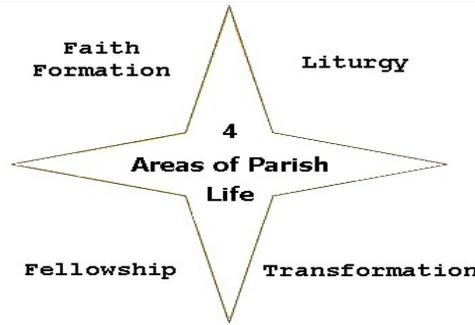




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3rd SUNDAY of LENT
MARCH 6-7, 2021

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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MASSES

Saturday	Mar. 13 th	St. Malachy @ 4:30 p.m.	Helen Weatherdon by Shirley Plouffe Agatha (21 ann) by Wilbert & Family
Sunday	Mar. 14 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Diane Cameron by Monique & Ken Simpson Mr. & Mrs. John Laluck & Terry by Susan & Jr. Lemieux

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
Feb. 23, 2021 Sunday Offering	\$ 652.00	
Feb. 23, 2021 Support	164.00	
Feb. 23, 2021 Fuel	35.00	
New Year's Day	50.00	
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

THE OUTAOUAIS NOW AT LEVEL 3 - ALERT (ORANGE ZONE)

Since February 22nd, the Outaouais region has switched to the orange zone. Here is what it means for health measures in the parishes of our archdiocese:

- Only acts of worship are permitted in places of worship. However, all celebrations are limited to a maximum of 25 people in addition to those involved in the celebration (the minister and others in service).
- We are not allowed to hold meetings. (e.g., factory council or parish assembly).
- Offices should always be closed as much as possible, including parish secretariats.
- The sacraments such as baptism, confirmation and marriage may be celebrated, provided that the strict limit of 25 participants is followed. This also applies to funeral celebrations (maximum of 25 people excluding funeral home workers and volunteers in or outside the building).

We are counting on your collaboration to maintain compliance with these measures in order to help limit the spread of the virus and thus allow our churches to remain open during Lent and Easter.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Lent: Purifying our Temple and Religion

First Reading: Exodus 20.1-17
Psalm: Lord, you have the words of eternal life
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25
Gospel: John 2.13-25

This Third Sunday of Lent, the readings invite us to purify the temple of our hearts and to offer to God Divine worship by obeying the Commandments and allowing the Holy Spirit to control our hearts and lives. We are challenged to keep our covenant with Jesus Christ just as the Israelites tried to keep the agreements of the Old Testament Covenant with God by promising to obey the Ten Commandments. The **first reading** carries the Ten Commandments. Having liberated His people from slavery, God promised to make the Jews His own and to lead them to the Promised Land and protect them from their enemies. The people on the other hand, agreed to obey the Ten Commandments and other laws given by Yahweh through Moses. The Ten Commandments form a list of directives and instructions for living out our covenant relationship, a kind of *constitution* of the people of God. This is because; the Commandments are part of a Covenant which God entered into with a specific people, the Israelites. They are based on two basic principles: the principle of reverence seen in the first four Commandments that demand from us reverence for God, His name, His Holy Day (Sabbath), for our parents; and the principle of respect seen in the remaining six Commandments that ask us to respect life, the good name of people, our words in the court of law and our neighbor's wife and property. The **second reading** from I Corinthians summarizes Paul's preaching: Christ crucified.

A crucified Christ did not fit into the Jewish concept of a triumphant political messiah; it is a scandal. Jesus was not meant to be a winner, but a loser, a man apparently accursed by God. For the Greeks too, who only trusted in their reasoning and wisdom, the doctrine about Christ is folly. The death of Jesus on the cross was against all logic, sheer madness. Thus, Paul reminds the Corinthians that the 'foolishness' of God is wiser than human wisdom and the 'weakness' of God is stronger than human strength. The 'wisdom' of humankind sees happiness only in those who enjoy themselves, their likings, their pleasures and their satisfaction. Hence, accepting the cross of Christ would mean transforming one's life into an unselfish giving of self to others like Christ. The logic of the Gospel cannot be placed on the same level as the logic of the world. Therefore, for the disciples, it is essential to follow Jesus Himself rather than a series of laws. The only way is to imitate Jesus' dying and rising whether it 'scandalizes' others or not. We must appreciate the Divine 'foolishness' of the crucified Christ and obey the Commandment of love as expression of our Divine worship. The **Gospel** tells the story of Jesus driving traders from the temple during the Passover festivities, a time when thousands of pilgrims would come to Jerusalem.

Jesus met God's House of prayer, the symbol of Jewish religion and the only center of Israel's common worship and sacrifice, being turned into a market-place. There was unjust extortion at the expense of poor and humble pilgrims. Jesus considered this a clear social injustice and it is more by the fact that it was perpetrated in the name of religion. The Temple was converted into a hideout of thieves by the authorities and their collaborators, the merchants and money changers. By chasing them from the Temple, Jesus was questioning the validity of the entire sacrificial system itself. He condemned the combination and confusion between religion and economic interests. He fiercely reacted to commercialized faith. Religion has often been used to hide or justify interests, advantages and profits that had nothing to do with the Gospel. In this event, which arguably is one of the unsung of His miracles, Jesus, filled with zeal for the House of God (Ps. 69:9) – that special place where humans and God meet – challenged religious practice that was simply external, answering the call of a higher Authority, obeyed it, regardless of the consequences. Beyond the cleansing of the Temple, the emphasis of this story is on the replacement of the Temple. *"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up"* (v.19). Jesus was now speaking of a new Temple and the beginning of a new religion; *"He was speaking of the temple that was His body"* (v.21). With Jesus coming on the scene, the Temple was no longer important. God's glory will be manifested, not in a building but in a person. Jesus has replaced and surpassed everything the Temple had formerly symbolized. Jesus is the New Temple in whom His followers come into contact with God. Our Father is person-centered, and we are dealing with a relationship. By raising His Son from the dead, the Father has laid the foundation of this new holy place. Together we make up the Body of Christ, the new Temple where God now lives: Christ and the community of believers. With Christ and in Christ, we are the Temple of God. That has great implication! Happy Sunday!

OLV Schedule for Lectors & Ushers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
March 14 th	Diane	Ken & Nancy
March 21 st	Virginia	Gail & Lyall
March 28 th	Greg	Ken & Nancy

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



Share Love, Share Lent: Strengthening vulnerable communities

Did you know that **Development and Peace** supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Columbia?

This week in the *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development.

In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it.

Discern and donate at devp.org/lent.

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

Contact Father: *Should you need to talk to Father Albanus, please call him at 819-663-5244.*

St. Malachy masses: Saturday masses at 4:30 p.m. will continue for the month of March.

Cereal Bars: Basket will be available next Sunday for your donations.

Mass Attendance: As a result of limited seating, Parishioners must confirm to the Parish Secretary by phone at the Parish office 819-986-3763 no later than Thursday morning.

OLV ZOOM LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86562083149?pwd=VXJoY0FzQUpCZmFFZGRxZjRLaTQ4Zz09>

Meeting ID: **865 6208 3149**

Passcode: **651344**

Egg Cartons Needed at the Food Bank - 🍳🍳🍳

La Mie de l'Entraide has posted the following message on their Facebook page:

Every week, we receive several cases of fresh eggs to redistribute to those in need. We therefore need empty egg cartons to provide a safe journey for our eggs. Thank you for dropping them off at 127 Joseph Street.

You can also leave your empty egg cartons in the box at the entrance to the church.