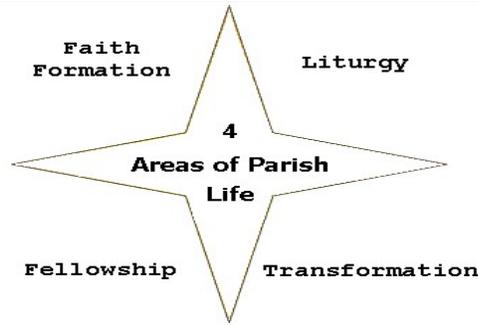




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PASSION (PALM)
SUNDAY
MARCH 27-28, 2021

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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MASSES

Saturday	Apr. 3 rd	OLV @ 7:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Sunday	Apr. 4 th	St. Malachy @ 9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
		OLV @ 11:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
March 20-21, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 575.00	\$ 232.00
<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

Palm Sunday: A tale of Contrasting Moments



First Reading:	Isaiah 50.4-7
Psalm:	My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Second Reading:	Philippians 2.6-11
Gospel:	Mark 14.1-15.47

The Church celebrates the 6th Sunday of Lent as Palm or Passion Sunday. It ushers in Holy Week, a period of more intense preparation for Easter. During this time we remember and live the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. The Liturgies of the Holy Week enable us to experience in our lives here and now what Jesus went through then. Thus, we not only commemorate and relive the dying and rising of Jesus but also our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation and redemption. We are enjoined to engage in attentive participation in the liturgies of this week. They will help to deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Each of us is called to remember the Christ of Calvary and then to embrace and lighten the burden of Christ where passion continues to be experienced in the hungry, the poor, the sick, the homeless, the aged, the lonely and the outcast (Kadavil, A).

On Palm Sunday, we experience contrasting moments, one of glory and the other, of suffering. In the same celebration, we combine the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem and the drama of the trial, culminating in crucifixion, death and burial of Christ. We somehow find ourselves in the crowd on both days, shouting "Hosanna!" and later "Crucify Him!" The **first reading** is from three of the four Servant Songs of the Prophet Isaiah. The passage, like the rest of the songs, foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission. The four songs are about the mysterious figure whose suffering brings about a benefit for the people. The Songs portray the antithesis of Israel's messianic expectations, because Israel expected a triumphant Messiah while the prophet foresaw a "Suffering Servant Messiah." They foretell Jesus' conscious and active choice to remain faithful to His saving mission no matter what cost. In today's passage, the Prophet speaks out in the name of one to come, the suffering Servant of God. "*The Lord God has opened my ear....It gave me back to those who struck me and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard....*" Early Christians discovered that these words were fully realized only in Jesus. The Responsorial Psalm (22): "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me? - plunges us into the heart of Christ's Passion.

The **second reading** presents an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early understanding of who Jesus is, and of how His mission saves us from sin and death. In that letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of Jesus as one who "*emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave. ...He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name.*" The first part of **today's gospel** shows the first of the contrasting moments of today's liturgy (i.e., glory). It describes the royal reception Jesus received from His admirers, who paraded with Him for a distance of two miles: from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. The crowds sang the "*Hallel*" Psalm (118 vs 26-27). The Greek word "*Hosiana*" originally meant "*save us now*" (2 Sam 14:4). On Palm Sunday, the people used the prayer "*Hosanna*" as a slogan of greeting. It meant "*God save the King of Israel*" or "*save us O God!*" (Kadavil, A). The second part of the Gospel shows the other contrasting moment (suffering). It presents the passion of Christ according to Mark. The long narrative challenges us to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

Today's gospel contains Mark's final verses in his passion narrative. He concludes with these words: "*And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.*" The Centurion who was standing at the cross, as a witness to Jesus' death, said; "*Truly this man was God's Son!*" Hence Mark makes clear that the old era (represented by the temple curtain) had given way to the new. Jesus, the Son of God, begins a new and final era. It is an encouragement to us all who struggle to love God and neighbour and in doing so meet with suffering. We too will receive help from God; we, too, will be "highly exalted." Right now we are in our Passiontide. But victory will be assured. The love of Christ overcomes the world.

Mass Celebrations

Date	Time	Occasion	Location	Registration Information
Apr. 1 st	7:00 pm	Holy Thursday	St. Aloysius	No registration required
Apr. 2 nd	3:00 pm	Good Friday	St. Aloysius	Register with Parish Secretary at 819-663-5244 by Tuesday, March 30 th
Apr. 3 rd	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil	OLV	Register with Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763 by Thursday, April 1 st
Apr. 4 th	9:00 am	Easter Sunday	St. Malachy	No registration required
Apr. 4 th	11:00 am	Easter Sunday	OLV	Register with Parish Secretary at 819-986-3763 by Thursday, April 1 st

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.

Birthday Wishes: Father Albanus will be celebrating his birthday On Monday, April 5. All your parishioners wish you good health and happiness every day.

OLV Schedule for Lectors & Ushers

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
March 28 th	Greg	Ken & Nancy
April 3 rd (Easter Vigil)	TBD	Ken & Monique
April 4 th (Easter Sunday)	Diane	Lyall & Gail
April 11 th	Linda	Ken & Nancy
April 18 th	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
April 25 th	Greg	Ken & Nancy



Thank you for sharing love this Lenten season!

The *Share Love, Share Lent* campaign called you to share love, and you opened your hearts. The money that the parish raised for **Development and Peace** will help sustain programs and projects that serve some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in the Global South.

Thank you for your generosity. If you have not already done so, please consider making a donation 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

Online Way of the Cross - Friday, April 2nd 2021 at 1:00 pm

This year, the **Development and Peace** Way of the Cross invites us to reflect on the need to share love and to develop greater social fraternity in light of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. Please join this event to pray the stations together with staff, members and friends of Development and Peace.

Registration at: <https://www.devp.org/en/region-events/sharelent2021>

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/>