



**Our Lady of
Victory**
490 Charles Street
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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 1-2, 2020

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Sunday 9:00 AM		Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 PM
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MASSES

Thursday	Feb. 6 th	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Feb. 8 th	St. Malachy @ 4:30 p.m.	John Stevens by St. Malachy Wardens Pearl French (9 th ann) by The Family
Sunday	Feb. 9 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Marie Charron Frame by Dorothy Ann & Philip Tom Laframboise by The Estate Bride Martin by Barbara & Family Roger Laurin by Linda & Bill Edouard Lemieux (35 th ann) by Regis

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Jan. 25-26, 2020 - Sunday Offering	\$502.00	\$171.00
Jan. 25-26, 2020 - Fuel	165.00	95.00
Jan. - Initial Offering	274.00	

Thank you for your contribution

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all. (Loyola Press)

BISHOP'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY, 2020

Together with Pope Francis, let us pray that the cry of so many migrants is heard and heeded: they are our brothers and sisters in humanity.

Social Reflection: Just a few weeks ago, we were reminded of the 10th anniversary of the earthquake that killed 200,000 people in Haiti in 2010. What happened to the survivors? Some remained, but thousands of others had been accepted into the United States through a temporary status immigration program. Now, since 2017, it has ended. Fearing that they would have to return to Haiti, many of them in order to seek asylum in Canada, chose the route of the smugglers, coming to Quebec via the Roxham road at the cost of great difficulty. While some Quebecers welcomed them, others reacted negatively, even provoking clashes. So much so, that it seems now that Quebecers fear immigration more than pollution. How can we overcome these tensions?

Answer for our faith: As Christians, what attitude do we have towards the injustice caused by the exploitation of immigrants, victims of various criminal acts: overcrowding on boats or trucks, sexual exploitation, trafficking of minors, forced labor, child soldiers, forced begging, forced marriage, organ trafficking. Pope Francis reminds us that to welcome a stranger is inherent to the very nature of the Church and bears witness to her fidelity to the Gospel. In his message for peace in 2018, he says, "every immigrant who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ who identifies himself as a stranger in every age, whether welcomed or rejected (cf. Mt 25:35-43)." Are we not all children of God?

Questions I ask myself: February is Black History Month. Between the 15th and 19th centuries, a phenomenon took place that influenced the history of humankind: the slave trade. Despite its prohibition, human trafficking, this modern form of slavery, still exists for all races. What do I know about human trafficking? Am I aware of its existence today?

OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

WELCOME BACK FATHER ALBANUS

St. Malachy Mass Change: St. Columban is closed during the month of January and February so the Saturday night mass in Mayo will be at **4:30 p.m. and not 7:00 p.m.**

Blessing of Throats: February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise, the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. Father Albanus will be offering the blessing of throats after our weekend Masses on February 1st and 2nd at St. Malachy and OLV.

The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Prayer said as Father places the candles on the throat is:

*Through the prayers of St. Blaise, May God free you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit.*



Update on The Synodal Process – Second Phase

Last May, the synodal process of the Archdiocese of Gatineau held a pastoral zone meeting. After taking stock, during the First Phase, of parish strengths, weaknesses, and challenges, it was time to come together – a time of collective discernment where challenges were prioritized.

The next step in the Second Phase of the Synodal Process is to organize a workshop in each parish. Our parish delegates will review the next consultative step with the Inter-Parish Planning Committee. **Details to follow.**



A Look Back at 10 Years of Action in Haiti

Your generosity has a lasting impact!
Thank you!

Here is a look at all that we — our partners, Haitian communities and you — have accomplished together since the 2010 earthquake:



1.2 million people
received food aid



3,868 women
victims of violence were provided with legal, medical and psychosocial support



86,950 people
participated in agriculture, entrepreneurship and ecology training courses

In the future, we will place grassroots communities at the centre of our projects, so that people can take charge of their own development. In rural areas, we will work with partners who push officials to do their job and serve local populations.

With your solidarity, we can continue working for the dignity of all in Haiti.

For more information, go to the following link: <https://www.devp.org/en/articles/haiti-truly-interdependent-collaborative-approach>