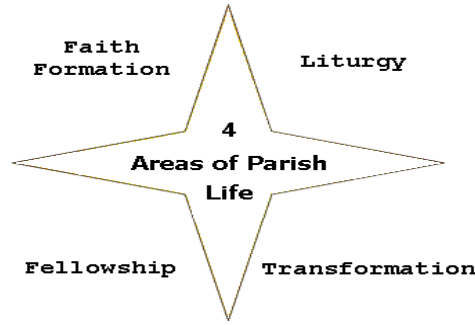




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PASSION SUNDAY

APRIL 8 - 9, 2017

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Holy Thursday	Apr. 13th	OLV @ 10:00 am OLV @ 7:00 pm	NO MASS All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Good Friday	Apr. 14th	St. Aloysius @ 2:30 pm	Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Service
Easter Vigil	Apr. 15th	OLV @ 8:00 pm	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Easter Sunday	Apr. 16th Apr. 16th	OLV @ 9:00 am St. Malachy @ 9:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Apr. 1 - Apr. 2, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$659.00	\$165.00
Apr. 1 - Apr. 2, 2017 - Support	234.00	145.00
Apr. 1 - Apr. 2, 2017 - Development & Peace		160.00

The Archbishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions April 2017

"Let us pray that we, as Christians, commit ourselves to care for the Earth and all Creation as a way to respond to the Gospel of Jesus."

Social Reflection: "The continuous acceleration of changes in humankind and on the planet is now associated with the intensification of the rhythms of life and work. The objectives are not necessarily oriented towards the common good nor to a human development, sustainable and integral. Change is something desirable, but it is a source of concern when it comes to the deterioration of the world and the quality of life of a large part of humanity." The month of April is also the time when the presence of volunteers in our environment is highlighted; no field of activities can do without volunteers. "Volunteering is a powerful engine for creating collective and human wealth for the well-being of all."

Answer for our faith: As Christians, we must also put our energy to develop a social conscience. The consciousness of a common origin, a mutual belonging and a future shared by all is necessary. This fundamental consciousness would allow the development of new convictions, attitudes and new ways of life. Thus a great cultural, spiritual and educational challenge is highlighted. The work of those who engage in our ecclesial structure must also be recognized. Volunteer Week aims to thank, educate, recruit, recognize volunteers and promote volunteerism. Do we have this reflex recognition?

Questioning ourselves Sunday, April 9, 2017: PALM SUNDAY AND THE PASSION OF THE LORD. This week many people will give time to make our celebrations lively and meaningful. I take the time to thank a person who does it for the first time.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Palm Sunday

Today, the sixth Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday which ushers us into Holy Week. During the Holy Week we try to welcome Jesus into our lives and ask Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death and Resurrection. It is the time when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus and enable us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which result in our healing, reconciliation and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies.

Expectedly, the readings of this Sunday dwell on the incarnation of the Son of God in human history and His Paschal Mystery that brought salvation to humankind. The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah is one of the songs of the Suffering Servant of God. It reminds us of what Pilate's soldiers did to Jesus (Mt.27:27-31). Jesus is the true "Servant" faithful to God, who has given up his life to deliver humankind. We can also recognize in what happened to this servant the story of every person who wants to practise and proclaim justice.

The Second Reading in a beautiful fashion underscores the self-effacing nature of this Servant of God, Jesus. As a reaction to what was happening in the Philippians community, Paul presents the humility of Jesus as a model. Some members (as in our communities today) began to be envious of each other, each thinking that s/he was more important or greater than the others and wanted to exercise authority over the others. So Paul tells them that there must not be competition among them, no conceit, rather everyone is to be self-effacing like Christ. Christ already existed in His divine nature before becoming man. By taking on our flesh, he set aside his divine dignity and showed himself to us in humble weakness of man. He was the most despised of man, the slave, whom the authorities put to shame and condemned to humiliating death on a cross. Incarnation did not deprive Him of His divine nature which becomes hidden under the human humble appearance. Jesus gave up making a name for Himself. He did not see His life as His own personal property to be spent to further His own interests, but He put it at the service of others, renouncing every form of power. Like the Philippians, we will not be indifferent to the example of Jesus. We must let Him permeate into our hearts, particularly during these days when we celebrate His most profound humiliation (death), His greatest glorification (resurrection).

The Gospel (passion) of Matthew shows that all that was happening to Jesus had been foretold by the Old Testament. Matthew, writing mainly for the Jews answers the Jews and all those who are scandalized by a defeated Messiah. The OT prophets did foretell that the Messiah would be humiliated persecuted and killed. Having read and listened to the Passion Gospel, we are all challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus. Happy and Blessed Holy Week!

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.

Pontifical Collection of Good Friday: The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled on Good Friday, April 14th. Our parishes, once a year on Good Friday, are called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. "*He, who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness.*" Rm 12.8.

As there will not be a service at either of our churches on Good Friday, envelopes for the Holy Land Collection can be placed with any of the Triduum or Easter collection.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A Spring Renaissance : The Chœur classique de l'Outaouais would like to invite all choral music lovers to a concert dedicated to the majesty of Renaissance choral music. **Saturday, April 29 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 30 at 3:30 pm**, at the St-François-de-Sales Church in Gatineau, the choir will perform a broad selection of sacred and secular pieces, including Thomas Tallis *Spem in alium*, a 40-part Renaissance motet. Tiphaine Legrand will direct the concert.

Tickets: Adults: \$25; students: \$10; children 12 and under: free; reserved section: \$30. **For information:**
www.choeurclassiqueoutaouais.ca or 819-920-0350.

Palm Sunday Musical: April 9 at 4:00 pm Bishop Durocher invites you to come to St. Joseph's Cathedral to hear a great piece of music: François Couperin's "Lessons of Tenebrae". This musical work for two sopranos, composed for Holy Week in 1714, gives us the opportunity to meditate on the first chapter of the book of Lamentations of Jeremiah. The presentation is free and open to all.

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.