



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
Gatineau, Québec
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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19-20, 2018

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

Thursday	May 24 th	OLV @ 10:00 AM	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	May 26 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Nora Somers by Greg Lavell
Sunday	May 27 ^h	OLV @ 9:00 am	Pierrette Krawczyk by Val & Lewis Rowe Phyllis Gorzka by Madeleine Gauthier Evelyn Robitaille by Margaret Farnand & Family Mary Doherty by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 12 - May 13 - Sunday Collection	\$767.00	\$250.00

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“Let us pray that the family be recognized as a treasure of mankind, in every economic, social and every political decision to be made.”

Social Reflection: The family is a social institution. Social scientists provide various definitions of the family: to statisticians, and in a widely shared meaning, the family is a group of persons linked by kinship, either through a line of descent or by marriage. To anthropologists... the family has a social foundation. In so far as its structure and operation comply with a set of social rules, it makes out an institution. Today, state laws tend to restrict parental authority to the benefit of the child; two conceptions are opposed at the national assembly: biological family vs social family. Is the family a treasure of mankind?

Questions I may ask: On this Day of the Trinity, I read the Apostolic Exhortation “The Joy of Love” by Pope Francis. Is there a section I specially lie, in relation to my couple and/or my family?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost literally means fiftieth. It is a feast celebrated on the fiftieth day after the Passover feast of the Jews and a feast celebrated on the fiftieth day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus (the New Passover) by Christians. The Jews celebrated it as the commemoration of the arrival of the Israelites at Mount Sinai and the receiving of the Law by Moses on their behalf. The Israelites celebrated it to thank God for having chosen them and giving them the Law to guide their lives. Despite the Law the old Israel did not always produce good fruits. For us Christians Pentecost marks the end and the goal of Easter season. It is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles described this event. By saying that the Apostles received the Holy Spirit on the Pentecost, St. Luke is teaching us that for us Christians, the Spirit has substituted the new Law for that of Moses. That new Law is the Law of the Spirit. It is the new heart, the life of God, which once it enters a person, transforms and changes that person into one capable of producing spontaneously the work of God. When one is filled with the Holy Spirit, something never heard of before begins to take place in one's life; one loves with the same love as God loves. One does not need anyone to teach them (1 Jn: 3,9). The spirit is now the only Law of Christians.

The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete (Comforter, Helper, Encourager or Enabler). He works quietly in us and through us every day behind the scenes, in the basic activities of our lives and the lives of the people around us. He is quietly at work: in our taking on responsibilities that we once thought beyond us; in our refusing to let the greed of society take over our soul; in our giving thanks always even though times have been hard; in our rising above past failures and putting past hurts behind us; in our finding a central core of peace in the midst of turmoil; in an adult patiently teaching a child self-esteem and self-control; in the person sitting quietly beside a hospital bed; in a parent praying for a troubled son or daughter. The Spirit calls us to repentance, to turn our lives around; He calls us to Faith and to take up our cross and follow Jesus. However we look at the Holy Spirit, He is always our Helper, always helping us to be what God made us to be. He helps us to be truly great, namely, to be servants to one another. Likewise the Spirit promotes Jesus in our lives; He gathers us around the cross of Jesus; He changes our lives, helping us to be more patient and forgiving, to seek new beginnings in our relationships with one another and to let the power of God's love have the final say over the conflicts we get into. He is available to us every moment of every day as we face the choices between self-centeredness or being the God-centered people the Spirit has called us to be in Christ. Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer, "Come Holy Spirit:"

"Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see"

COMMUNITY NEWS

Relay for Life: The walk for Cancer will be held on Friday, June 8 under the Brady Bridge. Anybody wishing to donate may give your donations to me and I will give them to the event. All **cheques** must be made to **CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY** and **cash** can be given also. Receipts will be issued in early 2019. (Thanks Monique)

Old Fashioned Tea & Quilt Expo: St. Aloysius Parish on Saturday May 26 from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults & \$4 for children.

Centre D'Accueil (Old Age Home): Having a **Garage Sale on Saturday, May 26** from **9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Any donations, **except clothing**, would be appreciated – including furniture. Donations can be dropped off anytime at 111 Lucerne St. in Buckingham. Monies raised goes to resident's needs.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Office Hours: The office **will be closed on Monday, May 21** and **opened on Tuesday, May 22** from 9:00 – noon. No other changes for Wednesday or Thursday.

Cereal Bar: Reminder that this Sunday was the **last collection** for our cereal bar drive for the school until September. Thank you for all your donations during this year.

Egg Cartons: Both, the children at St. Michael's School and the Food Bank, thank you for helping them in their egg carton collection. Our donations have exceeded their expectations and will contact us again should the need arise.



OLV Garage Sale: Scheduled for Saturday, **June 2** from 9 am to 3 pm. Contact Monique at 819-986-3763 for drop off. **All monies raised goes to the upkeep of our church.**

Volunteers are needed to help in this event; please see or call Monique.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? Welcome to all who want to make their faith home here! We would appreciate it if you could identify yourself to Fr. Albanus at mass. If you would like to become a regular parishioner, feel free to contact the office at 819-986-3763 to obtain a Registration Form. **Note:** the weekly collection envelope is the principal source of revenue for both parishes.

Shut-Ins: Parishioners are reminded that Father Albanus is available and more than willing to meet with those individuals who are shut-in for a variety of reasons. In addition to Eucharist, Father is prepared to simply visit, as well as bring a spiritual message to those who are unable to leave their place of residence. **To book a time with Father, please contact the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763.**

