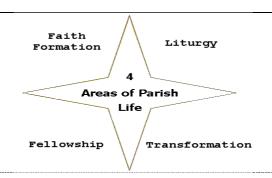


Our Lady of Victory 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5



PASSON (PALM SUNDAY) APRIL 13 - 14, 2019



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

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Apr. 18 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	NO MASS
Thursday		OLV @ 7:00 pm	Holy Thursday Mass
Friday	Apr. 19 th	St. Aloysius @ 2:30 pm	Stations of the Cross & Celebration of the Lord's Passion
		OLV @ 3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Apr. 20 th	OLV @ 8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Apr. 21 st	St. Malachy @ 9:00 am	Celebration of the Eucharist
		OLV @ 11:00 am	Celebration of the Eucharist

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Apr. 6-7, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$404.00	\$131.00
Apr. 6-7, 2019 - Support	220.00	127.00

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Palm Sunday

Today, the sixth Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates **Palm (Passion) Sunday** which ushers us into the Holy Week. During the Holy Week we try to welcome Jesus into our lives and ask Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death and Resurrection. It is the time when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. The Holy Week liturgies present us with the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus and enable us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him, which result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we, too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies.

Expectedly, the readings of this Sunday dwell on the incarnation of the Son of God in human history and His Paschal Mystery that brought salvation to humankind. The **first reading** from the Prophet Isaiah is one of the songs of the Suffering Servant of God. It reminds us of what Pilate's soldiers did to Jesus (Mt.27:27-31). Jesus is the true "Servant" faithful to God, who has given up his life to deliver humankind. We can also recognize in what happened to this servant the story of every person who want to practice and proclaim justice.

The **Second Reading** in a beautiful fashion underscores the self-effacing nature of this Servant of God, Jesus. As a reaction to what was happening in the Philippian community, Paul presents the humility of Jesus as a model. Some members (as in our communities today) began to be envious of each other, each thinking that s/he was more important or greater than the others and wanted to exercise authority over the others. So Paul tells them that there must not be competition among them, no conceit, rather everyone is too self-effacing like Christ. He already existed in His divine nature before becoming man. By taking on our flesh, he set aside his divine dignity and showed himself to us in humble weakness of man. He was the most despised of man, the slave, whom the authorities put to shame and condemned to humiliating death on a cross. Incarnation did not deprive Him of His divine nature which becomes hidden under the human humble appearance. Jesus gave up making a name for Himself. He did not see his own personal property to be spent to further His own interests, but He put it at the service of other, renouncing every form of power. Like the Philippians we will not be indifferent to the example of Jesus. We must let Him permeate into our hearts, particularly during these days when we celebrate His most profound humiliation (death), His greatest glorification (resurrection).

The **Gospel** narrates Jesus' parade and entrance into Jerusalem. It shows Jesus in control of events as He organizes His own parade to the place where He has an appointment with death. As the procession moves off the people throw their cloaks on the ground. The parade leads Jesus, as it leads us in today's Liturgy, into the passion, the time of Jesus' ultimate trial and death. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgies will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. But let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. During this week of the Passion -- passionate suffering, passionate grace, passionate love and passionate forgiving – each of us is called to remember the Christ of Calvary and then to embrace and lighten the burden of the Christ Whose passion continues to be experienced in the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the aged, the lonely and the outcast.

Happy Palm Sunday!

Pontifical Collection of Good Friday

The **Pontifical Collection** for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on **Good Friday**, **April 19**. Our parishes, once a year on Good Friday, we are called to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual **Good Friday Collection** offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land. *"He, who does acts of mercy, let him do them with cheerfulness."* Rm 12,8. Your **Holy Land Collection envelope** can be placed with any of the Triduum or Easter collections.

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Cereal Bar Drive: Basket will be at top of stairs for your donations next Sunday.

Spring Supper and Balloon Auction May 24th – WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT:

This year's menu, once again, will be spaghetti, meat sauce, buns salad and homemade desserts followed by our popular Balloon Auction. **Cocktails** will be served at 4:30 p.m.

with **supper** at 6:00 p.m. Tickets: \$20.00 for Adults, \$5.00 fo Children aged 6 to 12 and free for Children under 6 years of age.

As in the past years, we are asking parishioners to donate items for the auction, preferably gift certificates from local businesses, and gift baskets of homemade items or plant arrangements. Donation should be received **no later than Monday, May 20.**

ST. MALACHY'S CEMETERY: The St. Malachy's Cemetery Committee is inviting interested parties to tender contract offers to maintain the parish cemetery situated at Mayo, QC for a three year period beginning in the spring of 2019. Any contract offer should specify a fixed price, on a seasonal basis.

Maintenance of the cemetery comprises regular grass cutting as well as trimming around grave markers and fence lines.

Sealed bids for this contract must be delivered to Dan Somers at 45 Somers Road, Mayo, QC, J8L 4L9 and be postmarked no later than midnight, Friday, May 3rd, 2019. For additional information, please call 613-295-5498 or email gullyrider2@hotmail.com

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.

