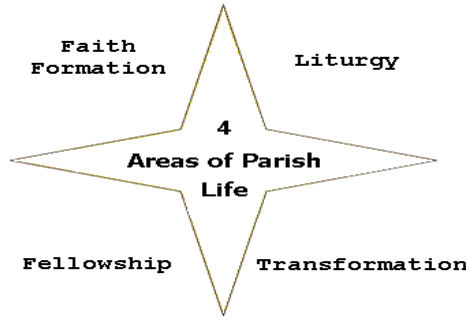




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**PASSION SUNDAY
(PALM SUNDAY)
MARCH 24 – 25, 2018**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday	Mar. 28 th	St. Joseph @ 7:00 pm	Chrism Mass
Holy Thursday	Mar. 29 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	NO MASS
Holy Thursday	Mar. 29 th	OLV @ 7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	Mar. 30 th	St. Aloysius @ 2:30 pm	Stations of the Cross and Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Good Friday	Mar. 30 th	OLV @ 3:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	Mar. 31 st	OLV @ 8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	Apr. 1 st	OLV @ 9:00 am	Celebration of the Eucharist
Easter Sunday	Apr. 1 st	St. Malachy @ 11:00 am	Celebration of the Eucharist

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
March 10 - 11 - Sunday Collection	\$773.00	\$212.00
March 17 - 18 - Sunday Collection	555.00	314.00

Bishop's Monthly Prayer Intentions for March

"Let us pray for those women who, inspired by the Gospel in their efforts to color the social, cultural and religious life of their neighborhood, are committed to promote human dignity."

Actions I may take: What better way of seeing our practice as women actively involved in the Church, than that of a "presence" to the world, bringing the Good News and acting like Jesus and Mary?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Today, the sixth Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates Palm Sunday (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 practice 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 Philippian 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. He 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 men, 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 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** in the first part of our Liturgy describes the "royal reception" which Jesus received from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem during the celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. Jesus permitted such reception for the following reasons: to reveal to the public that He was the promised Messiah. It was also meant to fulfill the prophecies of Zechariah (9:9) and Zechariah (3:16-19). The passion is read in the second part of the Liturgy. It challenges us to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story. Peter denied Jesus and Judas betrayed Him. Pilate acted against his conscience and Herod ridiculed Jesus. The leaders of the people preserved their positions by getting rid of Jesus. Does Jesus weep over us as He did the city of Jerusalem? Are we ready to be repentant and return to our loving Father through the sacrament of Reconciliation during this time and participate fully in the joys of the Resurrection? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy in us by our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. Do we welcome Jesus in our hearts? Are we ready to surrender our lives to Him during this Holy Week and welcome Him in all areas of our lives as our Lord and Savior singing "Hosanna"? May the palms we carry today and keep in our homes remind us that Christ is the King of our hearts and the only answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in our lives. As Our King, let us try to make time for Him in our daily life. Let us prioritize and place Christ the King as the primary concern in our lives. Let us be ready to become like the humble donkey that carried Jesus and so carry Jesus to our world. A lot of the world does not know Him yet. **Happy Palm Sunday!**



Thank you for your generous support of the 2018 Share Lent campaign!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the Offertory. **Donations will be collected until Easter.** Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Easter Flowers at OLV: As is our custom both at Christmas and Easter, parishioners are provided with an opportunity to donate towards the purchase of flowers to beautify our church on these special occasions. To facilitate these donations, you will find a special envelope inserted in the Bulletin. Tax receipts are available for these donations. To obtain a tax receipt, if you are an envelope holder, please indicate your number on the envelope. If not, please indicate your mailing address. As always, thank you for your support.

Stations of the Cross: You will note in today's Bulletin the Easter mass schedule. With respect to Good Friday, the celebration at **St. Aloysius** will be presided by Father Albanus. For those who cannot attend Good Friday celebrations in Gatineau, a Way of the Cross celebration will be held at **OLV at 3 pm**. This celebration will include readings and reflections from a Development and Peace perspective.

Office Hours: Office will be **CLOSED on Monday, April 2**. Will **OPEN** on Tuesday, April 3 from 1- 4 pm. Only change that week.

FELLOWSHIP: As Easter falls on the 1st Sunday in April, no fellowship will be held.

Chrism Mass: **Holy Wednesday, March 28. All are invited. Place: at Saint-Joseph Cathedral, 245 Saint-Joseph Boulevard.**

Good Friday Collection: Good Friday, March 30, there will be a Pontifical collection for the Holy Land in support of the Christian communities, the work of the Holy Land, the upkeep of the Holy Sites and the formation of future priests. Let us give generously and show solidarity to respond to the needs of the Church in the land of Jesus. Collection envelopes for OLV and St. Malachy can be left with the Easter collections. ***Thank you.***

Community News

St. Andrew's Easter Pancake Breakfast: **April 1 (Easter Sunday) from 8 – 10 am.** \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. **Tickets available from Greg.**



Holy Week