

**Our Lady of Victory**  
490 Charles Street  
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**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 28 - 29, 2017**

**St. Malachy**  
3889 Route 315  
Mayo, Québec  
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**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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**MASSES**

<b>Thursday</b>	Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>OLV @ 10:00 am</b>	<b>Mary Doherty</b> by Diane & Larry Cameron <b>Alma Miller</b> by Family & Friends <b>MASS FOR THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Ted Batty</b> by Ginny Roos <b>Gladys &amp; David French</b> by The Murphy's
<b>Sunday</b>	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OLV @ 9:00 am</b>	<b>Alma Miller</b> by Helene Prud'Homme <b>Norma Cullen</b> by The McFaul Family <b>Farnand &amp; Kelly Families</b> by Margaret & Family <b>Mary Doherty</b> by OLV Wardens <b>Tom Dorion</b> by Family & Friends

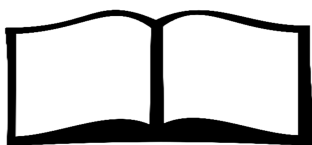
<b>WEEKLY RECEIPTS</b>	<b>OLV</b>	<b>ST. MALACHY</b>
October 21 - October 22, 2017- Sunday Collection	\$412.00	\$366.00
October 21 - October 22, 2017 - Fuel	245.00	190.00
October 21 - October 22, 2017 - Prop. of the Faith		84.00

**The Archbishop's Monthly Intentions: October 2017**

**Questions:** Amnesty International asks plantations operators to cease involving children in dangerous tasks. I look for "children work, petition" in Google and I sign one of the petitions available.

## THE BOOK OF LIFE

The month of November is a special month for praying for the faithful departed with whom we are in the same Communion of the Saints. We are therefore encouraged to keep them in our prayers and if possible offer Masses on their behalf.



In our two parishes, we have a tradition of leaving our **Book of Life** at the front of the church for the month of November. The **Book of Life** contains the names of deceased parishioners and relatives. Some blank pages can be found in the front for anyone who wants to add names and comments. It is our way of expressing our faith that the dead find peace with God and will be raised to life when the Lord Jesus comes in glory.

The families who lost someone in the past year will be invited to participate at **next weekend's celebrations** where there will be a short ceremony of lighting a candle from the Easter candle and remembering our deceased.

The **Book of Life** will be placed next to the Easter Candle which speaks of the ultimate victory of life over death, of light over darkness, in the dead and risen Jesus. We are called to share in that victory.

### Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

#### *Love of God and Neighbour*

Today's readings center on the greatest commandment: the love of God and the expression of that love in action by loving Him in our neighbor. **The first reading**, Exodus, explains the second greatest commandment: loving our neighbors especially, the underprivileged. Such neighbors include the strangers, the widows and the orphans. Unlike many nations of the time, Israel had a clear and severe legislation that bade its citizens not to do any injustice to the strangers.

The Israelites were commanded to *love the strangers as they loved themselves*. The reason why they should do this is not far-fetched: they too were strangers in the land of Egypt. So, they were to look into their own heart and remember the time when they were outsiders. Again, loving the stranger is something God did (Deut 10:18). The widows and orphans also had no protection because they have no husband or parents and thus can easily fall victims of every type of abuse. Scripture states that their protector is God himself who is called the Father of orphans and defender of widows (Ps.68:5). The importance of the love for this category of people can be seen in the norm in the Jewish law that states: if a farmer has left something behind in his field, he must not return back to collect it; he was to leave it there for the strangers, the orphans and the widows (Deut. 24:19-22).

In the **second reading**, St. Paul shows his enthusiasm for the Thessalonians and expresses his joy that the members are now so good that they set an example for all other communities.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus combines the commandment to love God to the commandment to love one's neighbor. He speaks of the conquering power of love. The love of God and the love of neighbor are like two sides of the same coin. We cannot rightly make a distinction between them or place them in two separate compartments. In reality we cannot separate the two. There is indeed, only one commandment, according to Jesus. The love of God presupposes the love of neighbor and vice versa. Thus, there can be no concrete, credible and sincere expression of love for God without a recognition of, and an outreach towards, the neighbor, especially those in need. There is no short-cut to God which goes around the love of the neighbor.

How are our communities today? Are they open or is it everyone for himself / herself? Is there an exchange of reciprocal help or is each one just going his/her way little caring about the others?

**Happy Sunday!**

## OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Léonne Goulet** (wife of the late Paul-André Lanthier) who died October 24, 2017 at the age of 83. A private service will be held at a later date. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends at this time.

**A Heartfelt Thank you:** The OLV Wardens, on behalf of all Parishioners, would like to recognize and thank the late Eric (Buddy) Ryan for the legacy donation of \$10,000. Buddy was always a strong believer in and supporter of our Faith Community and his generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. **God Bless.**

**Needed:** Could you please recycle your extra plastic bags? These are needed for both the Christmas Tea and the Garage Sale. Just put in food basket. Thanks Susan & Monique.

**OLV Christmas Tea:** **Date:** Saturday, December 2. **Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 pm. **Cost: \$6.00.** As in the past we are asking all parishioners to contribute something to both the Food Table and the Kitchen. ***If you are not called, consider this your invitation.***

**Craft Table:** Ladies will accept your craft donations. Please leave items at the office.

**Still Collecting:** **Used stamps** - place at boxes at top of stairs. **Egg cartons** - put in food basket. Also items for **Garage Sale** - call the office for more information. **Memory Book** – contact the office.



**This fall, let's pay tribute to women who build peace!**

Across the world, brave women are coming together to struggle, to resist and to build a more peaceful world. This fall, **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** will introduce you to three of these women. Consult our material inserted with this bulletin (or at [devp.org/campaign/resources](http://devp.org/campaign/resources)) and get acquainted with:

- Luz Estella Cifuentes, a Colombian woman who leads an inter-ethnic political training school for peasant farmers, Afro-Colombian and Indigenous women;
- Jamila Safi, an Afghan woman who provides training for imams and women on women's rights; and
- Rabia Kadiry, a Syrian woman who organizes workshops to build social peace in Lebanon.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Heart & Soul Christmas Concert:** Will be held at OLV on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm. Advance Tickets Prices: \$10.00 per person or 2 for \$15.00. Cost at door - \$10.00 per person. No charge for children. Tickets are available from all members. Refreshments and desserts will be served in hall after the concert. Come and enjoy our Christmas music.

## HISTORY OF OLV

In 1997 the newly ordained Father Yves Masse became the new pastor of OLV. He would be with us until 1999. His replacement was Father Jean Loi Nguyen. Father Jean Loi had been forced to flee his home land of Vietnam many years earlier. To say that Father was a computer enthusiast would be an understatement! He shared his love of computers with the younger members of the Parish. He also organized dinners and "fun" evenings in the parish hall for the children.

Many parishioners will remember Joseph and Myriam, Father's Vietnamese friends, who were often seen around the church helping out with Father's many projects.

Father had never driven a car before. A few parishioners could probably give some interesting accounts of their experiences during the driving lessons!