



**Our Lady of Victory**  
490 Charles Street  
Gatineau, Québec  
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**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 29 - 30, 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	Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate
Saturday	Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Nora Somers by Richard Lavell
Sunday	Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 am	Linda Allen by Irene Cosgrove Roberta Farnand by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Romutis Emmett McNamara by Monique & Ken Simpson Beatrice Bonin (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.) by Deborah Dorey Landry

### WEEKLY RECEIPTS

### OLV

### ST. MALACHY

Sept. 22 - 23 - Sunday Collection	\$389.00	\$244.00
Sept. 22 - 23 - Fuel	332.00	125.00
Sept. 22 - 23 - Donation		200.00

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

"Let us pray, that our Diocesan Christian community demonstrate unity in love, according to Our Lord's will; that we achieve more and more areas of alliance between God, us and the world, and that in our midst occur many acts of mutual assistance, solidarity and sharing."

**Question I ask myself:** What does synodal proceeding mean? How may I get involved?

## **FATHER ALBANUS REFLECTIONS on the SUNDAY LITURGY**

### ***"TRUE GOODNESS and ACTIONS COME FROM THE SPIRIT OF GOD"***

Today's readings warn us against jealousy, intolerance and scandal. We see in the **first reading** from the book of Numbers, jealousy in its destructive form of envy manifested in the attitude of Joshua, the assistant and successor of Moses. Due to the complaints and demands and rebellious attitude of the Israelites, Moses spoke to God who decided to find him help in the men to be chosen. Seventy men came to the tent of meeting and two were absent. The seventy received God's Spirit and prophesied and the two absentees (who were still in the camp) were also seen prophesying. This attracted the green eyed jealousy of Joshua. Moses however instructed him to be tolerant. This passage prepares us for the Gospel where the same kind of jealousy is noticed in the apostles. In the **second reading** St. James warns the rich against giving scandal by their denial of social justice to their workers. No one condemns the rich as he does in this reading. His warning borders on their refusal to give the workers a living wage, ignoring the needs of others and condemning and murdering of the innocent and the righteous. James is not criticizing material wealth nor is he expressing a wish that it be destroyed. He is merely condemning those who fail to share it with their brothers and sisters, those who fill up all their stores and use everything for themselves, to satisfy their whims and fancies.

The **Gospel** shows the intolerance among the apostles of Christ. The apostles, led by John, are getting annoyed because somebody is helping them. They are now in charge of judging what is good or not. They are worried and annoyed because somebody is able to do good without being part of "their group." They consider that chasing away devils in the name of Jesus is their prerogative; nobody can do that without their consent. Jesus responds by giving them lessons in this kind of tolerance and in the reward to be given to outsiders for good deeds they have done for the disciples. What can we say about this behavior of the apostles in the Gospel and that of Joshua in the first reading? Are we behaving any differently? It is possible that we have sometime expressed disapproval of somebody because he or she was not "one of us." We have a lot to learn from other people's generosity and hospitality. The name of Jesus does not belong only to the baptized. It belongs to whoever is moved by the Spirit and follows the Master and tries to conform his/her life to His. We should not be "fanatic" for Jesus! In the light of the first reading, it should have been a source of great joy that the spirit had chosen to descend also on some who did not belong to the 'establishment,' the council of elders.

Jesus tells us who pride themselves in being his disciples and think that we are the only ones moved by the Spirit, that whoever works in favor of humankind is one of us. The Spirit is not the exclusive preserve of the structured Church. It works outside it also and is manifested in the good deeds done by others who do not "belong." We should not envy those who are doing the good that we are unable to do and should open our eyes and hearts and see the good deeds done by "others" and rejoice over it. In our communities, we need to take interest in the works being well done and as effectively as possible instead of chasing away anybody coming too close. Jesus also speaks on hospitality and against scandalizing the little ones. Offering someone a glass of water, no matter how insignificant it may seem, cannot go unnoticed by God, since love is the fruit of the Spirit. The "little ones" here are not only the children but also and especially those whose faith is weak. Causing the alienation of one such frail person from Christ incurs one with a great and serious responsibility and requires a person "to be drowned", a death the Jews considered so shameful that they forbade the burial of the corpse. We should not be responsible for the fact that so many people fail to approach Christ. Ours should not be a community where people for any reason should be rejected, where "little ones" are "scandalized." Jesus also warns us against another form of scandal, one that comes from our own hands, feet and eyes. These organs in the Jewish culture manifest the evil instincts, lusts and all dispositions that lead us away from God and induce us to immoral actions. We must have the courage to "amputate" our attitudes that are wrong and our ideas that are incompatible with the Christian option, even when it causes pain and heart-rending suffering. We should be ready to cut away the pointed finger of arrogance, trying to impose our will, the hand that steals, the eyes full of envy, the suspicions that lead to unbearable situations and may even prevent brothers and sisters from speaking to one another, and the feet that run to seek vengeance. **Happy Sunday!**

### **Needs of the Church in Canada**

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly. Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contribution to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance.

"Challenges and favours which the Lord gives...are the ways by which He wanted His Church founded and established by the Apostles and Disciples. This is the same grace He has made to the Church in Canada, by which it has taken all its force and growth, and is sustained and maintained by patience and long-suffering in peace and union with Our Lord, all as He is pleased to permit."

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

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our prayers and sympathy are with Lucille Allen's family on the death of her daughter, Linda.

**Christmas Tea:** Susan and Monique have come forward to convene our Christmas Tea on ***Saturday, December 1 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Cost \$6.00.***

***NEED HELP FOR THE FOLLOWING:  
OR YOU CAN TAKE ON ANY TASK AND FIND YOUR OWN WORKERS.***

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| <b>Entrance:</b>        | 2 people to collect entrance fee   |
| <b>Sandwiches:</b>      | 3 people to help make sandwiches on the Friday<br>2-4 people to cut and place on plates day of the Tea   |
| <b>Wash dishes:</b>     | 4 people the day of the tea  |
| <b>Set-up Hall:</b>     | On the Friday  |
| <b>Food Table:</b>      | 4 people to price and collect day of the tea   |
| <b>Servers:</b>         | 2 to serve coffee & tea to our guests  |
| <b>Bric-Brac table:</b> | 2 people to set-up table and price items   |
| <b>CRAFT table:</b>     | Ladies will accept any donations. Please drop them off in the hall <b>prior</b> to the start of the tea. |

**Please call the office and advise Monique the job you would love to handle.**