



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
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TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 26 - 27, 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 31 st	OLV @ 10:00 AM	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	June 2 nd	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Mass of Thanksgiving by a Parishioner
Sunday	June 3 rd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Evelyn Robitaille by Peter & Penny Dunlop Findlay & Carriere Families by The Family Beatrice Bonin by Deborah Dorey Landry Paul Fortier by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 19 - May 20 - Sunday Collection	\$597.00	\$334.00

WE ARE BACK IN ORDINARY TIME

The Church's year is made up of two high seasons (Lent-Easter and Advent-Christmas) and two blocks of what, in Church language, is called Ordinary Time. It is most noticeable in the changed décor of the Church. The Easter banners have gone and on most Sundays the priest wears green vestments. Some of the music which is integral to the Mass also tends to be different. We will be in that mode for a good stretch of time, basically until the Advent season begins, December 2.

Of course, there are always exceptions to the rule, this Sunday, Trinity Sunday, and next Sunday, Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. The vestments are white to mark the two feasts that the Church observes on these Sundays. These two feasts could be seen as spin-offs from the enormous and foundational event we celebrated in the fifty days of Easter and for which we prepared in the forty day Lenten season: the crucified Jesus being raised from the dead. Trinity Sunday makes us focus on the source of that central mystery of our faith, the communion of life and love which is God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ makes us face the Mystery of the Eucharist where, ideally, we are formed as a communion which has its origin in the communion of God Father, Son and which is called to reflect that communion of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Holy Trinity

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the most Holy Trinity is a doctrine enunciated by the Ecumenical Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople. It is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. The Trinity does not suggest that we are 'tri-theists' (believing in three gods) or that we are 'modelists' (believing that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are simply different appearances taken on by God in various stages of history). Instead, we believe that there is only the One God, revealed in salvation history and existing as the Trinity, a community of three Divine persons. God is not a lonely old man but he is a 'family'. He is the model of unity for all people and the model of community among people.

Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that $1+1+1 = 1$ and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith. The importance of this doctrine for the Christian life cannot be over emphasized. All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven and our marriage blessed and our Bishops, priests and deacons ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. Church bells ring thrice daily, reminding us to pray to the Holy Trinity. We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Any biblical proofs? There are only vague and hidden references to the Trinity in the Old Testament. But the New Testament gives clear teachings on the Holy Trinity. At the Annunciation, God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit overshadows her and God the Son becomes incarnate in her womb. At the baptism of Jesus, when the Son receives baptism from John the Baptist, the Father's voice is heard and the Holy Spirit appears as a Dove. At the Ascension, Jesus gives the missionary command to his disciples to baptize those who believe, in the name of the Trinity. In John, chapters 15-18, we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity: God the Father creates and provides for His creatures; God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God; God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us and guides us to God.

Any lessons from the Trinity? We ought to respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide. Let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength and that He is our final destination. He is not one in a faraway heaven where he does not care about our joys, sufferings, problems or anxieties. He is "God with us," the God who stands at our side every day, to the end of time. The three Persons reveal the fullness of the unity of God's love. Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity also in the family relationships of father, mother and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family.

We are called to become more like the Triune God through all our relationships. We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. Modern society follows the so-called "I-and-I" principle of unbridled individualism and the resulting consumerism. But the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "I-and-God-and-neighbor" principle: "I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people." Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of our family, our Church, our community and our nation. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance. Are our community's signs of this presence of God in the world for those who suffer, for those who go wrong, and for those who are poor?

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. Happy Trinity Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

OLV Ministry list: Please advise the secretary if you will be not available during the months of July and August. New lists will be out the weekend of June 24th

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Brown whose Funeral Service will be in Mayo on Thursday, May 31st at 11:30 a.m. followed by burial in the parish cemetery. Our prayers and sympathy are with her family and friends at this time of great loss.

Spring Supper 2018: Last Friday night, OLV held its annual spring supper and popular balloon auction. A wonderful time was had by all with positive comments received on the organization of the evening and the quality of the food. This type of event does not happen by chance but is the result of planning and hard work. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the evening such a success.

We would also like to thank all those parishioners who donated items for the balloon auction allowing for it to be such a success. Likewise, we would like to publicly acknowledge our corporate sponsors as follows: Restaurant Café des Artistes, Suzanne Bourassa (Super Club Videotron), Les Lam (Dragon Rouge), Eric Robillard (Buckingham Golf Club), John Kane (Golf O Max), Bruno & Luc Miner (Centre d'alignement Buckingham), Gilles Durocher & Josée Levert (Emile Charette & Fils), Carole Lajeunesse (LaLa Bistro), Julie Charbonneau & Carol Guindon (Distribution C.J Guindon), Steve Kane (BJ Restaurant), Anne Lemieux (Zam Hair Salon), Martin Lajeunesse Councillor City of Gatineau and finally Simon Piché (Pieces Piché NAPA Auto Parts) for the donation of the Helium tanks.

Thanks to Alexandre Iraca ,MLA Papineau, Dr. Paul Assad and Benoit St. Jean for the cash donations in support of the supper. Finally, thank you to Shirley Hotte for donating the beautiful painting for the raffle. The profit for the evening was **\$3,984.00**

Heart and Soul Singers: On May 3rd, the Heart and Soul Singers held their annual Spring Concert and generously donated the proceeds from the concert to OLV. The group was founded nine years ago and OLV has been a faithful supporter of the group since its inception. We believed that this was and is a great initiative that brings our local community together and we are committed to continuing our support for the group. As well, they put on a great concert. Proceeds from the concert totalled **\$1,400.00**. On behalf of all our parishioners, the Wardens would like to thank the Heart and Soul Singers for this generous donation.

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.**

NOTE: NO ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 AT 11:00 AM.
NOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED THE DAY OF THE SALE (JUNE 2).

Volunteers needed to help in this event please see or call Monique.
Friday, June 1 from 8:30 am to open, place and price our treasures
Saturday, June 2 from 8:30 am selling our treasures and packing up at 3 pm.