

**Our Lady of Victory**  
 490 Charles Street  
 Gatineau, Québec  
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**32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**NOVEMBER 7-8, 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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**MASSES**

Saturday	Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>Gertrude McDonnell</b> by Gregg McDonnell
Sunday	Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Peter Burke</b> by Family & Friends <b>Tom Laframboise</b> by The Estate

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2020 - Sunday Collection	\$ 620.00	\$ 234.00
Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2020 - Support	209.00	146.00
October, 2020 - Needs	20.00	
October, 2020 - Propagation of the Church	20.00	
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

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

**Always Get Enough Oil Ready**



**First Reading:** Wisdom 6.12-16  
**Psalm:** My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God  
**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18  
**Gospel:** Matthew 25.1.13

Today's readings warn us concerning the preparation for the end of our world, the end of our time and our passage to another world. They speak about vigilance. In the **first reading**, the author offers us Wisdom, personified as a woman. Writing to the dispersed Jews, the author wants his fellow Jews to seek wisdom and learn from it. Wisdom is a Divine gift that will not elude the one that seeks it sincerely. He therefore advises his fellow Jews to be faithful to the ancestral religion which amounts to seeking Divine wisdom despite the hostile environment. The Jews must therefore live their lives in strict conformity with the Divine wisdom given to them so generously by God. The message of this reading in one word is: God willingly reveals Himself, but mysteriously, in His own way, according to His own timetable. God can be found, but only by those who never give up the search, yet patiently await His initiative.

In the **second reading**, St. Paul, writing to the early Christians expecting the imminent return of Jesus, tells them to be vigilant in order not to miss His return. He writes to respond to their fears and questions about those who die before the Parousia: will the few Christians who die in this short period somehow miss out on the benefits of Jesus' return? They will not, according to Paul, because what God has wrought in the death and resurrection of Jesus is powerful enough to save even those who have "fallen asleep." Paul wants them and us to believe in what the Lord has done for us and not to fret. Only the alert and vigilant can experience God coming in their lives, not those who are asleep to the present. The **Gospel** continues the theme of end times and the second coming of Christ. In the parable of the wise and the foolish virgins Jesus illustrates teachings about the coming of the kingdom. Like the other parables in Mt 25 and 26, this parable finds pointed application for the waiting faithful in the early Church as they come to terms with an unexpected delay in the Parousia (the second coming of Christ) which most expected in their own time.

The ten virgins symbolize the Church awaiting the Messianic time. The vigilant among her members are attentive to the essential things while the foolish think about everything except what is important in life. The foolish girls are interested in their dresses, jewels, perfumes, hairstyle, but forget the most essential thing: the oil. Oil stands for our personal relationship with God. In Scripture, it is often used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit; it stands for character and Christian values which we cannot borrow or buy the foolish virgins' choice. It stands for spiritual capital, all that we build up by good works (concern for the needy and acts of justice). It symbolizes Christian Faith. It includes the spirit of reconciliation with the others and a willingness to share our lives and its blessings with others. Oil refers to faithful and obedient discipleship as defined by the Gospel. We should not lose our heads over the things of this world (money, feasts, pleasure, status etc.) and forget doing something serious and durable in life. It is true that God will always find a way to save a person, but in the end each person will find himself/herself holding what she/he has done with his/her existence, what she/he has built up or burnt down. The images in the Gospel call our attention to the seriousness with which we must consider our lives. We should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now rather than waiting until it is too late. **Happy Sunday!**

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

**Book of Life:** This Book will be at the front of both churches all through the month of November as we remember and pray for our loved ones. Feel free to add loved ones name/s to this Book.

**Remembrance Day Parade:** Due to Covid-19 pandemic this event has been canceled in Buckingham.

**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.

**Mass Attendance (OLV):** Please call the office **IF YOU ARE NOT** going to be attending on Sunday. **(819-986-3763)**

**On-Going Collections:** Used postage stamps, egg cartons, pop tabs, new and used candles, cereal bars (2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 15	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
Nov. 22	Linda	Lyall & Gail
Nov. 29	Diane D.	Ken & Nancy

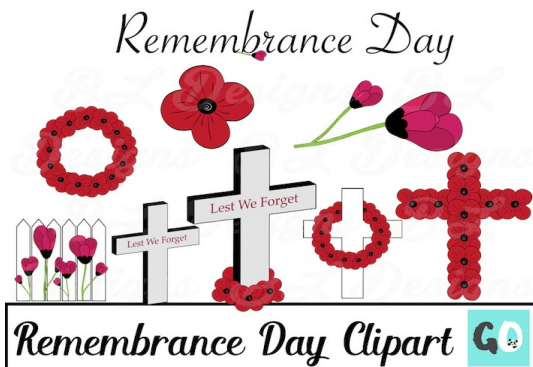
**PLEASE ADVISE EACH OTHER IF CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE & ADVISE MONIQUE SO SEATING ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE ADJUSTED**

### A Reflection on Social Distancing

One of the brand new terms that has entered our daily conversation is "**social distancing**." It is shorthand, as we know very well, for the practical physical precautions that we all need to and must take in order to protect ourselves and others. Please use the term "social distancing" sparingly, if all. Language is a powerful shaper of thinking. And the very last thing we need right now, is a mindset of mutual distancing.

We actually need to be thinking in the exact opposite way. Every hand that we don't shake must become a phone call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern. Every inch and every foot that we physically place between ourselves and another, must become a thought as to how we might be of help to that other, should the need arise. It is obvious that "distancing", if misplaced or misunderstood, will take its toll not only upon our community's strength and resiliency, but upon the very integrity and meaning of our spiritual commitment. ...

**Let's stay safe. And let's draw one another closer in a way that we've never done before.**



**REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROS.**

**THEY ARE THE REASON THAT WE ARE FREE.**