



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

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 7 & 8, 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	Sep. 12 th	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Sep. 14 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Nora Somers by The Estate Peter Roos & The Holy Souls by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Sep. 15 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Fr. Andre Fortin & Bernadette Fortin by The Chartrand Family Jack Flynn by Marianne Lotz Tom Laframboise by Rita & Clyde Horton Theresa Newton by Family & Friends

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS		OLV	ST. MALACHY
Aug. 31 - Sep. 1, 2019 - Sunday Offering		\$522.00	\$370.00
Aug. 31 - Sep. 1, 2019 - Support		455.00	195.00

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

The Cost of Discipleship

Today's readings challenge us to be true disciples by embracing the cost of true discipleship. True discipleship demands total commitment to the will of God, putting God first in our lives. The Book of Wisdom (**the first reading**) instructs us to ask for the gift of discernment and wisdom so that we may do the will of God as true disciples. God is the only one who can grant wisdom and give it gratuitously. The human alone cannot find what the Lord's will is because our reasoning is fuzzy and uncertain. Our mind is weighed down by our corruptible body. It is hardly surprising that we have trouble figuring out the intentions of God when we have so much trouble figuring out the things of this world. We cannot decide freely and wisely; we cannot keep a straight course if God does not send us His light from above, if He does not grant us His wisdom. The **second reading** is from letter of St. Paul to Philemon. It is a beautiful example of the practice of love, forgiveness and detachment from material goods by Paul. As a responsible apostle and zealous disciple of Christ, Paul had to renounce the service of his new helper, Onesimus. He tries to figure out how to send this runaway slave back to his master Philemon and at the same time expresses his hope that Philemon will receive him not as a slave, but as "a beloved brother." As a prisoner, St. Paul puts his love to work in the service of someone else in bondage. An excellent example of true discipleship!

In the **Gospel**, we are asked to count the cost of being a disciple and follower of Christ, because the cost is high. Jesus does not want to deceive anybody about the difficulty of being His disciple. He is setting down the very hard conditions and demands. Those who want to be His disciples have to work out for themselves if they are equal to the demands of discipleship. Hence, they have to figure out the cost of discipleship, and then consider whether they have the resources to meet that cost. These demands are unacceptable by one who wants to be led by human reasoning. They can be understood and accepted only by one who has been granted the "wisdom from above", as we read in the first reading. True Christian discipleship requires one to "renounce" both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart (one's relationships). A disciple should therefore renounce too much attachment to family; give priority to God and His commandments. She/he should break off the excessive attachment to possessions by leading a detached life, willingly sharing one's blessing with others. She/he should accept the hard consequences of discipleship which include daily sacrificial services done for others and even the giving of one's life for them.

To drive the point home, Jesus uses two parables. One intending to build a tower would "first sit down and estimate the cost". If he started without finishing, the sum of his achievement would be a monument to his own stupidity. In the same way the king who discovers that his forces are outnumbered would "first sit down and consider" whether the opposing arithmetic is too heavy. The advice is clear in both instances: take the time; sit down; look at the demands; figure out whether you can honestly meet them. There is the need to think long and hard about Christian discipleship before a decision is made. There is no room for casual followers! Jesus does not want people rushing headlong into instant commitment while ignoring the cost and their own capabilities. Discipleship involves having no security other than total commitment to Jesus. Jesus calls His disciples away from the primacy of the family because discipleship means new and all-consuming loyalty. It means following in the "broad shadow" of a Master who makes His way of love with a cross on His back. Nobody can do that casually.

Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Fellowship: Every first Sunday of the month in the parish hall.

Searching: The search is still on for the key for the **hall kitchen cupboards** and now for the keys for the **chair chain** in the conference room. Contact the office. Last notice!

Still collecting: Used postage stamps, pop tabs, egg cartons and bread bags.

Cereal Bar Drive: This drive will begin **September 15** for Buckingham Elementary School Breakfast Program. Collection is the 3rd Sunday of each month.

OLV Christmas Tea: Schedule, **Saturday, December 7, 2019** on your calendar for our annual Christmas Tea. Plenty of time to start planning for your contribution to the food and craft tables.

St. Malachy Restoration Fund: Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our community, we are extremely pleased to announce that we have concluded our efforts on the Restoration Fundraising project. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all who have helped in this effort. Plans are underway to announce our achievement. **Watch for the date of "The Big Reveal"**.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cemetery celebration reminder: Will be on **September 8** at 2 p.m. at St. Gregoire's cemetery.

Buckingham Friendship Club: Starts Wednesday, **September 11th**. Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. All are welcome!

Our Lady of Light Cultural Centre - Final Event of the Season - (Bring your chairs!) Tickets for September fund raising event: **\$10.00. September 15, 2019 (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m)** Corn Roast/Family Fun Day/Bake Sale and Fund Raising event featuring: ***Jamie Lawlis accompanied by Stephane Coulombe.***

Shut-Ins:

Parishioners are reminded that Father Albanus is available and more than willing to meet with those individuals who are shut-in for a variety of reasons. In addition to Eucharist, Father is prepared to simply visit, as well as bring a spiritual message to those who are unable to leave their place of residence. **To book a time with Father, please contact the Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763.**

Religious Articles and Old Bibles:

Several individuals have contacted the Parishes regarding what to do with religious articles and old Bibles that have been stored away for years. In some instances, inquiries have been made about the possibility of presenting/donating them to the Parishes. This is a non-starter, as the Parishes have more than their share of articles and are not prepared to accept more.

So, the question remains – what to do? According to our research, a common pious custom is to dispose of blessed objects by either burning them (if they are flammable) or burying them (if they are not). In the former case, the object is destroyed and the ashes (or other remains) can simply be thrown away. In the case of objects that were never blessed, they can simply be thrown away like any other non-blessed object.