ***Please consider this your invitation to bake something for the food table and/or kitchen.***

This gesture would be greatly appreciated.

Information: Our church hall and conference room are rented out during the month. Please note that you should call the office to confirm if anything is going on so you can have access. Otherwise, can we respect the times reserved for our renters??

COMMUNITY NEWS

St-Grégoire Spaghetti Supper on Friday, November 23rd at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Joseph Street. Tickets on sale at \$10 per person and can be obtained from: Parish Secretary at 819-986-3381, Denise Lacelle at 819-961-3619 or Suzanne Théorêt at 819-281-1920.

First seating: 5:00 pm Second seating: 6:30 pm No tickets sold at the door.

St. Andrew's United Tea: Christmas Tea on Saturday, **November 24** from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Knit quilt to raffle and bake table, novelties and crafts.

Heart & Soul Concert: Thursday, **December 6** at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Victory Church. Price \$10. For advance tickets call 819-986-1185. Coffee & desserts will be served.