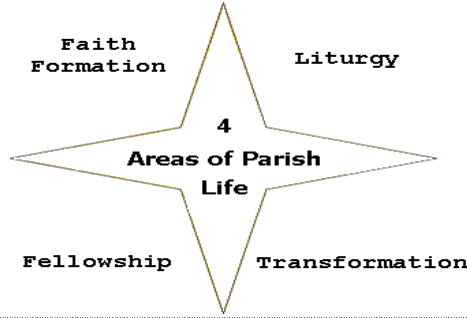




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**EASTER SUNDAY
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
APRIL 20-21, 2019**

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Apr. 25 th	OLV @ 10:00 am	Doris Lemieux (30th ann) by Regis Lemieux
Saturday	Apr. 27 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 pm	Julie Dunnigan & The Holy Souls by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Apr. 28 th	OLV @ 9:00 am	Irene Cosgrove by Maureen Dunning Tom Laframboise by Isabel & Family Peter Burke by Robert, Edward & Dorothy Ginette Pearson (10th ann) by The Family Larry Cameron by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Apr. 13-14, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$534.00	\$445.00
Apr. 13-14, 2019 – Easter Flowers	243.00	

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

EASTER: THE VICTORY OF LIFE OVER DEATH!

In life, death seems at times to prevail over life. The same happened in the life of Christ. In the **first reading** St. Peter summarizes the whole Christian message. It is the story of the life of Christ who transformed the world through the power of God, rather than His preaching. Jesus is an envoy sent by God, was rejected, killed by nailing on a cross but God did not leave Him in the grip of death. He raised Him from the dead. Our mission, as that of the Apostles, is to bare witness to this fundamental truth of our faith. Our mission is to be witness to the resurrection. This requires that we also undergo the experience of the resurrection. By our baptism we have passed from death to life; if we have been transformed and live that way, then we can truly be such witnesses. This means that nothing of our old life should remain in us – no hate, violence, feuds, envy, drunkenness, wantonness, name them! The deeds of death must give way to those of a risen people to legitimate our witness to the resurrection. The **second reading** tells us that the victory of life over death must be made manifest in our lives through our deeds. We must therefore not be found lacking in good works and deeds, because they are the mark and indication of the new life, the life of the resurrection.

The **Gospel** continues the Easter message. For John, the Easter story begins very early in the morning of the first day of the week when it is "still dark". But this story has its finest expression in the new life in Christ. Easter is the victory of life over death, an invitation out of darkness into the light of the risen Christ. *In that light we see Him and recognize each other as brother and sister in the Lord. It is that light which enables us to tell that night has ended and day is on its way back. It is that light which summons us to leave loitering in the dark. From hanging around the graveyard it calls us to look for hope elsewhere. It suggests to us that we write other people's epitaphs too readily. When Jesus conquers death, nobody and nothing can be written off as a lost cause.* (Unknown Author). Mary Magdalene was the first harbinger of the Easter story. Many had written her off as a lost cause. Initially she was worried about the body of Jesus being stolen but God did not let death have the last word in her story.

Following the story of Mary, the two disciples, Peter and John had an Easter jog! John the beloved, younger and faster, arrived at the tomb first and waited for Peter who went in and saw the cloths. John also went in and saw, unlike Peter, he believed; John saw with the eyes of faith what had happened. *His is a love that sees through the dark.* John is presented in this Gospel as an ideal follower of Jesus, the one closest to Him at the Last Supper, the one who stood at the foot of the cross when He died. The urgency of his love got him to the tomb first and the sensitivity of his love made him first to believe. Peter enjoys the "primacy of authority" but John, the beloved, enjoys the "primacy of love". This does not take anything away from Peter, it just means that "if love can persuade" it can get us to the point quicker! Thus, the Gospel challenges us to look at the quality of our seeing and hope, so that when the time comes we too will have the love to enable us to see through the dark. Our joy in Easter lies in the light that darkness cannot overpower. We celebrate that God raised Jesus from the dead and offers us the same hope. May He grant us the faith that challenges us to always see more in others because of our love for Him!

Happy Easter! Father Albanus

Easter Message 2019

When Jesus of Nazareth was judged, tortured and executed by the Romans in Jerusalem two thousand years ago, His friends, family and followers were frightened. They feared being judged as well because the preaching and actions of their Master angered the local leaders. Moreover, His friends, family and followers were deeply disappointed. They believed for a moment that this man was the Messiah prophesied by the prophets. In their eyes, His death not only confirmed the folly of their hope but demonstrated God's judgement. Anxious and depressed, they went into hiding or moved away from Jerusalem.

But a few days later, they found themselves full of joy, courage and enthusiasm. And some even returned home to Jerusalem. So, what happened that drastically changed their lives? They said that Jesus was risen! Not only was His body resurrected, but it was transformed, radiant with life, freed from the constraints of time and space. Seeing Him transformed their understanding of what happened. Despair turned to hope, darkness to light, and condemnation to love.

One day I gave a copy of Luke's Gospel to a man in prison who was looking to fill his time. When I saw him a few days later, he was very excited. "Did you read this?" he asked me. "Yes" I replied. "It is written that a good and righteous man named Jesus, was condemned and killed but returned to life. Do you believe that?" His question caught me by surprise. He was essentially asking me to recite the creed, in this prison cell. I simply replied, "Yes, I believe that." And he commented, "because, you know, if this is true, it changes everything!"

He intuitively seized what the Apostles of Jesus had experienced long ago and what thousands of Christians experience to this day. What do you think? Do you think He is risen? What difference does this make in your life? Perhaps as Easter approaches, it would be good to think about this seriously, to reread the Gospel, to bring this question into your prayers, perhaps even to discuss it with your relatives. Believe me, following the risen Christ changes everything!

Happy Easter!

Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jack Flynn**, husband of Clare and father of Karen. Our prayers and thoughts are with them during this difficult time.

Office Hours: Office will be **closed** on Easter Monday (April 22) and **open** on Tuesday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

St. Malachy's Warden's Meeting: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Sacristy.

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

This year's menu, once again, will be spaghetti and 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 for 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

Fundraiser for St. Malachy: Draw will be on Easter Sunday 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.

