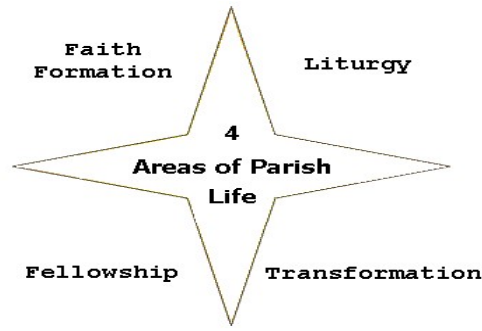




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5th SUNDAY of LENT
MARCH 20-21, 2021

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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MASSES

Saturday	Mar. 27 th	St. Malachy @ 4:30 p.m.	Benjamin French (29th ann) by The Family
Sunday	Mar. 28 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Jean Charles Robitaille by Susan & Junior Diane Cameron by Bill & Linda Cameron Bride Martin (4th ann) by Barbara Weir

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
March 13-14, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 2,395.00	\$ 507.00
<i>Thank you for your contributions</i>		

Invitation to “virtually” participate in the Chrism Mass

You are invited to participate online in the Chrism Mass which will take place on **Wednesday, March 31st at 11:00 AM**. During this celebration, Archbishop Durocher will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick and consecrate the holy chrism. The oils will then be distributed to the parishes.

Here is the link of the Chrism Mass: https://youtu.be/-Y61xG_xwg0.

To access live, you must first subscribe to the page and activate the notification bell. Here's how:

- 1) Click on https://youtu.be/-Y61xG_xwg0
- 2) Click on "**Subscribe**"
- 3) Click on the little bell next to "**Subscribe**"

There will also be an on-line celebration for the Feast of Saint Joseph, however, this will be in French only.

Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Lent: Dying out of Love to Live Forever

First Reading: **Jeremiah 31.31-34**
Psalm: **Create in me a clean heart, O God**
Second Reading: **Hewbrews 5.7-9**
Gospel: **John 12.21-33**

Today's liturgy focuses on the approaching death of Jesus in which He offered His life for others. We are reminded that we too must possess heaven by dying to self and spending our lives in self-giving and sacrificial service. In the **first reading**, the Prophet Jeremiah announces that God would replace our Covenant of Judgement with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins. The people of God failed to keep the old covenant made at the foot of Mount Sinai contrary to their promise of fidelity to God. Instead history showed a succession of betrayals; and the consequence was ruin at the hand of their enemies. God will make a new Covenant to cope with their infidelity, a Covenant that will be different from the first. The old Covenant was founded on beautiful laws; the commandments of God were written on stones and only served as road signs and never penetrated the hearts of the people. They gave the people direction but did not give them the power to move in the required direction. The people were too weak to keep the beautiful laws. Signs and strong words are of no use when there is no strength. In the New Covenant, the commandments would be engraved in the most intimate part of humans, in their hearts. The laws would no longer be an external imposition but a "felt interior need to behave well, a desire, and resolve to speed along God's way, without need for anybody to teach anyone else." (Armellini, F vol. B, p.93). The Spirit of God in the person's heart would be the guiding force, to give the strength to overcome all temptations, even the seemingly insurmountable ones.

This prophecy of the New Covenant began to be realized at Easter, when Jesus, by dying and entering into the glory of the Father, gave us His Spirit, His strength. When the Spirit of God which has been planted in us like a small seed grows to maturity, then the kingdom of God will be fully with us. The book of Hebrews, our **second reading**, speaks about the dual nature of Christ: He is both God and man. The author tells us that it is by His suffering and death, in obedience to His Father's will, that Jesus established this new and better Covenant as prophesied by Jeremiah (Jer. 31:31-34). Today's passage stresses the reaction of Jesus to suffering and death. As man, He felt what every person feels in these circumstances. As a man Jesus went through all the difficulties and temptations we all experience. The only difference is that He was never overcome by evil and was always faithful to the Father unlike us. The Gospel echoes the same message: Jesus uses the metaphors of the "sown wheat grain" and the "spent life" to teach the same message. In nature, nothing is produced without passing first through death. The grain of wheat, before turning into a wheat stalk, must first disappear under soil. It is by His suffering and death that Jesus is bringing life and liberation to the sinful world, just as the grain of wheat sown in the field ceases to remain itself alone by germinating and then growing into a plant which produces many new grains.

The **Gospel** has a lot of implication for us all: it is by self-sacrificial lives of holy men and women that life and salvation come to humankind. When we "die" to our selfishness, we "rise" to new life in Jesus Christ. To be "buried in the earth" means avoiding sin, accepting suffering and living for others. Again, all those who want to save their lives, to bring about the birth of a new world, must first have the courage to die. That is, they must give themselves up in love. Jesus says: *"The person who loves their life loses, and the person who hates their life in this life will keep it for eternal life"*. Like Christ, we reach the utmost fulfillment of our lives when we give ourselves up to death for love of our brothers and sisters. Only life spent for others will be glorified here and hereafter. It is better to burn out than to rust out (cf Mark 8:35; Mt 16:25; 10:39; Lk 9:24). Lent is a time to take a decision to "die". Happy Sunday!

OLV Schedule for Lectors & Ushers

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
March 28 th	Will advise	Ken & Nancy
Holy Week	Will advise	Will advise

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

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

No Penitential Service this year. However, Fr. Albanus is available for individual confessions, by appointment. Parishioners should call Fr. Albanus directly at 819-663-5244 to arrange a time for individual confessions.

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



Share Love, Share Lent: Keeping Canadians committed!

Join our *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice.

Solidarity Sunday – March 21st. Show your support by donating generously with your parish collection envelope. OR, you can make an online donation directly, at the following link: <https://www.devp.org/en/campaign/sharelove>

You can also send a personal check directly to **Development and Peace** at:

1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor
Montréal, Québec Canada, H3G 1T7

Solidarity Sunday Mass ONLINE – Salt & Light - Development and Peace is collaborating with Salt & Light Media to broadcast a bilingual Solidarity Sunday Mass from the Pembroke cathedral. Presider will be Bishop Guy Desrochers and there will be a pre-show starting at 1:00 pm, Mass at 1:30 pm, Sunday, March 21st. Tune in on Salt & Light, or on the **Development and Peace** website at: www.devp.org

La Mie de l'entraide

La Mie de l'entraide has recently posted that the food bank is looking for the following items if the population is able to contribute:

Tomato soup

Tomato paste

Tomato sauce

Fruit juice boxes

However, all non-perishable goods will be accepted, as well as egg cartons. Baskets are available in both churches for your donations.

Monetary donations can also be made on their Facebook page as well at the following website:

<https://lamiedelentraide.wordpress.com/faire-un-don/>