



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

1st SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5 - 6, 2022

St. Malachy
3889 Route 315
Mayo, Québec
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Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

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Baptisms By appointment. Registration required. Please call the Rectory.
Weddings Couples must call the Rectory for an appointment **at least one year** prior to their date of marriage to allow adequate preparation time.

Welcome to new Parishioners We welcome you to our parish! Please introduce yourself after Mass and call the Rectory to register.

MASSES

Thursday	Mar. 10 th	OLV	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Mar. 12 th	St. Malachy	7:00 p.m.	Harvey Weatherton (42nd anniv) by Shirley, Rolly & Philip Plouffe Healing Mass for John Kane by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Mar. 13 th	OLV	9:00 a.m.	Rita O'Neill Tremblay by Larry & D'Arcy McCormick Mr. & Mrs. John Laluck & Terry Laluck by Susan & Junior Lemieux

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

OLV

ST. MALACHY

February 26-27, 2022 - Sunday Offering	\$ 840.00	\$ 335.00
February 26-27, 2022 - Fuel	286.00	80.00
February 26-27, 2022 - Donations		200.00

Thank you for your contributions

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP – LENT 2022

This week marks the beginning of Lent. With everything we've been through with COVID for the past two years, you'd think we never got out of Lent 2020. However, we seem to be nearing the end of the tunnel, the light is getting brighter. Vaccines and new drugs are making this disease less devastating. We can slowly rediscover a more serene approach to our "being together". We look to the future with a bit more confidence, especially since spring will be here in just a few weeks.

However, I worry about moving too quickly back to "normal" life without taking the time to reflect on the past two years with its provincial guidelines, social distancing and constant hand sanitizing. What have we learned during these two years? Are we emerging more attentive to each other, more sensitive to social issues, more respectful of diverse viewpoints? Has our sense of belonging to a Christian community found new ways of expression and of engagement?

Pope Francis believes this pandemic has revealed latent social fractures, problematic ways of being that we prefer to ignore. He fears a return to "normal" because, he believes, "normal" is not very satisfactory for the poor, the excluded, the voiceless and the undocumented. The war that has just broken out in Ukraine confirms his analysis: something is wrong in our world. He offers us new paths in his letters on universal fraternity, on safeguarding the environment, on the family and on the Gospel.

Let's take advantage of this Lent to read his texts, listen to his messages, reflect on the questions he asks. The synodal approach that he launched invites us to also gather with others to discuss these issues in prayer and respectful dialogue. By listening to each other attentively, perhaps we will hear the Spirit prompting us with ways for the future of the Church and of our world. I pray this Lent will be particularly fruitful for all of us.

+ Paul-André Durocher

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

<u>First Reading:</u>	Deuteronomy 26.4-10
<u>Psalms 91:</u>	Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble
<u>Second Reading:</u>	Romans 10.8-13
<u>Gospel:</u>	Luke 4.1-13

Reflection

As the Church, we have begun our journey to Easter. The 40-day Lenten season is really a forty-day retreat for the Church in preparation for Easter. Of what does that preparation consist? Today's Gospel story gives us a hint. That story is really about having to make choices; it is about having to deal with conflicting desires and interests. Jesus was not immune to that. Do I look after my own needs? Do I grab for power so that I can dominate others? Do I use God for my own purposes? Do I demand from God that he reward me for my good works or my piety? Jesus rejected these desires however much they may have tempted him. He rejected them because he saw that giving in to them would jeopardize, and get in the way of, the Kingdom of God.

The temptation story is placed on the first Sunday of Lent. It is to remind us and to invite us as disciples of Jesus to take a second look at what it is that rules our lives. What rules our lives: God and his Kingdom or our own little kingdom? What has invaded our lives and filled our hearts? "What wolf do I feed?"

The Christian tradition has left us with three practices that help us grapple with that question: **prayer, fasting, almsgiving**. They are part of the Lenten discipline; they are our own way of joining Christ in his struggle to see what kingdom he will serve.

Prayer: More than saying an extra prayer occasionally. It is more a matter of letting the true God, not the god of our making, the God of Jesus Christ, be the anchorage in our life. We believe him, and him alone, to be absolutely trustworthy.

Fasting: If the true God is the anchorage in our life, there is a spin-off to that. We can even do without a number of commodities, conveniences, even necessities that we all too often allow to claim us. Being anchored in the true God empowers us to deny ourselves, to fast, to do without a lot of that stuff. We have less need of it because God fills our lives.

Almsgiving: That sort of fasting enables us to assist others who are in need, to give alms as the traditional expression has it. The point is that if the true God indeed fills our lives, then we become much less self-centered or preoccupied with our own needs and rights, with the wounded self. Instead, we become more alert to the needs of others. The more contemporary form of this sort of fasting and almsgiving is our interest in and support for Development and Peace and our contribution to its Share Lent campaign later on in Lent.

Lent is meant to be a 40-day retreat in which we join Christ in his taking his stand in favour of God's Kingdom. Then prayer, fasting and almsgiving, together with God's grace, are our weapons. Their concrete application will help us discover what it means to be baptized in Jesus' name. The celebration of Easter as the victory of light over darkness will be all the more significant.

From SHARING THE WORD OF GOD, Insights from William Marvee S.C.J.

ZOOM LINK

The Sunday mass at Our Lady of Victory will continue to be offered to persons unable to attend the mass celebration. The Zoom link remains the same, as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3220682713?pwd=Z013ZURacXhObmREbi91KzhxaUtuUT09>

Meeting ID: **322 068 2713**

Passcode: **046463**

OLV & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Father Gregory: Can be reached at St. Aloysius at 819-663-5244 and Carol (secretary) will take your message or forward you to Father if he is in. Also every Thursday at OLV, after 9:00 a.m. Mass. Call the office at 819-986-3763 and schedule your time with him.

Holy Water & Plastic Rosaries: **Holy Water** is already in containers and can be taken from the table at the right of the top of the stairs or during office working hours. **Plastic rosaries** are also available for sale.



Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, [Development and Peace - Caritas Canada](https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/people-planet-first/share-lent/) - <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/people-planet-first/share-lent/> is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada.

We partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice.

With the help of our 11,000+ volunteer members, we inform Canadians about the root causes of impoverishment and mobilize them to act for change. Our Lenten campaign, People and Planet First, offers you the opportunity to help protect vulnerable communities and ecosystems from corporate abuse.

Take a look at the [Mini-Magazine](https://www.devp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/EN_2022_minimag.pdf) - https://www.devp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/EN_2022_minimag.pdf inserted with today's bulletin where you will find more detailed information on specific partners of Development and Peace. There are also reflections for each Sunday of Lent.