



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

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 18 – 19, 2017**

St. Malachy
3889 Route 315
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Sunday 9:00 AM		Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 PM
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MASSES

Thursday	Feb. 23 rd	OLV @ 11:00 am	Funeral Mass for Bob Zinkie
Saturday	Feb. 25 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Marilyn and Peter Roos by Ginny Benjamin French (24th ann) by The Family
Sunday	Feb. 26 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Beatrice Bonin by Tom and Isabel Kay & Elmer Delcourt and Ricky Laframboise by Elma & Philippe Laframboise Special Intention by a Parishioner

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Feb.11 – Feb. 12, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$487.00	

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions - February 2017

"For the people who are going through some very difficult situations such as: illness, mourning or unemployment.
May they find welcoming, support and comfort in our communities."

Questioning ourselves, Sunday, February 19: Is there someone in my family or my entourage who needs assistance, love OR support?

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Pray for the repose of the soul of Bride Martin, sister of Barbara Weir. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy.

The first reading, taken from the Book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: "*Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.*" It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: "*Love your neighbor as yourself.*" The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be holy as our God is holy by becoming kind, merciful and forgiving. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

The Gospel describes ways of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus. Jesus deals with the question of how His followers should behave when faced with hurt and hatred. This is the continuation of Jesus teaching, The Sermon on the Mount, where He gives a radical interpretation of the Law. Jesus deals with the Old Testament law of retaliation. The law 'eye for eye and tooth for tooth' (Lv 24:19f) was introduced as a legal practice to put a stop to never-ending feuds and avoid excessive punishment. The law fixed the boundaries of vengeance, limited the retaliation to the penalty of the same injury so that there must be some proportion between the crime and the punishment. But Jesus goes beyond this law to say that the disciple must not be provoked into taking retaliation for the wrongs done against him/her. The response of the disciples (followers) to wrong must not flow from another person's hostility but from the nature of their discipleship.

Jesus also confirms the ancient law that you should love your neighbour, but rejects any interpretation of the Law that permits people to hate their enemy. The law enjoins the Israelites to love their neighbour, but a neighbour was understood to mean a fellow Israelite. He, thus, rejects this limitation of the love and asks His disciples to love the enemies. In this way, He lifts all limitation to love. That is Christian love; it excludes no one, not even the one that persecutes the disciple. The point that Jesus makes is that the love His disciples gave people is not related to the love they received from others. Love is not a social contract or a fair bargain. The disciple loves because that is what the nature of discipleship involves. A disciple should imitate the Father who does not withhold the sun and the rain from those who oppose Him. Love is offered because that is what a disciple of the kingdom should do. His script proceeds from who he is, not from what he receives from others. Jesus loved even those who hated Him. He stayed with love, a supreme value, because that emerged from who He was as the Son of the Father.

We need to love our neighbors and our enemies too: *Agápe* love is a choice more than a feeling. We choose to love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them.

We have in the *Acts of the Apostles* the example of St. Stephen, the first martyr, who prayed for those who were putting him to death. We need to have a forgiving heart. Jesus demands that we should forgive, pardon and be generous whether or not our offenders deserve it, and even if we are not loved in return. He also tells us to pray for those who willfully cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness. We are to try to be perfect, to be like God. We become perfect when we fulfill God's purpose in creating us, i.e., when we become Godlike by cooperating with His grace. We become perfect when we try to love as God loves, to forgive as God forgives and to show unconditional good will and universal benevolence as God does.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Andrews United Church presents "A Night in The Tropics" featuring Eddie Alleyne on Steel Drums on Saturday April 1st at 7pm. Tickets \$10 for adults, kids 12 and under free. Prize for the best tropical shirt

For tickets call Stacey 819-281-6337/ Donna 819-986-9359 or e-mail at st.andrews.buckingham@gmail.com

Monies raised will go towards roof renovations.

HISTORY OF OLV

Every month there will be an historical write up of the founding of our church. We thank Dorothy Ann Casey for providing us with this information.

Now that we had our Church, you can just imagine how this long anticipated news of finally having our own Church was received by everyone as they lived through the hardships of the war!

And so it was that the first Parish Priest, Rev. E. F. Bambrick celebrated our first Mass on January 25, 1942 in the newly founded parish of OLV, located in the building on the corner of Avenue de Buckingham and Lefebvre St. (formerly Market and Main St.).

This building housed Cameron's Store (later to become the Haspect Bowling Alley).

The room that became their place of worship had been used to store animal hides, imagine the cleaning and deodorizing that had to be done! With great enthusiasm and a lot of hard work, the parishioners readied the site.

As these were the War years, money and supplies were scarce. The first altar came from St. Malachy's Church in Mayo. Pews were bought from a Presbyterian Church in Stittsville. Kneeling benches and confessional booths were built by parishioners with lumber obtained from the local lumber store. The organ was donated by the Cosgrove sisters, who would be active in the choir for many years.

Overseeing all this activity were the first wardens, William Gorman, Alan McMillan and Leo McDonnell. It should be noted that Mr. McDonnell played an active role in OLV's 50th Anniversary celebrations!

Father Bambrick lived at the homes of various parishioners until the rectory was built.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! We would appreciate it if you could identify yourself to Fr. Albanus at mass. If you would like to become a regular parishioner, feel free to contact the office at 819-986-3763 to obtain a Registration Form. **Note:** the weekly collection envelope is the principal source of revenue for both parishes.