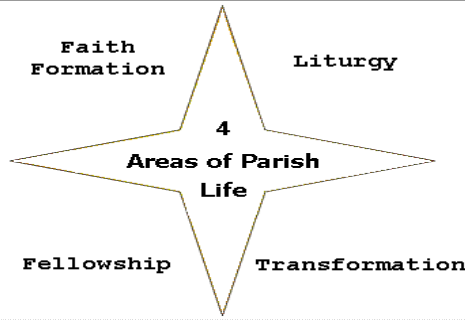





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**2nd SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 7-8, 2020**

<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Celebration of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Saturday 7:00 PM</b>
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**MASSES**

Thursday	Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 10:00 a.m.	Tom Laframboise by Isabel Laframboise
Saturday	Mar. 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Agathe Somers (20 <sup>th</sup> ann) by Wilbert & Family Nora Somers by The Estate
Sunday	Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Carmel Gauthier by Susan & Junior Lemieux Father Langevin by Regis Lemieux Mr. & Mrs. John Laluck & Terry by The McNamara Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Feb. 29-Mar. 1, 2020 - Sunday Offering	\$411.00	\$347.00
Feb. 29-Mar. 1, 2020 - Support	205.00	145.00

*Thank you for your contribution*

**Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy**

**God is Calling us to Journey**

Today's readings invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, and to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord, which we have received, to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The life of a Christian could be compared to a journey to be taken in the company of the Master. This journey connotes a passage through time and places and it includes the people we have encountered, the kind of time we have made as well as the successes and failures we have experienced on the way. Each person's journey is peculiar in its details; and we all have to make our own journey. Our life journey, however, is not so easy, since life is not only a journey but also a search. In the course of their lives many people change direction and explore unfamiliar paths.

The first reading presents the story of Abram, our father in the journey of faith. He was the first to start off on this journey in answer to a summons from God. Something happened to Abram that greatly changed the course of his life. He was called to leave his familiar world: his country, and his father's house. Abram was to find his security in the promise of God. He travelled hopefully in the belief that one day his journey would lead to the fulfillment of God's promises. With the call of Abraham, God introduced something completely unprecedented in the history of mankind. God intervened directly and chose a man who would be a father of the people through which salvation would come to the world. Abraham experienced setbacks and trials, but he travelled on. He always felt sure, that God, in spite of all probabilities, would lead him to success and happiness. He was convinced that, despite all, God's purposes are being furthered.

We, also, are all called to journey in life. Through the eyes of faith, the passing of the years looks somewhat different. We believe our journey is going somewhere: instead of simply ending with death, we will emerge into the life of heaven. We are pilgrims like Abraham, moving towards the land of promise. Like St. Paul, we try to deal with the problems and setbacks along the way, with the help of the Lord. If we are faithful, in the end, we will share the total joy of joining Christ in glory, as the reward of life's pilgrimage. Each step on the journey takes on meaning in the light of the goal set before us by God. Our whole life can be made a journey towards God. Just as he called Abraham, so he calls each of us to be his own. His call to us is quiet but insistent. He is not telling us : 'leave your country and your father's house' but 'leave your old ways, the pride and selfishness, the hardness of heart, the angry temper, the envy and the falsehood. And go to the land I shall show you.'

Thus, the direction of our pilgrimage is not geographical but moral. God is telling us, 'Go towards charity, purity, sharing in truth and prayer and goodwill. Go in the way of the Gospel. Go to heaven.' Having God's command and submitting wholly to it made Abraham the first great pilgrim. Henceforth, all his activity took on the value of obedience to God; he was on the high road towards the living God. The same spirit will give the deepest meaning to our lives too. Instead of being absurd or useless, our efforts to follow the Gospel of the Master are full of meaning. As Christians, it is an invitation for us not to withdraw into ourselves, to have the courage to give up certain behaviors, certain ways of thinking so widespread in our society, certain customs contrary to the Gospel. Giving them up is certainly hard, but what God promises is great. Progress along the way is the real formula for peace of mind. Hence St. Augustine said: 'You have made us for yourself, Oh Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in you.' Represented by the apostles, in the gospel, we are therefore called to listen to Christ. And when we do, we continue our own journey to the goal despite the suffering or death on the way. During this Lent, we are invited to open our ears to listen to what the Lord is about to tell us and to journey along the path He asks us.

### **OUR LADY of VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS**

**Prayers and Sympathy:** Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Carl Miller** whose funeral service was celebrated at St. Malachy on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Cereal Bar Drive:** Basket will be available to accept your donations next Sunday.

**The Reality of Today at Our Lady of Victory Parish:** Parishioners should be aware of challenges the Parish is now facing regarding our ability to properly celebrate Sunday mass. At present, there are **no longer servers** supporting Father during mass. Servers **will only be available** for funerals and special mass celebrations.

The other challenge the Parish is facing is around Lectors. At present, there are three Lectors available for the readings. For a lengthy period of time, one of these Lectors will be away on vacation, thus reducing the number to two. So what happens if neither one of these two Lectors is available? Will Father have to ask a member of the congregation to come forward to read? How problematic would that be? Who will come forward?

On several occasions, through this bulletin, a request has gone forward for volunteers to participate in the mass celebration, with no results. We have now come to the point where it has become essential that individuals come forward.



### **Syndol Process Workshop**

Many thanks to those who participated in the Synodal Process workshop last Sunday. After viewing the Archbishop's video, participants broke into three work groups in order to find a new activity, a practice or an attitude which we need to determine future priorities and the actions required, both at parish and diocesan levels. There were very good discussions at the three tables – liturgy / catechesis / outreach, as well as great suggestions.

As soon as the outcome of the workshops are finalized, they will be shared with parishioners and sent to the Diocesan Synodal Process Committee. These comments and suggestions will be added to those from the other English parishes in the diocese for the committee to review.

The final stretch of the Synodal Process will be a General Assembly to be held on May 2nd – more information on this Assembly to come.

### **Yesica: a voice that reverberates from the Amazon to the Synod**



Yesica Patiachi Tayori of the Peru's Harakbut Indigenous community was invited to the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region in October 2019. She said, "*We, the Indigenous peoples, have been, are and will always be the guardians of the forest. But caring for our common home is everyone's responsibility, not just that of Indigenous peoples.*"

**Development and Peace's** partner, the Amazonian Centre for Anthropology and Practical Application (CAAAP), helps the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon ensure that their rights and territories are respected.

On this **International Women's Day**, let us salute the courage of women like Yesica, who bravely lead the defence of the land, water and people. Watch Yesica's testimony at [devp.org/campaign/yesica](http://devp.org/campaign/yesica).

**Symbols of Solidarity** – This week's symbol is a bowl of earth and a mineral rock to symbolize both the richness of the earth and its exploitation through resource extraction and pollution. More details can be found in the Mini Magazine that was inserted in last week's bulletin, or at the Development and Peace website [devp.org/en/lent/resources](http://devp.org/en/lent/resources)

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**The LaLa Bistro restaurant** is holding a fund-raising breakfast on behalf of the local refuge home for women. The fund-raiser will be on Wednesday, March 11th from 7:00 to 11:00 am.

**St. Andrew's Church:** Is holding a Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 12 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Cost is: Adults - \$10.00 and Children - \$5.00. **See Greg for tickets.**