



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
Gatineau, Québec
J8L 2K5

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 30 - JULY 1, 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	July 5 th	OLV	NO MASS
Saturday	July 7 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Nora Somers by Bev Belter Joseph Lamarche (30th ann) by Vivian & Family
Sunday	July 8 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Jos McGurn by The Girls Beatrice Bonin by Deborah Dorey Landry Paul Fortier by Family & Friends James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

OLV

ST. MALACHY

June 23 - June 24 - Sunday Collection	\$507.00	\$293.00
June 23 - June 24 - Fuel	262.00	200.00



To the faithful congregants of the archdiocese of Gatineau

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has recently come to my attention that some of our parishes applied for funding with the Canada Summer Jobs program (CSJ). Unfortunately, the government has recently decided that any applicant of such grants must support the right to abortion, which we cannot do as a Catholic Church because we believe that the unborn child is a human being and that he or she has the right to life. The government's requirement infringes on the freedom of conscience and freedom of religion guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The CCCB tried to negotiate an agreement with the government to resolve this issue, but the government has refused.

In solidarity with the many religious groups in the country who, for this reason, refused these grants, I hereby request that the parishes who applied for funding decline the funding. This decision will result in a shortfall of nearly \$30,000 for the parishes. However, upon consulting with the priests at the assembly of the clergy, I decided to arrange a special offering on June 24th and July 8th, inviting the faithful congregants of the diocese to give generously. The archdiocese is also committed to using its saving funds to make up the difference that remains following the special offering.

Next year, we will remain vigilant to ensure that the same situation does not happen again. I hope that the government will show more respect in assessing the impact of their decision. I invite all the faithful congregants of the archdiocese to not only give generously during this special offering but to also express to their deputies their indignation at this hindrance to freedom of conscience and religion.

+ Paul-André Durocher

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PROCEDURE FOR THIS COLLECTION

SUNDAY OFFERING: WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: AFTER COMMUNION.

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FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY

The Faith that Saves

Today's readings speak of the gift of life that God has given us as well as the importance of having faith in the power of God to save us from both the physical and spiritual illness. The **first reading** from the book of Wisdom tells us that God gave us life and health. It was the jealousy of the Satan that produced illness and death. It also tells us the goal of our lives on earth: to know, to love and to serve God here with perfect health in body and soul and to share God's immortal life forever. The reading complements the Gospel by explaining the origin of evil and death in the world. Our God is a God of life. His will for us is that we should have more abundant life. Our real destiny is an unending life with God. In the **second reading**, St. Paul pleads with the Corinthian Christian community to show to their Jewish brothers and sisters in Jerusalem, living in poverty and sickness, kindness and compassion which Christ expressed in His healing ministry. The reading gives us two reasons Paul uses to persuade the Christians to be generous. First is the example of Christ who was rich and made Himself poor to help us. Second reason is the need for some kind of equality: it is not that one has to make oneself poor to help the others, but a matter of not keeping for oneself the goods that God wants us to share among the poorest. The reading is a reminder to all our communities of the duty to help others and share what we have. A Christian cannot lead a life of plenty and let some of his/her brothers and sisters go hungry.

The **Gospel** describes two miracles of Jesus that happened on the same day: healing of Jairus' daughter and the healing of a woman suffering from hemorrhages. The girl was twelve years old and the woman has suffered for twelve years. The number 12 is symbolic here. Both of them who benefited from Jesus "healing powers" could signify the people of Israel cured and brought back to life by faith in the one who was sent by God. The woman could represent those people who are avoided and often despised as impure because of some kind of shameful and repugnant diseases which they may be blamed of contracting or which they may have caught through no fault of their own. As Disciples of Christ we should strive to assist our brothers and sisters rather than just express empty sympathy. There was a crowd that touched Jesus on all sides, pushed Him and even hampers His movements. But amid all Jesus states that only one person really touched Him: the sick woman touched Him with faith. The crowd surrounding Jesus represents the large number of Christians living today: they are close to Jesus, can listen to His Word, and "touch" Him in the sacraments, but for most their lives are not transformed, their "illness" is not cured. Their relationship with Jesus is still skin deep despite the seeming closeness. If closeness to Jesus does not bring about radical changes in our lives, it means that we are like the crowd. We throng all around Him without ever touching Him with faith. Our contact remains external and superficial. His Word is just a sound entering our ears but not penetrating our hearts.

While raising Jairus' daughter back to life, Jesus said "*Do not be afraid, only have faith.*" By this He affirms that His power cannot be stopped even by the worst enemy of humans: death. He shows that faith can gain even this kind of victory. He wants to tell us that He has defeated death. He has defeated it because He has changed it into a birth; He has turned it into the passage to full and final life. Jesus accepts us as we are. Thus we have to bring Him our bodily illness and spiritual wounds and ask for His healing touch. Jesus continues to heal us through His instruments in the world. We need to continue the healing mission of Christ. It is our vocation to be healers. We share in Christ's healing by visiting the sick, praying for their healing, and boosting their morale with our loving presence, words of encouragement and inspiration. Through this way we enable them to experience the compassion of Jesus, the healer. **Happy Sunday!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Dressers needed: OLV would like to update Father's room and is looking for dressers. If you have any to give away, please call Monique at 819-986-3763. Thanks.

Kitchen Hall Door: Just be advised that the lock had to be replaced on this door. If you need entry please call Monique. Bring in the old and receive the new!

Summer Masses: There will be **NO Thursday** masses during the months of July (starting July 5th and ending August 30th).

Bulletins: Our summer bulletins will be printed for the weekends of July 7-8 and July 21-22 and August 4-5 and Aug 18-19. Then back to our weekly bulletins for September 1-2.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Canada Day Parade: The parade will be leaving the Legion Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 1 and going down Joseph to Ave. de Buckingham and turning onto the bridge to the Centre D'Accueil. There the flag will be raised and O Canada will be sung. Parade will leave and return to MacLaren Street and stop in front of the hospital and then return to the Legion Hall. All are invited to view the parade along the route. ***Happy Canada Day to All !***

Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre, 6458, Route 315, Mulgrave and Derry Featuring: Nicolas Charette-Côté: Sunday July 8, 2018 (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.) Cost: \$5.00 per person

(Tickets available in advance from Peter Cameron (819) 986-7828 or Brenda Miller (819) 986-7358)

Join us for an afternoon of music performed by **Nicolas Charette-Côté**, pianist, organist and percussionist. This 15-year-old gifted musician is starting his 8th year at the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto and is a member of the concert band, L'harmonie Contre-Temps, and jazz band, Contre - Temps Jazz at Hormisdas Gamelin High School in Buckingham. He will "tickle the ivories" sharing his musical renditions of "the oldies retro" to "classics" to "modern". Something for everyone to enjoy! Nicolas is currently the pianist at St. Malachy's parish and the second organist at St-Grégoire de Nazianze.