



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

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 28 & 29, 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	Oct 3 rd	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Oct. 5 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Mass for Peace on Earth by Mme. Jeannette de Nazareth
Sunday	Oct. 6 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Tom Laframboise by Monique & Ken Simpson Claire O'Conner (30th ann) by Linda Cameron Deceased Members of the Casey Family by Dorothy Ann & Phil Casey Peter Burke by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Sep. 21 - 22, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$391.00	n/a
Sep. 21 - 22, 2019 - Fuel	335.00	n/a

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: This Sunday's readings talk about the Kingdom of God, about rich and poor people. Will we take the poor into account in our synodal decisions?

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Good Stewardship 2

Today's readings warn that the selfish and extravagant use of God's blessings, like wealth, without sharing them with the poor and the needy is a serious sin that has consequences for eternal destiny. They stress the Covenant responsibility of the rich for the poor, and remind us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness. Amos, the prophet, continues where he stopped last Sunday and in today's **first reading**, issues a powerful warning to those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who spend their time and their money on themselves alone. He prophesies that those rich and self-indulgent people will be punished by God with exile because they don't care for their poor and suffering brothers and sisters. The Psalm praises Yahweh, who cares for the poor. In the **second reading**, St. Paul advises us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness" – noble goals in an age of disillusionment – rather than riches."

In the **Gospel** Jesus tells the story of two men, *dives* (a rich man) and Lazarus, the poor man - of fortune and misfortune. The rich man dresses in purple and fine linen; feasts magnificently and is engaged in massive self-indulgence; is rich also in the privilege and in the freedom he enjoys. But all these blind him from his responsibilities, and to the poor Lazarus who lies at his own gate. In contrast is the poor Lazarus who is covered in sores; who lies at the gate of the rich man's house. Expecting to be invited at the rich man's table would be a lofty unrealizable hope. He only wishes for the crumbs that fall from the table of the *dives* meant for the dogs (cf. Mt 15:27). Instead, he has his sores licked by the rich man's dogs. Lazarus dies and there is no mention of his funeral. Later, "the rich man also died and was buried" with a rented crowd of mourner, no doubt!

The second scene of the story presents a reversal of fortunes. While Lazarus goes to be with Abraham in the place of honour in the heavenly banquet, the rich man goes into agony and is surrounded by flames. The new agony of the *dives* awakens in him a compassion for his brothers and he wishes that Lazarus can return to earth to warn them. For the rich man, the flames have become a refining fire. His regret and compassion though are too late to be enough. He is different from the shrewd manager of last Sunday's Gospel who uses his time and resourcefulness to guarantee his future. Contrary to his demands, no one will go from the dead to warn his brothers as they have the scripture and other Lazaruses to listen to. Are we not represented by the brothers of the rich man in the story? We have the teachings of the scripture and of course the **Lazaruses** in our gates.

We all have a lot of things given to us in custody. None of them is for hoarding. They were given freely; they are to be given freely. Not to share them is a crime. The rich man did nothing to Lazarus, but he was not innocent. Sometimes however, our crime could be our innocence. Innocence is not enough as glaring need stares at us. We are all rich enough to share our blessings with others. The parable invites us to share what we have been given with others in various ways instead of using everything exclusively for selfish gains. Our choices here determine the kind of eternity we will have. Where we will arrive depends on what road we travel. We will get what we choose, what we live for. We are shaping our moral character to fit in one of two places. May the grace of God be with us as we make our choice! **Happy Sunday!**

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Sympathy: Our prayers and sympathy go out to Val Rowe on the death of her sister Hilda Ranger. May her family and friends find comfort during this time of their loss.

St. Malachy News: It is with overwhelming gratitude that the Wardens of St. Malachy wish to thank all who contributed, either as donors or volunteers, to the huge success of our Restoration Fund project. **A total of \$97,781 was received.** This will definitely go a long way to complete the renovations required to keep our church in good repair. Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks to all involved. **THANK YOU.**

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