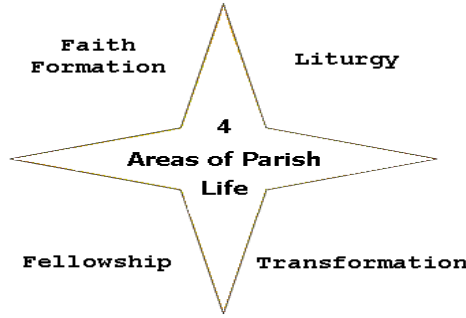




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**SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

APRIL 7-8, 2018

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Apr. 12th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Apr. 14th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Carol and Reg Lavell by Madeleine & Richard Lavell
Sunday	Apr. 15th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Bill Weir (15th ann) by Barbara, Scott & Kerri Rose Weatherdon by The Family Fred McDonnell by Irene Cosgrove Norma Cullen by Family & Friends Mary Doherty by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
March 31 - April 1 - Sunday Collection	\$1182.00	\$567.00
March 31 - April 1 - Support	275.00	247.00
March 31 - April 1 - Holy Land	145.00	45.00
Development & Peace Collection	793.00	235.50
Donation		100.00



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

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada thanks you for your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, \$1,028.50 was collected in our two parishes. This sum will help support the actions of our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. **Together for Peace!**

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop

April 2018

‘For all volunteers who devote themselves to our society and our Church, in the manner of Jesus that they flourish in their invaluable service to mankind and in solidarity with community organizations. We praise you Lord!’

Social Reflection: The word "volunteer" comes from the Latin "voluntarius" which means "willing". Volunteers are people who are willing to commit themselves to the common good, putting their time and talents to work for others. Without volunteers, our society would not function. A volunteer commitment, spontaneous or under supervision, meets considerations both:

- **Altruistic:** serving other people, contributing for a cause, improving the quality of life in the community, acting generously.
- **Personal:** enriching one's life, getting fulfilment, improving one's self-esteem, getting and sharing work experiences, meeting new people, interacting, networking, feeling that one makes a difference, obtaining recognition, making changes in one's life, belonging.

Volunteering implies a freedom of choice, a commitment made with respect and in consideration of common interest, a sense of belonging and a contribution to the community.

An Answer for Our Faith: Our parishes would not be able to operate without volunteers and/or committed members. "Without volunteers, our society would not function. Neither would our parishes! All the more reason to give thanks to God for these hundreds of men and women, young and old, who actualize their baptism and confirmation by bringing our Christian communities to life. Engaged in the name of their faith, they inspire and encourage us. For all our volunteers, blessed are you, O Lord! "Moreover, the diocesan pastoral priority 2017-2018 is to engage people in the Church because of their faith. An on-line diocesan tool will allow them to discern their gifts, recognize them and help others to find theirs. Might such journey lead them to a missionary commitment in their environment?"

Questions I ask: I revisit works of physical or spiritual mercy to go further at the core of the Gospel where the poor are the privileged recipients of divine mercy.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy Faith in the Risen Lord

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday and the readings reflect that. They also speak about the necessity for trusting Faith and our need for the forgiveness of our sins. The opening prayer and the responsorial Psalm mention God's mercy which is manifested in sending His only Begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord through His paschal mystery. The **first reading**, from the Acts of the Apostles, stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community. The **second reading** also echoes the same message of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. St. John reminds us that we practice spiritual works of mercy by obeying God's commandments and especially Jesus' commandment of loving others as He loves us with selfless, sacrificial, agape love. Loving others as Jesus loves them demands that we treat others with God's mercy and compassion. The **Gospel** describes how Jesus showed His mercy to the doubting Thomas and emphasizes the importance of faith. The declaration by Thomas is very important. It is the foundation of our Christian Faith. Our faith is based on the Divinity of Jesus as proved by His miracles, especially by the supreme miracle of the Resurrection from the dead. Thomas' profession of faith is the strongest evidence we have of the Resurrection of Christ and his faith culminated in his own self-surrender to Jesus and his heroic missionary work in India, his fearless preaching and the powerful testimony given by his martyrdom around A.D 72.

In the Thomas' story, St. John wants to tell us that the risen Lord now has a life which cannot be detected by our senses, a life that cannot be touched by our hands or seen with our own eyes; it can only be the object of our faith. Faith can never be founded on what one sees. The resurrection can never be proved scientifically. That is why Jesus said '**blessed are those who have not seen and believed**'. They are blessed because their faith is more genuine and purer. One who sees has the certainty, not the faith; she or he has an irrefutable proof, and, therefore does not really need faith. The proof for faith is in the Gospel which contains the word of Christ. Where can this word of Christ be heard? It is in the gathering of believers for the celebration of the Eucharist. The Risen Lord appeared when all the believers are gathered together. Whoever, like Thomas, is not present at the community gatherings, cannot experience the Risen Lord, hear His word, receive His peace and forgiveness, feel His joy and receive His Spirit. Whoever stays at home on the day of the Lord, even if it is to pray alone, may experience the presence of God but cannot experience the Risen Lord, because He manifests Himself only where the community is gathered. And if she or he does not meet the Risen Lord, what does she or he do? Like Thomas, s/he will look for 'proofs' to believe, but will never find them. Thomas was not there but was there the following Sunday!

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Our prayers and sympathy are with Fred McDonnell's family and friends at this great time of loss.

Card Games & Light Lunch: Reminder of this event. See you on April 10 at 12:30 pm.

Heart and Soul Singers Support OLV: Heart and Soul singers have announced that the proceeds from their annual spring concert will be donated to OLV. Since their inception, OLV has partnered with the Heart and Soul Singers and is proud of its support for this wonderful community initiative.

The concert will be held on Thursday, May 3rd at 7:30 pm. Ticket prices are \$10.00 or 2 for \$15.00. Children under 13 are free.

Given the fund-raising nature of the initiative, parishioners are encouraged to support this concert.

Tickets can be obtained from members of the choir, from the OLV wardens or at 819-986-1185.

Bread Bags: The school will take your bread bag donations until the end of the month. You have generously helped them out.

Egg Cartons: Please continue to donate these for the school. The Food Bank will advise us when they need more as they have a huge amount ahead.

Used Stamps: Please continue to donate these. Stamps can be placed in the plastic bag on the bulletin board or in the 2 boxes on the railing at the top of the stairs to the church.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring Auction: Our Lady of the Annunciation Church 189 Archambault Street, Gatineau (Hull Sector). **Date:** Tuesday, May 1. **Viewing:** 5:30 pm. **Auction:** 6:30pm. **Admission:** \$2.00 and **Door Prizes.** **CASH SALES ONLY.** More information contact: 819-771-4613 or 819-777-8825.