



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
Gatineau, Québec
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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 21 & 22, 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. 26th	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	All my deceased friends by Monique Perry
Saturday	Sep. 28th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Nora Somers by The Estate Rita Weatherdon (19th ann) by Shirley, Rolly & Philip Plouffe Edmay Baulne by Richard & Rachel Baulne
Sunday	Sep. 29th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Tom Laframboise by Susan & Junior Lemieux Mr. & Mrs. William Gleason & Family by Regis Lemieux Peter Burke by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

OLV

ST. MALACHY

Sep. 14 - 15, 2019 - Sunday Offering

\$578.00

\$192.00

Thank you for your contributions

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop - September, 2019

During these last months of our synodal process, let us pray to the Lord that His love for us, which has become the treasure of our life, arouse an interest and a fascination among our sisters and brothers.

Social Reflection: September! For most people, it means the end of summer holidays, harvest time, but above all the resumption of activities and back to school time. Stores claim that kids need new attire. Children are proud of their new clothes and their new school supplies; parents who accompany their kids, who are new to school, are moved to tears; schools post the nicest slogans about success. Will we be able to persevere and build on solid ground?

An Answer for our Faith: Yes, this new start is a time for hope. Especially for us, in the Church of Gatineau, since we will harvest the fruit of a reflection launched almost a year ago. Now is the time to act. We will have to decide. If we found out that faith is declining, what prevents us from listening to unbelievers and understanding them, from being listened to and understood by them? What is the current situation? Where are we up too? Are we ready to make changes? Will we transform this synod into a time of renewal for our Church?

Question I ask myself: Kent Nagano wants to bring classical music out of concert halls. Why not bring our Church out of our church buildings? How could we do it?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Good Stewardship

Today's readings remind us that we are God's stewards and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings wisely to attain Heavenly joy. In the **first reading**, the Prophet Amos speaking around the 8th Century BC condemns the crooked commercial practices of the Jewish merchants. The prophet speaks against impressive religious festivals and liturgies that feed the egoism of the rich and powerful while keeping the poor as the permanent victims of an unjust system. When the worship of God remains wholly uncritical of what is happening in an unjust society, it becomes privileged theatre signifying nothing. He, therefore, reminds the Israelites and us to be faithful to our covenant with God by practicing justice and mercy as God's faithful stewards. We should not make the goal of our life the acquisition of money by whatever means. St. Paul, in the **second reading** instructs Christians to become the stewards of the Gospel of Jesus. He admonishes them, like Himself, to preach the Gospel to their leaders and offer intercessory prayers on their behalf.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus challenges us to use our blessings – time, talents, health and wealth – wisely. We humans are naturally concerned about our future, like the man in the Gospel. That may have led the man to be dishonest in the first place. It is understandable that this man was street-wise and he applied his shrewdness to provide for his future. He had to alter the books and the transaction deals with his debtors in order to acquire some future security. He is praised not for his dishonesty, but for his resourcefulness in coping with the emergency with such speed. Jesus, here, is not trying to exonerate the dishonest steward for his misappropriation of his master's money. He rather draws our attention to this man's astuteness, intelligence and intuition. These are qualities, good in themselves, but here, are channeled in the wrong direction. What Jesus is saying is: if only Christians would emulate the qualities of the steward and apply themselves purposefully for the service of God's kingdom. Honest people (Christians) should use their money (resources) in such a way that they will be welcomed into the kingdom of God.

We need to use our spiritual resources wisely. The manager in Jesus' story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. We have at our disposal the Holy Mass and the Seven Sacraments as sources of Divine grace, the Holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the teaching authority of the Spirit-guided Church to direct us in our Christian life. We need to use these resources. We need to be prepared to give an account of our stewardship. We insure our houses against fire, storms, flood and thieves and insure our lives by taking life insurance and car insurance. In the same way, let us insure ourselves for the one thing that most certainly will happen, namely, our meeting God to give Him an account of our lives. What really matters, at that time of our encounter with God and at the moment of our death, is how wisely we have used our blessings during our life, lovingly and generously sharing them with others in need.

Happy Sunday! Have a wonderful week!

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada

Support for the Bishops of Canada to proclaim the Good News

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place on **September 28 and 29**. This annual charitable initiative assists the Bishops in their ministry of accompanying, teaching, guiding, sanctifying and caring for the Church in Canada.

As his term as President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC) draws to a close, Bishop Lionel Gendron, P.S.S., Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil, expresses his sincere appreciation for the breadth and abundance of work accomplished by dioceses/eparchies, regional episcopal assemblies, and the CCCC as a national conference. Support of this annual collection for the country's Bishops "will help us achieve our goals, and to proclaim the Good News in Canada."

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

OLV Christmas Tea: Schedule, **Saturday, December 7, 2019** on your calendar for our annual Christmas Tea. Your contribution/s for the food and craft tables would be appreciated. Susan and Monique are again taking on this event. If you would like to help, please advise them.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Buckingham Friendship Club: Every Wednesday at **1:00 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Hall. **Bingo begins at 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.** then cookies, coffee and tea served afterwards. All are welcome! Come meet new friends and enjoy your afternoon.

Just.Equipping, the charitable organization that rents office space in the Rectory at Our Lady of Victory, is looking for items to be sent to Africa on their next trip. Judy Allard of Just.Equipping writes some items we use regularly in our current programs:

Baby clothes for layette packages we make up for babies born in prison or on the prison grounds when families come to visit.

Hoodies, sweat pants or regular washable pants, long sleeve t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, socks, light windbreakers for the old, sick and dying prisoners who are very cold at night. They are very skinny, sleeping on the ground, and the temperature drops to about 14-15C at night.

Please know that your donations have been a great encouragement to us and to so many there, and all things are appreciated! God bless you!

These items can be dropped off during regular office hours or on Sunday prior or after mass.

For more information on the work of Just.Equipping, go to the following link:

https://www.justequipping.org/index_e.html