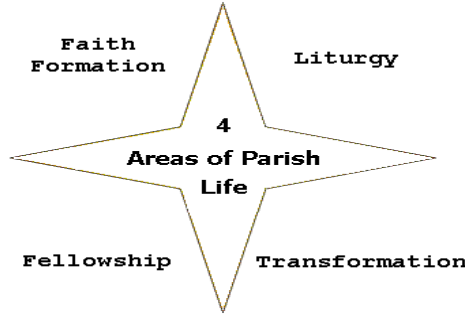




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**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**AUGUST 1-2, 2020**

**Sunday 9:00 AM**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 PM**

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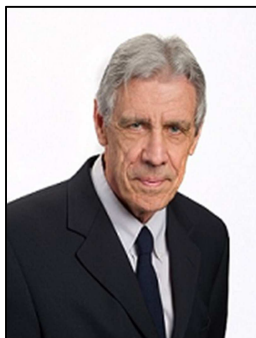
Saturday	Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nora Somers</b> by The Estate
Sunday	Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Maureen Dunning</b> by Family & Friends <b>Urban McNamara (53<sup>th</sup> ann)</b> and <b>Mary Doherty (3<sup>rd</sup> ann)</b> by The McNamara Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
July 25-26, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$260.00	\$367.00
July 25-26, 2020 - Fuel	420.00	180.00
July 25-26, 2020 - Donation		200.00

*Thank you for your contributions*

## Local News

Father Philippe Gendron passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at the Residence Le Monarque, Montebello.



Born in Buckingham on May 11, 1943, he was the only son of the late Honoré Gendron and the late Irene Parent.

After his studies at the Minor Seminary of Ottawa, the Universities of Ottawa and Saint Paul, the Major Seminary of Ottawa, and the Scholasticate Saint-Jean-Eudes (Gatineau), he was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1968 at Saint-Grégoire-de-Nazianze Church in Buckingham by Bishop Paul-Émile Charbonneau. A biblical scholar by training, he took an advanced course in Hebrew in Washington before going to the Bible School in Jerusalem, Israel.

He has ministered successively in the parishes of Saint-Rédempteur (Hull), Notre-Dame-des-Neiges (Masson-Angers), Saint-Dominique (Luskville), Saint-Paul and Saint-Médard, (Aylmer), Saint-Alexandre and Saint-Mathieu (Gatineau). Responsible for the bible service in Socabi, he was one of the committed animators of youth bible camps and bible weekends in the diocese of Gatineau. He also provided pastoral animation in schools. He was the initiator of the diocesan pilgrimage Les chemins qui marchent.

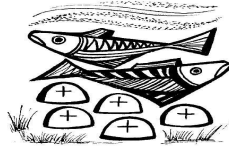
First Episcopal Vicar for the Western Pastoral Region and La Lièvre, he was named Vicar General (2003-2018). He worked on various committees related to his duties (members of the Presbyteral Council, the College of Consultors, etc.).

He is survived by members of his family, his many friends and the presbyterium of the Catholic Archdiocese of Gatineau.

The funeral will be celebrated when the Government will allow more gatherings to be held. You can leave your wishes of sympathy at the following address: [info@lesjardinsdusouvenir.com](mailto:info@lesjardinsdusouvenir.com). For more information: 819-778-1515.

## Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

### The Little is great in the hand of God



Today's liturgy shows us that God takes care of our physical and spiritual needs, if we put our trust in Him. God shares with us Jesus as our savior and spiritual food, in Word and in Eucharist, thus preparing us for the Heavenly banquet and challenges us to share our blessings with others. The inspired writers of the Scripture use the image of a banquet to express God's bountiful relationship with us. In the **first reading**, the prophet Isaiah consoles the Jewish exiles in Babylon, assuring them of their return to homeland and promising them that the Lord their God alone can and will provide for their spiritual and physical needs. He will pardon their sins and will offer them participation in His eschatological banquet. The Psalmist says: "You open your hand to feed us, Lord and satisfy our needs." In the **second reading**, Paul argues that since God's love for us is so immense and infinite, nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. While Paul does not use the banquet symbol here, he does stress what is at the very heart of what God gives us – a share in eternal love through Christ Jesus. Paul sees all of life, its joys and even its hardships, as a great banquet.

The **Gospel** tells us how Jesus tries to make His gateway to a secure hiding-place. John the Baptist has just been executed at Herod's court and when Jesus hears the news about the cruel death of this great man, He withdraws to a lonely place, a deserted place. This desire for solitude has been overtaken by His compassion for many people who look to Him for help, and He is still ministering to the sick when evening comes. Jesus demonstrates God's caring love for us by feeding the people, spiritually by preaching and physically by the miraculous multiplication of five loaves and two fish, which the apostles had brought for their lunch. Jesus challenges His apostles to give them something to eat. They point to the little they have, but Jesus takes the little they have, raises His eyes to heaven, blesses it and gives it to the apostles to give to the crowd. This is a great miracle: that the little food Jesus and the disciples have is sufficient for everyone there. Indeed they have more than enough! Although Jesus and the disciples are tired and have been deprived of their peace and only have enough for themselves, still with the blessing of God they have sufficient resources to match the needs of the people. They give the crowd all they can – a great lesson in pastoral practices!

This miracle of the multiplication shows the divinity of Jesus, the providing care of God and the compassion of Jesus for the crowd. Through this symbolic gesture, Jesus makes it clear that in Him all our needs will be abundantly satisfied. The food He gives is Himself. Jesus gives of Himself ever so generously to all who seek the truth. The miracle is a messianic sign, presenting Jesus as the New Moses, who fed the Israelites in the desert and the New Elisha who miraculously fed the starving people of Gilgal (2Kings 42-44). Jesus uses the Eucharistic wordings here, and subsequently promises that He would give His body and blood as food and drink (Jn. 6:25-70) - all making the miracle a prefiguring symbol of the Holy Eucharist.

Brothers and sisters, we need to nourish our souls with Jesus in Word and Sacrament. We do this by listening to God in the Scripture and by receiving Jesus in the Holy Communion. We need to be "Eucharistic ministers" by imitating the four "Eucharistic actions" of Jesus: **take** humbly and generously what God gives us, bless it by offering it to others – God's love; **break** away from our own needs and selfish interests for the sake of others; **give** with joy-filled gratitude to God who has blessed us with so much. We need to be generous in sharing God's blessings. God blesses the large-hearted who generously and sacrificially share their resources with others. Jesus' miracle of the multiplication of the five loaves and two fish is addressed to all those prophets of doom who are always remind us of the fast depleting resources of the world in the face of a population of explosion. These false prophets always point out to the increasing poverty of masses in many developing countries. But the truth is: if there are people who go hungry to bed, it is not that the world cannot sustain the hungry millions anymore. The words of Mahatma Gandhi are still valid now: "There are enough resources to satisfy each man's need but not enough to cater to every man's greed". The problem is not that there are not enough resources. The problem lies with those who live in relative comfort and are unwilling to alter their extravagant lifestyle, cut down on their superfluities in order to ensure a more equitable distribution of the world's wealth.

### Access to Parish Office

- Appointments with the Parish Secretary **must be** arranged by telephone
- Visitors **will be required** to wear masks and wash their hands prior to entering the Rectory

### Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

**Office Hours:** Will be closed on Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and **OPEN** Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Mass Attendance (OLV):** As a result of limited seating, Parishioners must telephone the Parish Secretary **no later than 10 am on Wednesday** each week to confirm their attendance at each upcoming Sunday mass. Your name will be added to the mass attendance sheet for the current Sunday.

**WELCOME BACK and STAY SAFE**