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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 24 – 25, 2018

St. Malachy 3889 Route 315 Mayo, Québec J8L 3Z8

Saturday 7:00 PM

Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist

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MASSES

Thursday	Nov. 29 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate	
Saturday	Dec. 1 st	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Gordon & Joanne Farnand by Greg & Pat Lavell	
Sunday	Dec. 2 nd	OLV @ 9:00 am	Theresa Newton by Monique & Ken Simpson	
			Norma Cullen by The Campbell Family	
			Louise Burke (36 ann) by Eunice McDonnell	
			James, Margaret & Tom Dorion by The Estate	

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Nov. 17 - 18 - Sunday Collection	\$807.00	\$394.00
Nov. 17 - 18 - Donation		100.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop November, 2018

Question I ask myself: This week, I contact an organization, which provides assistance to people without resources, and I offer to help.



Synodal Process – Summary of Discussions

In today's bulletin, you will find a summary of discussions that are the result of consultations held recently with parishioners. Thank you to all the parishioners who took the time and made the effort to participate. One thing that has become evident is that parishioners from both parishes are concerned about the future and want to positively seek solutions to ensure future sustainability.

The next step in the Synod process is a meeting of the representatives of parishes in the English zone of the Diocese to compare findings and to develop a regional report. The meeting will be held on December 12th. Once available, this report will be shared with parishioners.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Christ is the King!

This Sunday is the last of the Liturgical Year. It is also the feast of Christ the King, a feast instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. During the institution, Pius XI proclaimed "Pax Christi in regno Christi" (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ), an expression that means that 'we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to Him every day, accept Him as our God, Savior and King and allow Him to rule our lives' (Fr Kadavil). Expectedly, the readings of today speak of the Kingdom of God and Christ. They describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as king in Heaven in all His glory. The **first reading** is from the Book of Daniel. The author does not convey his message in clear words but uses apocalyptic images. It speaks of the mysterious Son of Man coming on the clouds, glorified by God and given dominion that will last forever. This vision with its promise was written about 160 years before the birth of Christ; it was intended to give courage and hope to Jews who were suffering a lot under the cruel King Antiochus. This prophecy is fulfilled only with the coming of Jesus. He is the 'son of man' who began the Kingdom of holy ones of the Most High (cf Mk. 14:62). Also, the **second reading** presents the Risen Christ coming amid the clouds as the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last of all things. The author reminds Christians of the main truth of their faith: Christ is the highest of all kings.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus asserts before Pilate that He is a King and explains that His Kingdom does not belong to this world and operates differently. As King, Jesus rules by serving others rather than dominating them. He is a Servant King! His authority is rooted in truth, not in physical force and his kingdom is based on the beatitudes. Jesus never sought to occupy the first place, to be served, but knelt in front of humans and washed their feet. He rejected all attempts to make Him accept Kingship of this world. He disappointed the messianic expectations of His disciples and fled when people wanted to make Him 'King.' The kingdoms of this world are founded on power and need to be defended by arms, but not His. He does not harm anybody; He is the one going to His death. He does not rule others; He obeys. He does not ally with the great and powerful; He sides with the poor, the forgotten, those who do not count in the eye of the world. Jesus has come to bear witness to the truth about God and His love for us, about Himself as the Son of God and about us as the children of God (Fr Kadavil, A). He came not to teach truth but to bear witness to it, to manifest it to all, to give proof that the kingdom of God, promised by the prophets and announced as imminent by Daniel, has finally come into the world.

Understanding properly the feast of Christ the King is important to avoid giving an opposite indication. The world see kingdom as power, glory, triumph; for Christ it is acceptance of service. The Kingdom of Christ grows where there is the manifestation of an attitude of service, where there is the gratuitous gift to one another, where one endeavors to meet the other and where new relations are established among peoples and nations. The proof of the kingdom is found in the life of communities founded on love, understanding, sharing of goods, rejection of any kind of violence, and reciprocal service. Hence, we need to accept Christ the King as our Lord, King and Savior and surrender our lives to Him. This we do by giving priority to His teaching in our daily choices, especially moral decisions. By not excluding Christ our King from any area of our personal and family lives. Christ must, therefore, be in full charge of our lives; we must give Him sovereign power over our bodies, thoughts, heart and will. We need to be serving disciples of the Servant King. We prove ourselves to be His followers when we recognize His presence in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast and the marginalized in the society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in them. Jesus is the king of love; we accept Him as such when we love others as He loved, unconditionally, sacrificially, and with agape love.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

St. Malachy's Warden's Meeting: Tuesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Sacristy.

<u>OLV Christmas Tea:</u> December 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm for this annual event. *Please consider this your invitation to bake something for the food table and/or kitchen.* This gesture would be greatly appreciated. *Food can be dropped off on Friday, November 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or Saturday morning before noon. This will give everyone time to place and price the items.*



In September 2017, the Holy Father and Caritas Internationalis launched the **Share the Journey** campaign, which urges Catholics around the world to reach out to our sisters and brothers who have been forced to flee their homes. This year, we are proud to announce that **Development and Peace – Caritas Canada** is joining this great campaign.

Every minute, 31 people are forced to flee their homes because they fear for their lives and safety. In 2017, there were 68.5 million children, women, and men uprooted from their homes. The majority of them are currently in some of the poorest countries on the planet. In the next few weeks, more information will be provided about this great campaign where you will be asked to **Share the Journey**.

COMMUNITY NEWS



As we have done for several years, our two parishes will participate in the fundraising of the Lions Club annual fundraising.

This year, the Lions Club will be having its annual blitz on **Saturday**, December 1st from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Contributions to the blitz can be made by placing your donation – cash or cheque made out to the Lions Club – in a plain envelope with Lions Club on the front. Because the blitz is next Saturday, we ask those parishioners who wish to make donations to either bring the donation to the Parish Secretary during the week, **or** to call Linda Cameron at 819-986-8901 who has a team ready to pick up your donations. If you wish a tax receipt from the Lions Club, please ensure that your name and address are included with your donation so that a receipt can be returned to you.

Christmas is a time of giving, of thanking God for all we have. It is also an opportune time to reach out and help those less fortunate than ourselves.

<u>Heart & Soul Concert:</u> Thursday, **December 6** at 7:30 pm at Our Lady of Victory Church. Price \$10. For advance tickets call 819-986-1185. Coffee & desserts will be served.