

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

ALL SAINTS DAY
OCTOBER 31- NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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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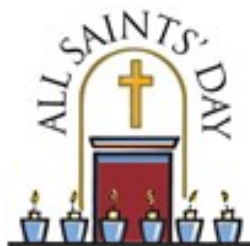
Saturday	Nov. 7 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	For All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	Nov. 8 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Brulé-Charbonneau Families by Nicole Bryan Lucas – Ken & Monique

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 24-25, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$276.00	\$290.00
Oct. 24-25, 2020 - Fuel	193.00	182.00

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Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

All Saints



First Reading: Revelation 7.2-4, 9-14
Psalm: Lord, this is the company of those who seek your face
Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-3
Gospel: Matthew 11.28

On this Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. The Feast honours the memory of known and countless unknown and un-canonized saints who have no feast days. Through this feast, we thank God for allowing ordinary men and women to share in His holiness and glory as a reward for their Faith. Observing this feast teaches us to honour the saints, both by imitating their lives and by seeking their intercession for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and man (1Tim.2:5). The Church, through this feast, reminds us that God's call for holiness is universal: all of us are called to live in His love and to make His love real in the lives of those around us. As expected, the scriptural readings today are exuberant. In the **first reading** taken from the Book of Revelation, we read a passage of the vision by John of a great multitude from every nation, race, people and tongue – a vast procession of those who worship God and have followed Jesus, the lamb of God. *"This people includes the saints of the old Testament, starting with the righteous Abel and faithful Patriarch, Abraham, those of the New Testament, the numerous early Christian Martyrs and the Blessed and Saints of later centuries, to the witnesses of Christ in the epoch of ours"* (Pope Benedict VI). Thus, these include our family members and friends we have known and whose memory still inspires us.

In the **second reading**, the Apostle John reminds the Christians that God's love for them is so intense that they should be called children of God. He suggests that saints are people who have responded generously to the love God has showered on them. Today's **Gospel** from Matthew features a selection from the well-known beatitudes, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. In it Jesus blesses those who are poor and downtrodden and lifts up those who exemplify the very values and commitments that mark his own ministry: the peacemakers, the merciful, the clean of heart, those who hunger and thirst for justice. The gospel is a reminder to us that all the saints whose feast we celebrate today walked the hard and narrow path of the beatitudes to arrive at their heavenly bliss. The saints thus are those who most perfectly manifested the Christ-like character described in the first part of the beatitudes, and who therefore now partake of the promises in the second part: "Theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Why do we honour saints? We honour the saints because they put their trust in Christ and lived heroic life of faith. They are role models who teach us by their lives that Christ's holy life of love, mercy and unconditional forgiveness can, with the grace of God, be lived by ordinary people from all walks of life and at all times. They serve as our heavenly mediators who intercede for us before Christ, the only mediator between God and us (James 5, 16-18; Rev.8, 3-4). They are instruments that God uses to work miracles in our lives (Kadavil, A). *Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long for a share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins* (St. Bernard, Abbot).

The feast honours more than our beloved dead. We the living should also be listed among the "saints." St. Paul in his letters repeatedly calls fellow Christians the "saints" or the "holy ones." So the word "saints" somehow includes those of us who live now in this world. In Paul's view, a Christian was already graced by God, a member of the "Body of Christ." Thus, every baptized Christian was imbued with God's grace and therefore was "holy." Hence, St. John in the second reading expresses this too: *"Beloved, we are God's children."* The challenge is to be "ourselves"; that is, to live a life expressive of whom we truly are. **"Become what you are"** is one way of thinking about what we seek to do in living a life in accord with the gospel. Thus, this great feast, together with the feast of All Souls that follows it, views the Church as one innumerable assembly of people united and graced by God's love; a people who *"long to see God's face"* as today's **Psalm** says. There is a true belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the Church triumphant) and the living (the Church Militant). May God grant us the grace to live our lives in a way worthy of our calling as saints? Happy Sunday!

November Thoughts

All Saints Day: This feast on November 1st honors all the saints of the Church, known and unknown. The occasion provides an opportunity to reflect on the nature of sainthood and to celebrate the exemplary faithfulness of holy men and women of every place and time whose lives and deeds continue to inspire.

All Souls Day: This day on November 2nd we pray for our deceased loved ones and remember them all with joyous affection.

Prayer for Those who have Died

God Our Father, your power brings us to birth,
your providence guides our lives and by your command we return to dust.
Lord, those who die still live in your presence; their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends and for all the dead known to you alone.
In company with Christ, who died and now lives, may they rejoice in your kingdom,
where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing your praise forever and ever.
Amen.

Our Lady of Victory & St. Malachy News

Sunday Missals: Are now available for purchase at \$6.00 each. **Please have the exact change.** Pick up and pay at entrance to the church. Thank you.

Cereal Bars: Your donations will be accepted **next Sunday** for our school children.

Mass Attendance (OLV): Parishioners must telephone the Parish Secretary **no later than 2:30 p.m. on Thursday** each week to **confirm their attendance** at each upcoming Sunday mass. (819-986-3763)

On-Going Collections: Used postage stamps, egg cartons, pop tabs, new and used candles, cereal bars (2nd Sunday of each month) and donations to Food Bank. Did you know that the **pop tabs** are converted to cash and donated to the **Monarque Palliative care house** in Montebello?

PYX: All who bring a PYX to Sunday mass, Father has asked that you place it **opened** on the table at the bottom of the altar. Father to fill and then you can pick up as you come to communion.

OLV Schedule for Lectors & Ushers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
Nov. 8	Diane D.	Lyall & Gail
Nov. 15	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Nov. 22	Linda	Lyall & Gail
Nov. 29	Diane D.	Ken & Nancy

PLEASE ADVISE EACH OTHER IF CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE & ADVISE MONIQUE SO SEATING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE ADJUSTED

COMMUNITY NEWS

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St. Aloysius: To join online events in St. Aloysius, below is the link for registration. You are free to share it with others please.

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