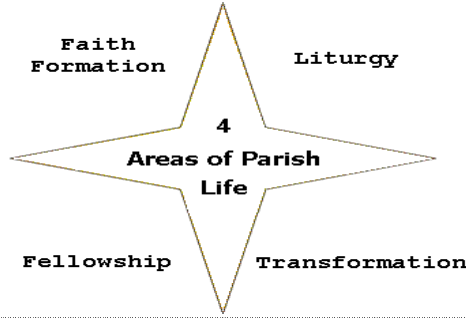




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31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 2-3, 2019

Sunday 9:00 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 PM

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MASSES

Thursday	Nov. 7 th	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Nov. 9 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	George Roos & The Holy Souls by Ginny Roos
Sunday	Nov. 10 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Larry Cameron by Susan & Junior Lemieux Deceased Members of the Dunlop & Dunning Families by Maureen Dunning Maureen Dunning by Isabel Laframboise All My Deceased Friends by Marianne Lotz Eddie Cameron (31 ann) by Lorraine Cameron & Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

OLV

ST. MALACHY

Oct. 26 - 27, 2019 - Sunday Offering	\$460.00	\$289.00
Oct. 26 - 27, 2019 - Fuel	305.00	107.00

Thank you for your contribution

Monthly Prayer Intentions of Our Bishop November, 2019

Let us make our own our Pope Francis's intention for the month of November: That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where a variety of diverse religious communities share their lives, let us pray the Lord.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Merciful Love and Openness Conquer Sins

Today's readings speak of the benevolent and forgiving mercy of God for sinners and the response of repentance and conversion expected from us. The first reading, from the book of Wisdom, presents a radical image of God the Father. He is not like a great accountant who keeps exact records of all our sins. He is rather a lover of life. He abhors nothing He has made and conserves all in a spirit of mercy. He "overlooks *people's sins so that they may repent.*" The way He forgives is different from our way. While we demand repentance first to forgive, God first overlooks our sins and is not transfixed by them, hoping that this generous gesture will lead sinners to repentance. The Psalmist also tells us that the Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made. God's attitude to sinners seen in the first reading is also evident in the Gospel which presents the story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus.

Jesus encountered Zacchaeus as he passed through Jericho. Jericho, a wealthy city and an important trade centre, was an ideal spot for an ambitious tax-collector. Being a rich tax-collector would definitely have made Zacchaeus an obvious target for the hatred of his fellow Jews. Tax-collectors were put in the same category of sinners with thieves, murderers and prostitutes and regarded as traitors by their own people due to their employment by the Roman government. Thus, one should expect Zacchaeus to be lonely and isolated. The Gospel however describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Savior, and how God's grace worked in him to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion and restitution. The episode emphasizes the fact that such a conversion can only result from a person's fully receiving the love, acceptance and grace offered to everyone one by a merciful Lord.

To be noted is that Jesus initiates the contact and calls Zacchaeus by name and does not shout condemnation at him. He does not exact repentance from the tax-collector; He rather overlooks his sins and invites him to come down from the tree for "*I must stay at your house today.*" The people are enraged because of His gesture but Jesus is more interested in the outcast than the outraged. While the people are transfixed by the tax-collector's sins, Jesus sees beyond the sins to the person that Zacchaeus can become. The Lord does not give up on any of us. Jesus' generous gesture yields a good result: Zacchaeus repents and makes public amends for his sins. The sequence in this graceful encounter is very important. Jesus does not demand repentance from Zacchaeus before eating with him. The Lord's attitude in welcoming sinners and eating with them gives them the opportunity to repent. Repentance comes in an atmosphere of acceptance. This is also our story with God.

We need to accept God's divine invitations to repentance like Zacchaeus. As sinners to a greater or lesser degree, Jesus is inviting us to a total conversion today. He loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and faith, resentments and lusts. His Gospel excludes no one. The kingdom of God is open to all, the rich and the poor. Though the full challenge of Gospel is difficult for the rich to accept, we cannot write them off. The rich need to say 'yes' to God with the establishment of justice with respect to their wealth. Through generosity, they can move from our small and feeble faith to a greater and more powerful faith, just as Zacchaeus did. We have to be both financially and spiritually generous. We should learn to love others in spite of their sins. Parents and teachers need to accept children lovingly, without first setting up standards of behaviour as conditions for being loved. Husband and wife may have qualities that irritate each other; but they should not withhold love from each other. Nor should they withhold their love from a rebellious teenager making stupid and even dangerous choices because of immaturity and peer-pressure. How would we respond to Jesus demand "*I must be in your house today*"?

Happy Sunday!

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Prayers and Sympathy: Please remember Claude Leost, former teacher at OLV School, who died this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anna, family and friends at this time of loss.

Office copier: We would like to check the efficiency of our photocopier and request that you fill out the log, on top of the copier, when copies are made. Thank you.

On going collections: Egg cartons, used postage stamps, used candles and pop tabs. Also the clothing items required by Just Equipping; bed sheets, blankets that are not too bulky and can be easily washed. Also men's washable pants, shirts, hoodies, washable sweaters, elastic-waisted gym pants).

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH IN WHICH WE REMEMBER THE DECEASED

The month of November is a special month for praying for the faithful departed with who we are in the same Communion of the Saints. We are, therefore, encouraged to keep them in our prayers, and if possible, offer Masses on their behalf.

The following parishioners, who died during the last year, have been added to our Books of Life:

St. Malachy

Jean Irene Brown
Mary Margaret Brock
Doris Bell
Thérèse Bédard
Clare Bernadette Hawkes
Joyceline May Roos
Carole Flynn
Anne Jones Drouin

Our Lady of Victory

Peter Burke
Irene Cosgrove
Tom Laframboise
Paul Jeffrey
David Bastien
Maureen Dunning

We also remember in a special way those who lost their lives in service to their country. The Book of Life, placed next to the Easter Candle, speaks of the ultimate victory of life over death, of light over darkness, in the dead and risen Jesus. We are called to share in that victory

SPECIAL MASS FOR VETERANS on REMEMBRANCE DAY

The celebration will be presided by Archbishop Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau. Join us to honour our Heroes. **Monday, November 11, 2019, at 10:45 a.m. at the Notre-Dame Cemetery, 75 Blvd. Fournier, Gatineau. (Les Jardins du Souvenir)**

ST. STEPHENS CEMETERY

October 19th was a very sad day at St. Stephens Cemetery, as it was vandalized, damaging 84 grave stones. Over 50% of the stones damaged were 100 years or older. In support of the reparations of the stones, **a fund raising concert will be held on December 1st at 2 pm in the church hall and will feature Lyonesse Woodstock and the Gospel Matters Band.**

It is hoped that the community, as a whole, will come out and support this event with Gospel and Christmas music. All donations will go directly to recovering from this senseless act of vandalism to the Parish Cemetery that serves both St. Stephens and St. Thomas, Silver Creek. Donations would be greatly appreciated and can be mailed to: St. Stephens Buckingham Anglican Church, c/o Chapel Steward & Treasurer, 2 Baie Teske, L'ange-Gardien, Québec, J8L OH1. **Tax receipts will be provided for donations of over \$20.**