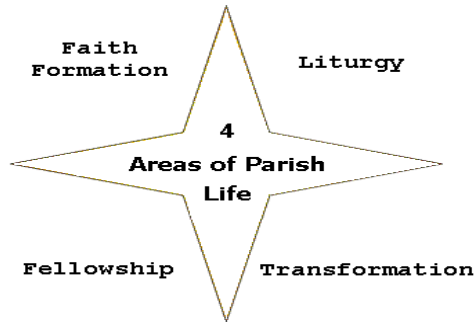




Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
Gatineau, Québec
J8L 2K5



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

**SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER
APRIL 22 - 23, 2017**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

Pastor Father Albanus Ogowuihe
Rectory 490 Charles Street, Gatineau, Québec, J8L 2K5
Secretary Monique Simpson
Email olv@videotron.ca
Office Hours **Monday** - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00 am - 11:00 am
Thursday - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Telephone (819) 986-3763
Website www.stmalachyolv.com

**Archidiocèse
de Gatineau**
180, boul. Mont-Bleu
Gatineau (QC) J8Z 3J5
www.diocesegatineau.org

MASSES

Thursday	Apr. 27th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Apr. 29th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Gladys Miller (3rd ann) by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Apr. 30th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Harold, Helen & Sean by Maureen & Norbert Bernard McDonnell by Eunice & Bruce Buddy Ryan by Nicole Mary Elizabeth Laframboise by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Apr. 15 - Apr. 16, 2017 - Sunday Collection	\$1168.00	\$949.00
Apr. 14 - Holy Land (Good Friday)	217.00	65.00
Apr. 15 - Apr. 16, 2017 - Donation		500.00

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."

Questioning ourselves: April 22 - 29, 2017, VOLUNTEER ACTION WEEK 43rd Edition: This week I take time to thank a volunteer I meet and reflect on his/her unique contribution.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Divine Mercy

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Liturgy is therefore filled with words about God's mercy and the necessity for trusting faith and the need for the forgiveness of sins. The Collect addresses God as "*God of everlasting mercy.*" There is repetition of "*His mercy endures forever*" in the Responsorial Psalm (118). The Incarnation of God in human history is the perfect manifestation of Divine Mercy. "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life*" (Jn. 3:16). In the celebration of the Eucharist, which Christ instituted to sanctify us, Divine Mercy is given to us.

Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, shows how the early Church grew in leaps and bounds, thanks to the acts of mercy and sharing practiced by the early Christians. The early Christians expressed their love and mercy by sharing what they had with everyone in need, a model for our communities. Such charity was the direct fruit of Christ's resurrection. The life of the community was the proof that Christ was alive in His followers. Faith in the Risen Lord demands that we see material things as means to sustain human life. Christian life does not have as a goal the accumulation of goods. Anything we own which is not indispensable must be generously shared with the brothers and sisters in need. In this way everyone may lead decent lives and we are real witnesses of the resurrection of Christ. In the second reading from First Peter, the Apostle glorifies God for granting Resurrection and Ascension to His Son, Jesus, thereby guaranteeing our own resurrection and entry into Heaven. He therefore encourages early Christians by assuring them that their sufferings will be greatly compensated by the heavenly reward awaiting them. He invites them to remember the day of their baptism and what it implies. As pilgrims here on earth, Peter states, no suffering, no trial can destroy our joy at being children of God.

The Gospel continues the echo of Divine Mercy that is celebrated today. Jesus entrusted to His Apostles the mission of proclaiming God's love, mercy, forgiveness and salvation to all. Christ, the Risen Lord, in today's Gospel, gives the apostles the authority to forgive sins in His name as well as the power of imparting God's mercy to the sinner through the gift of forgiving sins from God's treasury of mercy. An eloquent expression of our belief in the presence of the Risen Lord among us is through our forgiveness of others. Our celebration of the Eucharist is very closely linked to our forgiveness of others since the Eucharist is also the Sacrament of God's forgiveness for humanity in the Body and Blood of Christ, His Son. Jesus shows His Mercy and compassion towards Thomas in his doubt and he was able to overcome his doubts by seeing the Risen Lord and he made a unique profession of faith, "*My Lord and my God.*" This declaration of Thomas is the foundation of our Christian faith, one based on the divinity of Jesus as proven by His miracles especially that of the Resurrection from the dead. The faith expressed by Thomas culminated in his self-surrender to Jesus and heroic missionary works in India accentuated by his martyrdom.

Brothers and sisters, God continues to invite us all to celebrate and practice His mercy. The Church does this through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Bible says "*be merciful just as your Father is merciful.*" We radiate God's mercy to others by our actions, words and prayers. Like Thomas we are to pray for the faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and urges us to render to each other our loving service. "*Faith without good works is dead.*" (Jm 2:17). Other people demand that we reflect Christ, the Risen Lord, in our lives. This is a challenge to us. They want to "see" Jesus in us to believe. The integrity of our lives bears a fundamental witness to others who want to see the Risen Lord alive and active, working in us. Christ's mercy shines forth from us whenever we reach out to the poor, the needy and the marginalized, etc. His mercy shines forth as we remain open to those who struggle in faith, as did Thomas the Apostle. Like Thomas, we should go beyond our doubt to the faith in Jesus. Genuine doubts about the doctrines, encourages us to study them more closely and thus grow in our faith. Over and above all, we must remember that our faith is always a gift of God, not our own doing or the product of our over-rationalization. Thus, we need to accompany our faith with daily prayer, the study of the Word of God and active participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Finally, we must have the courage to share our faith, as St. Thomas and the other Apostles did, with our children, families and neighbours. St John XIII says "*Every believer in the world must become a spark of Christ's light.*" **Happy Easter!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Augustine Ogowuihe, father of Fr. Albanus. Our prayers and sympathy are with Father and his family.

Thank you: The Inter Parish Planning Committee for OLV and St. Malachy wish to thank all who helped in any way with the celebrations of our Holy Week Services – Father Albanus, our Pastor, Father Hawkins who celebrated Easter Sunday at OLV, lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, choir, greeters, those who set up and decorated our Churches, picked up the Oils at the Chrism Mass, participated in the washing of the feet and all who worked behind the scenes. Also, to our parish families and the parishioners of St. Aloysius and St. Columban who jointed our celebrations, thank you.

Baptism: Congratulations to Alison and Leigh Miller on the occasion of the Baptism of their son James Campbell this weekend at St. Malachy.

OLV Spring Supper 2017: This year's Spring Supper has been cancelled. This decision was based on a number of factors, including the availability of key individuals on the organizing committee, as well as, the availability of a date that did not conflict with other fund-raising activities within the community. The Wardens are looking at other possibilities for fund-raising in conjunction with the 75th anniversary celebrations.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Heart and Soul Singers Spring Concert: Will be held at *St. Malachy's Church* in Mayo on **Sunday, May 7th at 2 pm.** Refreshments will be served. For tickets call 819-986-1185. Tickets: **Pre sale** are \$5.00 at **door** \$10.00. **Free admission** - for children 12 and under.

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.

Public Visits: Two religious communities within the Gatineau Diocese are offering guided tours of their residences on *Sunday, April 30th from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.* **The theme of these visits is a look beyond the walls at a consecrated life.** Of particular interest to Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy parishioners is the residence of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux (the Order of Francina, Iresha and Doreen) located at Béthel House, 1 Donat St-Amour Street in the Masson Sector. The other residence, open to public view, is the main residence of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart located at 45 Prevost Street in the Hull Sector. The visits are free and all are welcome.

Spring Auction: At Our Lady of the Annunciation Church Centre, 189 Archambault St., Gatineau (Hull Sector) on Tuesday, May 2, 2017. Doors open at 5:30 pm for viewing and bidding starting at 6:30 pm. Admission - \$2.00. Draws will be held for door prizes throughout the evening. For additional information call 819-771-4613 or 819-777-8825.

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 created 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.