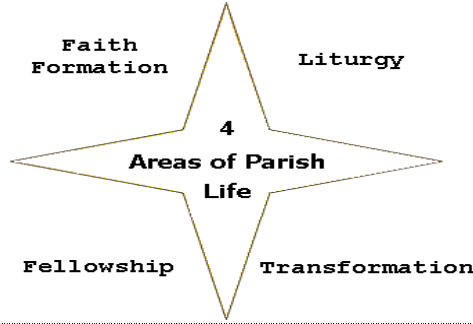




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**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
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 FEBRUARY 25 – 26, 2017**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Mar. 2 nd	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
Saturday	Mar. 4 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	All Parishioners of St. Malachy and OLV
Sunday	Mar. 5 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Norah Renwick (4th ann) by Nicole Beatrice Bonin by Deborah Dorey Mary Elizabeth Laframboise by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Feb.18 – Feb. 19, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$453.00	\$162.00

ARCHBISHOP DUROCHER'S TRIP TO ROME

From April 23 to May 15, Archbishop Durocher will be in Rome with all the Bishops of Quebec for the *ad limina* visit. This visit allows all Quebec bishops to perpetuate a tradition that goes back to the Middle Ages: that of meeting the Pope periodically to talk with him about their ministry. In addition to this private audience – the highlight of the visit – the bishops will tour the various departments of the Roman Curia to discuss the reality of the Church in Quebec and to learn about the universal perspective. Finally, as a sign of continuity with the apostles whose ministry they perpetuate in the Church, the bishops will celebrate the Eucharist on the tombs of Saints Peter and Paul. The last *ad limina* visit of Canadian bishops dates back to 2007.

Tradition has it that in the name of his diocese the bishop gives a gift to the Pope for his charitable works.

In support of our Diocese's charitable gift to Pope Francis, a donation basket will be placed at the back of each of our churches following masses on Saturday March 4th and Sunday March 5th for those who so desire to associate themselves with this gesture of giving or; you can make a check in the name of the Archdiocese of Gatineau indicating that it is a gift to the Pope, and forward it to our parish office or send it to directly to the Diocesan Center, 180 ave. Mont-Bleu, Gatineau, Quebec, J8Z 3J5.

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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 26: For the people who have lost their jobs, may they find organizations who will lead and support them in their job searches, let us pray.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Anxiety and trust in God

Today's readings give us an invitation to avoid unnecessary worries by putting our trust in the love and providential care of a loving and merciful God, and by living each day's life as it comes, doing His will and realizing His presence within us, within others and in all events of our lives. We live today in a complex world; and the more complicated the world becomes the more insecure we feel about the future. This age has been called the age of anxiety, one that is marked by disquiet and misgiving. This anxiety includes social, religious and personal anxiety.

The Israelites had their anxiety. We see this in the first reading where, during their exile in Babylon, they thought the Lord had abandoned them. They were aware of their infidelity like an unfaithful wife or a lawless son. The prophet tries to allay their fears about God abandoning them and assures them that even if a mother forgets her baby at the breast, God would not forget them. God, like a tender caring mother, can never abandon His children. The reading, therefore, invites us to accept a God whose love is gratuitous. A mother does not love her son because he is good but because he is her son. In the second reading, St. Paul instructs the Corinthians that instead of worrying about who baptized them and judging him or other preachers, they are to bear witness to Christ and his Gospel by their lives.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks similar words of comfort. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body or what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" But then where there is hunger or poverty anxiety is likely to set in because you are never certain about your daily bread. Poverty breeds anxiety. Jesus is neither suggesting that being His disciple will mean having a carefree life without a worry nor inviting us to be lazy and not be concerned with life's problems. He is not saying: stop working, do like the bird, live like the animals, do not sow or harvest! He says "do not worry" and not "do not work". He does not want us to be overcome by worry. He argues against an anxiety that consumes us and that steals all our energy leaving us feeling that God has abandoned us. Our determination to solve the problems of the world should not be such that deprives us of the joy of living. Anxieties add suffering to suffering.

As Christians we should keep our peace of heart even in the midst of difficulties knowing that our life is in the hands of God. We are to learn from Jesus our Master: when He faced the cross He still trusted in a God beyond the cross; He did not ignore His own fear but put it in the framework of His belief in God. As His disciples, He asks us to see beyond our real fears to a God who knows us and values us. Our fear is not the ultimate reality: God is. He wants us to place our anxiety in the larger perspective of the kingdom and put it in God's care. If He takes care of the birds of the sky and the flowers of the fields, how much more will he be interested in the lives of His children?



On Ash Wednesday, **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** will launch its 50th annual Share Lent campaign entitled **Women at the Heart of Change**.

Since the Organization's founding in 1967, money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent provides essential support to the poorest populations of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Today, **Development and Peace** supports 173 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world!

You can make Share Lent a part of your family's Lenten journey by using the Solidarity Calendar inserted in this bulletin. This year, the Share Lent collection will take place on April 2nd, which is Solidarity Sunday.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Pray for the repose of the soul of Bob Zinkie, husband of Ginette Goulet. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends during this time of loss.

Ash Wednesday: Will be at OLV on March 1st at 7:00 pm.

Birthday Wishes: We extend a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Carmel Gauthier who will be **102** years young on February 28th.

OLV Volunteer Appreciation Night: Will be held on Friday March 3rd at 7pm. This is an opportunity for the Wardens to say thank you to all the volunteers who support parish activities. If you have supported any parish activity you are invited. Also invited are those parishioners from St. Malachy who participated in inter-parish activities, committees, choir activities etc. Snacks and beverages will be served.

OLV Financial Report 2016: As an insert you will find the aforementioned report for 2016. This an excellent report and the Wardens would like to thank our parishioners for their continuous support. Of particular note is our year over year saving in heating. The decision to convert from oil to natural gas has immediately provided tremendous dividends. Our Treasurer Nancy Lanthier will be available at next week's coffee and fellowship session to respond to any questions you may have.

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 confessionals 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.