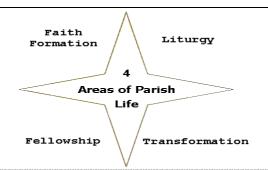


Our Lady of Victory 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5



20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 18 - 19, 2018



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Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday 7:00 PM

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### **MASSES**

	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Basil & Margaret Cleland by a Friend
Saturday			Dave Murphy & Deceased Members of the Murphy Family by The Family
Sunday	Aug 26 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 am	Evelyn Robitaille (1 <sup>st</sup> ann) by Carriere & Simpson Families
			Beatrice Bonin by Deborah Dorey Landry
			Roberta Farnand by Richard Farnand
			James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Cotundos	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Nora Somers by Monique & Ken Simpson
Saturday			Roberta Farnand by Shirley Ellement
Sunday	Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 am	Emmett McNamara by Robert & Edward Findlay
			Larry Cameron by Mary Jean & Steve Achtell
			Norma Cullen by Family & Friends
			James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Aug 4 - 5 - Sunday Collection	\$501.00	\$524.00
Aug 4 -5 - Support	457.00	257.00
Aug 11 - 12 - Sunday Collection	427.00	

### Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop August, 2018

"Let us pray for people who are evicted and/or driven away from their country; those who are under threat and must leave hurriedly their land at the risk of their life; those who are taken advantage of by large multinational companies at the expense of local peasants, so that human dignity will be respected for all."

<u>Questions I ask myself:</u> Aug 19: Am I aware of the sexual violence experienced by women in Congo? I take time to read an article to understand what is going on.

<u>Aug 26</u>: Yes, indeed, in 2018, priests in African countries and elsewhere are under threat of kidnapping, extortion, death; I take a moment to pray the Holy Spirit to assist them and inspire us potential actions we can take for them.

# **FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY for August 18-19**

# I am the Living Bread

Today's readings stress the fact that the Holy Eucharist, the perfect fulfillment of the symbol of the manna of the Old Testament, is the Food that gives us life forever. In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus declared that the Bread He gives is His Flesh. This Sunday, Jesus asserts that to eat this Bread is to have eternal life. In today's **first reading**, taken from the Book of Proverbs, Lady Wisdom, representing God, offers wisdom and understanding in the form of a rich banquet to all those who are willing to heed her invitation. The early Christians often identified Jesus as the Wisdom of God. They regarded the Eucharist as Wisdom's banquet, where they shared in the Divine Wisdom now Incarnate in Jesus. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 34), thanks God for His providential care and His close association with His people, and invites all to "taste and see the goodness of the Lord." In the **second reading**, Paul advises the Gentile Christians to behave as wise people by showing their gratitude to God for calling them, along with the Jews, to Christianity, and for giving them a share in Christ's life. They will be able to receive this life by avoiding their former foolish ways, like getting drunk on wine. Instead, they are to be Spirit-filled with their talk edifying, always trying to discern and do the will of God.

The **Gospel** tells us of the Wisdom that comes from God and nourishes people, giving them life. It is the Body and Blood of Christ. Thus, Jesus asserts that eating the Living Bread, Himself, allows us to participate in His life and to grow here and now in our eternal life with God. He emphasizes the eternal-life dimensions of eating His Body and drinking His Blood – that those who have faith in Jesus and do so have already stepped into Heaven in this life, sharing in God's own life and therefore in eternal life. Jesus is the Word of God; by listening to Him, that is, accepting to identify ourselves with His person, we achieve eternal life. Our participation in the Eucharist also concretizes and energizes our relationship with Christ and with one another. To receive the Eucharist means to be assimilated with Christ, to be identified with Him.

When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus Himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one Body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body for the life of the world. Like Christ, we need to allow our body to be broken and our blood to be shed for others. That is why, at the end of the Mass, we are sent out to announce the Gospel of the Lord by our humble service and exemplary lives, radiating Jesus' love, mercy, forgiveness and spirit of service all around us. We need to keep the hunger and thirst for God alive in our hearts: every human being is blessed with an insatiable longing for God. We want God as our Father to hold us gently in His arms, keeping us safe throughout the dangers we face. But often we use substitutes as an escape from that need: fast living, fast food, fast cars, needless luxuries, unrestricted sexual fulfillment, name them. We demand the right to do whatever we want to do whenever we want. But the truth is that unless we keep the hunger for God strong in our hearts, we will eventually realize the emptiness of our lives without Him. **Happy Sunday!** 

## **OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS**

<u>Prayers and Sympathy:</u> Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Larry Cameron. Our sympathy and prayers are with his family and friends during this time of loss.

<u>Thank You Marilyn and Rene:</u> After many years as Ushers, Greeters and Collection Counters, René and Marilyn Charron are retiring. The Wardens, on behalf of all OLV parishioners, would like to thank René and Marilyn for their long term-commitment in support of our faith community. God Bless.

<u>Office Hours</u>: Please note that on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be **NO** office hours. Office will be opened on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon.

<u>Kitchen Hall Door:</u> 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!* 

<u>Food Bank:</u> Have requested that we begin collecting **egg cartons** for them. Please place them in the box provided in the church.

<u>OLV Family and Friends Day:</u> The second annual OLV Family and Friends Day will be held on **Saturday**, **September 8th** in the church hall. The objective of the event is to bring together both our parish community and friends for an afternoon of fellowship and music. It is important to note that attendance is not limited to OLV parishioners, so invite your friends. As was the case last year, hot dogs and corn on the cob will be served. Festivities will commence at **1:00 pm and will run to 4:00 pm**.

So far, the lineup of artists includes Phil Casey and Friends, Donna Murphy and Peter Forcier, Jamey Lawlis and Guy Charbonneau.

Tickets for the event will be \$5.00, which will cover the cost of the event. There will be no charge for children 12 and under. Tickets will go on sale on August 19th before mass and will also be available at the door on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

<u>Friendship Club:</u> Starting the year on September 5, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at The Knights of Columbus Hall. Afternoon of: meeting friends, playing bingo, enjoying coffee and cookies. Contact Shirley Hotte at 819-617-0523 if more information is required.

Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre: Next event is their "Octoberfest / fund raiser" to be held Sunday September 16, 2018 (11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) featuring Jason Roos and Gretchen Visser. Octoberfest style lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. at a reasonable price. Concert starts at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for the concert and available by calling Peter Cameron 819 986-7828, or any committee member or at the door. All are welcomed.