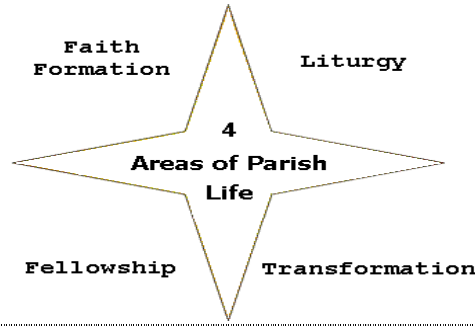




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**FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
APRIL 1 - 2, 2017**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Tuesday	Apr. 4th	OLV @ 7:00 pm	Penitential Service with Individual Confessions
Thursday	Apr. 6th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Apr. 8th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Royal Baulne (45th ann) by Richard & Rachel
Sunday	April. 9th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Pauline Harris by Clyde, Rita & Family Bob Dunning by Maureen Julia Martin (14th ann) by The Family Joan Teske by Family & Friends
Wednesday	Apr. 12th	St. Joseph Cathedral	Chrism Mass

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Mar. 25 - Mar. 26, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$401.00	\$250.00
Mar. 25 - Mar. 26, 2017 - Fuel	262.00	177.00

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.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Jesus is the Lord of Life

This Sunday's Liturgy speaks about death with hope in the resurrection. The Prophet Ezekiel feels that his people have lost all hope of liberation; they have become like a body without a head, like a corpse in the tomb. God sends him to proclaim to his people (the Israelites) the miracle He is about to accomplish in their favour. He will raise them to new life. The Prophet speaks of God opening their graves and bringing them up from their graves, that is; returning the deportees to their homeland from Babylon, the land of their exile. This message also applies to us. We could be said to be in "exile", in "death" when our lives are short of what God expects them to be. St. Paul, in the second reading, assures the early Roman Christians who were facing death by persecution, and us who are surrounded by a culture of death, that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead and Who dwells within us, thanks to our Baptism, will give life to our mortal bodies. Our lives in this world will end, but it will not be the end of everything.

Today's Gospel is a rather long one, though the actual "resurrection" of Lazarus comes in only two verses. All the rest is to explain the deep meaning of the sign performed by Jesus. When a loved one dies, it creates a vacuum in our lives and our world. This Gospel presents the story of how the death of Lazarus leaves a large absence in the lives of those who loved him. Jesus, instead of going earlier to cure Lazarus of his sickness, remains where He is for two more days giving the impression that He wants to let him die. Of course He says "Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die"(vs25&26). But Jesus' attitude - His absence - is essential to the story. By letting Lazarus die, He is telling us that He has not come to prevent physical death. Just as the blindness of the man in last week's Gospel served as the opportunity to show Jesus as the *Light*, so the death of Lazarus will serve to show Him as the *Life*. Jesus' task is not to break up the natural course of the life of man. This life has an end; it cannot last forever.

This Gospel shows a great truth about Jesus proclaimed earlier in it: "All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overcome (Jn. 1:4-5). The darkness of the tomb is not too dark for Jesus; the death of Lazarus does not mean that it is too late for Jesus to be his life. The great miracle is that while he is dead Lazarus hears the voice of the Son of God and obeys it and lives, fulfilling the prophetic word of Jesus (5:25). Hence, the disciple of Jesus does not die at all, s/he is only born into new life and enters the world of God to share in the life without limit.

Brothers and sisters, the story of the raising of Lazarus proclaims the great truth that Jesus is the Lord of life. He has power to call us out of our tombs, for the Christian life only begins when we, even though we are dead, hear the word of God and obey it. It is true that we don't have to be dead physically to be in need of being raised up. Even though we are alive, we could bind ourselves with chains of addictions, sexual deviations, gossips, envy, prejudices, hatred and uncontrollable anger, worry, resentment and guilt, name them. We seem to live in a world that is filled with death. Our world is full of the culture of death in different shades. Thus, we can be dead in the midst of life. We need to listen to the word of God and put ourselves together again. Here at this Lenten Eucharist, we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection. We proclaim it as we do His coming in glory when we too shall rise from the dead. **Happy Sunday!**

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

Solidarity Sunday! Thank you for your generosity! Each donation is used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world – from Paraguay to Syria, to Indonesia and beyond! We conclude this Share Lent with the words of Pope Francis, offered on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping create a future filled with hope!

Did you know that in 1992, Rigoberta Menchú, a friend of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, received the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her work defending the rights of indigenous peoples? To learn more about this inspiring woman, visit devp.org/insp-women#rigoberta.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

CHRISM MASS: Wednesday April 12, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, 245 Saint-Joseph Boulevard, Gatineau. Free parking available behind the Church and on the streets nearby. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Thank you to Raymond and Babe St. Jean, Ellen Butler and Joan Teske who will be representing both parishes at this service.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Relay for Life 10th Edition: Will be held once again in Buckingham, under the Brady Bridge, on Friday June 9th. ***This will be the last year that the Robitaille Team will be participating.*** Please help us support our cause to **make cancer history.** Thank you, Monique Simpson, on behalf of the Robitaille Family.

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, parish life began to evolve. The Holy Name Society was dedicated to the elimination of profanity and the promotion of devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The Holy Name Society sponsored the Catholic Boy Scout Troop. They also sponsored the very popular annual St. Patrick's concerts. Each concert consisted of a three-act play and Irish songs, ran for three evenings, and always sold out.

The Altar Society was a group of Parish women who were responsible for maintaining the priest's vestments, altar cloths and the altar boys' surplices. In later years the Altar Society became the Catholic Women's League.

In 1965, the Holy Name Society and the Catholic Women's League became known as the Parish Organization, which again changed name in 1976 to be known as the OLV Society. This latter organization remained active until a few years ago.

The 2nd Buckingham Boy Scout Troop and Wolf Cub Pack, founded by Patrick Ryan existed from 1947 to 1973. Many young boys were privileged to have been part of these groups and learned many valuable life lessons and create great memories at the same time!

The Girl Guides and Brownies sponsored by the CWL began in 1959. This group played an active part in the community and in parish activities. The Guides and Brownies learned many practical skills that prepared them for adulthood.

OLV Parish Society was responsible for numerous events including Teas, Suppers, Dances, raffles and other fund-raising events. Society members visited the shut-ins at Christmas and brought them a small gift. OLV Society also sponsored the cereal bar drive.

We are thankful to all the members of these organizations for their dedication to OLV.