



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
Gatineau, Québec
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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16 - 17, 2019

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	Mar. 21 st	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Mar. 23 rd	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Special Intention by a Parishioner
Sunday	Mar. 24 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Irene Cosgrove by Lucille & Susan Allen Ivanka & Beatrice by Marianne Lotz Tom Laframboise by Isabel & Family Mass of Thanksgiving by a Parishioner

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Mar 9 - 10, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$381.00	\$368.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop March 2019

Questions I ask myself: "...we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory" (2nd reading); "Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" (Gospel). In order to learn better who is Jesus in front of a cross, I take time to read in Living with Christ the pages entitled WORD OF GOD.

Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy (from the Synodal Process)

In Quebec, there is a lot of talk about religious symbols. One of these, which arouses debates, is the crucifix in the National Assembly. I do not want to go into the debate about whether the crucifix should stay there or be removed. I would rather reflect on the meaning of the symbol itself and what it tells us about Jesus. If we really want to know Jesus, we must pierce the mystery of His cross.

The cross is made of two beams. The vertical beam, the one that is planted in the ground and rises to the sky, reminds us that Jesus is the one who connects heaven and earth. In Him, divinity meets humanity. That is why, in today's gospel, God says to Peter, James and John, "This is my Son listen to Him! Only Jesus really knows the Father, because He and the Father are "ONE".

In Jesus, God comes to renew His relationship with us. In Him, God welcomes us into the love life of the Trinity by giving us His Spirit. His love frees us from our fears, our weaknesses, even our sins. With St. Paul, we can recognize that He is truly our "Savior".

The horizontal beam, the one on which the arms of Jesus were stretched out and on which His hands were nailed, tells us of the bond that Jesus has woven with all humanity. Jesus is really Godbut He is also really man. He shared all aspects of our humanity except sin. He knew our fears, our joys and our hopes, our temptations and our failures, our loves and our desires.

In Him, humanity finds a living center that allows it to be tied in harmony and unity. While coming towards Him, we grow in our intimacy with our brothers and our sisters, because He is the brother of each of us. Jesus weaves the Christian community to shape the human community.

We understand why the cross has become a deeply significant symbol. It tells us who Jesus is for God and for us. It is not only a heritage object: it is a visual and concrete reminder of Jesus, of His love for us, of the salvation He wants to operate in us.

In all our churches, at the heart of all our liturgical celebrations, the cross occupies a place of honor. We draw the sign of the cross on our bodies at the beginning of Mass, as we gather, and a second time at the end of Mass, as we prepare to go out to bring the love of Jesus to the heart of the world.

The crucifix hangs on the walls of many of our homes. This week, let us take a moment to take it in our hands and let us look at it carefully and try to express what it represents for us. In prayer, let us repeat to Jesus how happy we are that He has revealed His love to us, and that He has introduced us into the life of the Spirit.

Perhaps the crucifix has no place in the National Assembly. The important thing is that it holds a place of honour in our lives.



Share the journey with members of the Umuechem community in Nigeria

In 1990, a peaceful community in the south of Nigeria became the victim of what has been recognized as the first crime committed by an oil company. Traumatized by a massacre of unparalleled violence, a large majority of the members of this community fled to neighbouring communities, never to return home again. To make sure that their story is never forgotten and to combat impunity, **Development and Peace's** partner **Social Action** is supporting the Umuechem community in their legal action against the oil company.

Discover the story of people forced to flee their homes and ways for each one of us to act in solidarity with them: devp.org/lent.

Take part in a solidarity walk in solidarity with forcibly displaced persons

On Saturday, April 6, join a solidarity walk organized by members of **Development and Peace** in Ottawa and Gatineau. The walk will begin at the Notre-Dame-de-l'Île parish at 115 Sacré-Coeur Blvd. in Gatineau and will end with a mass at the Notre-Dame cathedral in Ottawa. There will be stops at important places along the route in both cities. Brief reflections and stories of forced migrants will be shared to inspire us in this symbolic sharing of the path. The mass at the Notre-Dame cathedral will be celebrated by both Archbishops, Mgr. Paul-André Durocher and Mgr. Terrence Prendergast, S.J.

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Lenten Celebrations: As announced by our Archbishop, the second phase of our synodal process will take place in two stages: A ***first phase*** during Lent to allow us to be challenged by the Word of God and to answer Him in prayer; a ***second phase*** between Easter and Pentecost to discuss the issues that arose during the first phase.

During Lent, we will deepen a conviction that emerged during the first phase which can be summarized as follows: **“The Christian Community Helps Us to Grow in Our Relationship with Christ.”**

You will also notice liturgical changes in the Words of Welcome, Penitential Rite and the Rite of Dismissal.

Our Lenten Journey: Lent is meant to get us in shape to celebrate the central mystery of our faith: ***The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ***. During Lent, the liturgy prepares us for Easter as we recall our baptism and do penance in preparation for the greatest feast of the year. We can mark the journey with the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

St. Malachy’s Wardens’ Meeting: *Tuesday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sacristy.*

St. Malachy’s parish is holding a Fundraising Event for the upkeep of the Church in the form of a **raffle**. ***Draw will be held Easter Sunday after mass at St. Malachy.***

1st prize will be a beautiful **acrylic painting of "Three Tulips"** painted by Lucie Miller (professionally framed).

2nd prize is a **handmade afghan in Ecru with burgundy and burnt orange yarn** crocheted by Brenda Miller.

Tickets are **\$2 each** or **3 tickets for \$5** and available from the Wardens of St. Malachy. **Cheryl Cameron** will be present before and after Sunday Mass selling tickets should you wish a chance to win. We thank you for your support.