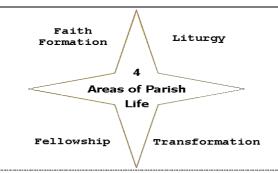


**Our Lady of Victory** 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24-25, 2015



St. Malachy 3889 Route 315 Mayo, Québec J8L 3Z8

## Sunday 9:00 AM

#### **Celebration of the Eucharist**

Saturday 7:00 PM

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### **Food for Thought**

Reading 1 Responsorial Psalm

Jonah 3.1-5, 10

Lord, make me know your ways

Reading II 1 Corinthians 7-29-31 Gospel

Mark 1.14-20

Jesus called his disciples at their ordinary work. He involved himself in their lives, and they knew He had something relevant to offer. They seemed to think that they could take part in this project called "The Kingdom of God."

We also find the call of God to be people of the Gospel among the ordinary moments of life.

#### **MASSES**

Thursday	January 29th	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	January 31st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	All Parishioners St.Malachy & OLV
Sunday	February 1st	OLV @ 9:00 am	Marjorie Butler by Regis & Family Norah Renwick (2 <sup>nd</sup> ann) & Theresa Gorman by Nicole Charbonneau,

Today, 73 years ago, the first mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Victory, three days after the Parish was decreed on January 22, 1942.

#### CONFESSIONS AT OUR LADY OF VICTORY AND ST. MALACHY PARISHES

Fr. Albanus will be available for confessions on a regular basis on the following days:

Our Lady of Victory Thursday 9:15 am to 9:30 am St. Malachy Saturday 6:20 pm to 6:50 pm Our Lady of Victory Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am

or by appointment.

Parishioners are also invited to join in praying the Rosary before all Masses.

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WORKSHOP**

Maintaining the health of our faith communities, both parishes, takes both financial and liturgical participation on the part of all parishioners. Recently, particularly at OLV, the focus has been on the financial well-being of our community and less so on Liturgy and its supporting ministries.

There is now a need to refocus our efforts on the health of our ministries. The Inter-Parish Planning Committee and Father Albanus have been developing workshops for the various ministries. In the immediate term, the focus will be on Eucharistic Ministers and then with other ministries such as Servers and Lectors.

A workshop for Eucharistic Ministers from both parishes will be held at OLV (in the Church) on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The challenge we are now facing is that we need more parishioners to step forward and commit to participating in a Ministry. We are inviting not only existing ministers' participation in this workshop, but also those who are not ministers. We are not asking parishioners to commit by attending this workshop, but simply to participate and find out more about the ministry and then make a decision. No pressure will be exerted on those attending.

## WE ARE BACK IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the Liturgical Season or Ordinary Time. Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel, time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of immediacy of God's kingdom?

# MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE ARCHBISHOP JANUARY, 2015 – "THE PROMOTION OF PEACE"

For all those who come from different religious traditions and for those government organizations responsible for promoting peace; that they collaborate in the promotion of peace, especially in their decision-making.

## **Social Reflection:**

Quebec and Canada are known as calm, peaceful and welcoming places where life is good. Many people have dreamed of settling here. However, for the last decade, Canada's image on the international stage has faded and our policies have become tougher. The events of the last months show us that we are not immune to the rise of violence in our country. How as citizens can we, in this context, work to promote peace?

#### **Answer for Our Faith:**

We have just celebrated the feast of Christmas which reminds us of the birth of our Savior. For us, Jesus Christ is "the Prince of Peace" (Is 9.5). In Luke's Gospel after his baptism, Jesus quotes Isaiah by saying that he will come to release those who are marginalized and bring peace to their hearts. "The Beatitudes" in Matthew announce happiness by attitudes of peace. Following Jesus, Christianity promotes values of peace, justice and freedom. How as Christian communities can we be carriers of the peace of Christ?

#### **Reflection for This Week:**

I reflect on how my encounter with Christ released me and gave me inner peace. I take time to read the letter to Philemon, which denounces slavery and introduces what is freedom in Christ.

### **OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEWS**

#### **Choir Members**

If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact the office or a member of the choir.

### Valentine's Dance

This year, our Valentine's Dance will be held on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm at Charlie's Ranch located at 1361 Route 315. Entertainment will be provided by Lorne Daly, Peter Dawson and the Ricochet Riders. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available prior to Mass (OLV), at the door or by calling the Parish office at 819-986-3763. Tea/coffee and sweets will be served following the dance.

#### St. Patrick's Tea

The Society is looking for a convener. Please let Clare or Monique know by mid- February. **If no one is interested, the tea will be cancelled.** 

#### **Income Tax Receipts**

Information will be forthcoming.

## **Appreciation Night**

Last Friday, the Parish held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Night. This event provides an opportunity for the Wardens, on behalf of all Parishioners, to thank all those volunteers who contribute to the well-being of our faith community. What is very important is that we recognize those individuals who contribute so much behind the scenes. Behind the scenes, we mean those volunteers who are not visible. Like those individuals who do such a wonderful job decorating the church, especially at Christmas and Easter, those individuals who count money following Mass, those who make the deposits, those who open and close the Church before and after mass and finally those who prepare the altar and serve mass week in and week out. Once again, thank you to all volunteers for their commitment and dedication.

The evening also provided an opportunity for the Wardens and the OLV Society to recognize Alma Millar who has retired after 9 years as Parish Secretary.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
January 17-18, 2015 – Sunday Offering	\$399.00	\$232.00