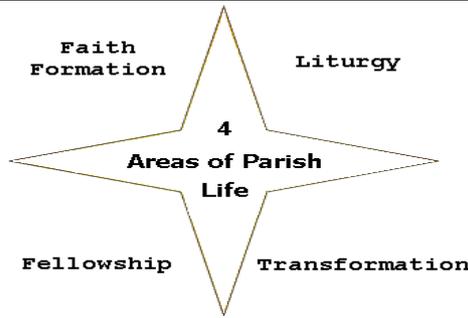




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3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23 - 24, 2019

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Mar. 28 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Mar. 30 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Royal Baulne by Richard & Rachel Baulne
Sunday	Mar. 31 st	OLV @ 9:00 am	Paul Jeffrey by Eunice, Bruce & Family Thomas Ford by Susan & Junior Lemieux Linda Allen by Monique & Ken Simpson Theresa Newton by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Mar 16 - 17, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$596.00	\$307.00
Mar 16 - 17, 2019 - Donation		100.00

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop March 2019

Questions I ask myself: “Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did... these things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us.” (2nd reading)

“Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did” (Gospel). I take some water to remind me of my baptism and I ask myself: Is there something I should change in my life?

Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy (from the Synodal Process)

Third Sunday of Lent

Have you ever noticed how two similar words can have two very different meanings?

For example: “to expose” and “to repose”. To expose is to make (something) visible by uncovering it; whereas to repose is a state of rest or tranquility.

Another example: “emigration” and “immigration”. The emigrant leaves his country, while the immigrant enters a new country.

A third example: “avert” and “convert”. To avert is to prevent or ward off an undesirable occurrence. To convert is to turn away from a dangerous thing in order to orient oneself to the good.

This third pair of words is key to understanding the second reading and today’s gospel. Paul tells his readers that the Old Testament describes the tragedies that afflicted the Hebrew people to warn us and to invite us to convert. In the gospel, Jesus uses the trials of innocent people to warn His disciples and invite them to convert.

The warning serves to awaken us to the fatal consequences that await us if we continue on our way. Conversion is the decision to turn away from this path to avoid death, to move safely towards life and joy.

The fundamental sacrament of Christian conversion is baptism. By baptism, we are stripped of original sin and put on Christ. We leave the darkness of sin to walk in the light of the Spirit. We break our solidarity with the first man, a sinner, to adhere to Christ, Our Savior.

In today's world we hear a lot of warnings. If you continue smoking, you will have cancer. If you continue over-eating, you will have heart problems. If you continue consuming fossil fuels, the planet will warm up. If you continue over-consuming, the environment will degrade.

Faced with these warnings, we seek to convert: quit smoking, eat less and exercise more, use less energy, reduce and recycle what we consume.

It is much easier to convert when we do it with others. Friends who decide to quit encourage each other. A family that decides to revisit their way of eating is moving forward with more courage and determination. A whole country that decides to consume less energy creates a mass movement that encourages all citizens in the same direction. A city that gives itself the means to reduce and recycle creates a wave of commitment and community solidarity.

It is the same in the spiritual life. To convert alone to follow the Gospel is not easy. So many obstacles stand in our way, starting with our old habits, our fatigues and our indifferences. The world itself, which seems to turn a deaf ear to the calls of the Gospel, leads us along paths where we risk forgetting the voice of the Lord. What to do?

It is then that we discover the Christian community as an incredible resource. As brothers and sisters in the faith, we encourage each other, we support each other. The best of us stimulate and lead by example: that is why we love hearing about saints, reading their stories, invoking them to help us. Our voices are raised in a common prayer, in a harmonious song, to praise the Lord and to implore His help. Is it not more beautiful when we sing together?

How many young people return from World Youth Day saying, "How good it feels to be with thousands of other young people, like us, who share our faith we do not feel alone anymore."

Baptism is a personal adventure - it is not an adventure that is lived out in solitude, it is lived out in community. Together, we change our lives. Together, we walk with Christ. Together, we form this community of disciples who live in fellowship. Together, we can change and change the world.



Share the journey with the Rohingyas of Myanmar

Facing persecution and violence, 723,000 Rohingyas have fled Myanmar since August 2017 and taken refuge across the border, in neighbouring Bangladesh. **Development and Peace's** long-time partner **Caritas Bangladesh** is working hard to restore some dignity to these people who simply yearn to live in peace. Thanks to your donations, Caritas Bangladesh has been able to provide temporary shelters, access to clean water, safe latrines and showers for women and girls, and hygiene kits, and to raise awareness among refugees about safety issues.

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.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS



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 parish is holding a Fundraising Event for the upkeep of the Church.
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.