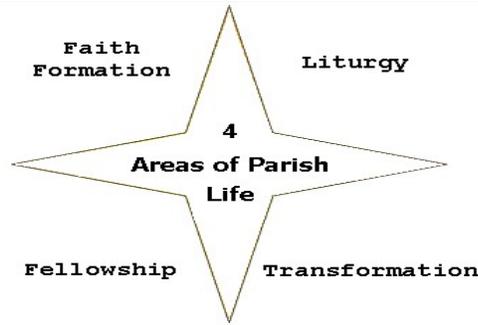




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**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 4, 2021**



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**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Saturday 7:00 p.m.**

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**MASSES**

Saturday	Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>Bob Cameron</b> by Cheryl & Peter Cameron
Sunday	Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Rita Parker</b> by Marianne Lotz <b>Joseph Doherty (39<sup>th</sup> ann)</b> by the Family <b>Peter Burke</b> by Marjorie & Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
March 27-28, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 445.00	\$ 202.00
March 27-28, 2021 - Fuel	403.00	152.00
March 27-28, 2021 - Easter Flowers	290.00	

*Thank you for your contributions*

## **Easter Message**

**April 4, 2021**

Dear friends,

Again, it's lockdown for the Holy Days. How sad! Only a handful of people will be able to participate in parish celebrations. And we won't be able to get together with our families and friends to celebrate Easter. This pandemic is robbing us of important moments in our lives. It forces us to retreat to our homes, which, for many, amounts to complete isolation.

Some will say that our Christian faith is based on belief in the resurrection of Christ, on the conviction that death did not have the last word in his life. Some will say that we should not despair and that there will be better days after this dark passage.

I believe this is true, but it seems to me that the Good News of Jesus is more than a biblical version of the saying, "There's calm after every storm." Celebrating Easter is more than drawing rainbows and telling ourselves, "It's going to be okay." It's at least this, certainly, but it's so much more.

Celebrating Easter is not only believing that one can live again after death, it is believing that life springs from death itself, that death can be a source of life. This is what Jesus taught his disciples: "If the grain of wheat that has fallen to the ground does not die, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24)

Celebrating Easter is believing not just in the value of Good Friday, in the difference the death of Jesus makes in our lives and in the world. It is to discover with the disciples of Jesus that his very death is the source of life because it overflows with love for us.

Celebrating Easter just isn't believing that the pandemic will pass and that we will once again experience better days. It is believing that life is hidden in the very heart of this pandemic that it is trying to show itself, to speak to us and to transform us.

Celebrating Easter is just not believing that good weather will return after the rain, it's believing that the rain itself has a purpose, that it is beneficial and necessary. As the famous prayer for peace attributed to Saint Francis puts it: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life."

For each and every one of you, for your families and for your friends, I pray that Easter this year will be a time of reflection, prayer and renewal. The pandemic forces us to dig deep within ourselves to find the necessary resources to endure it: it's in these depths that we will find the presence of the One who descended to hell to raise us up with him to the fullness of life.

A blessed, joyful Easter to all!

***Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau***

## Fr. Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

**He is Risen!**



**First Reading:** Acts 10.34a, 37-43

**Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3.1-4

**Gospel:** John 20.1-18

Today is Easter Sunday! Easter is the greatest and most important feast in the Church. The Resurrection is the basis of our Christian faith (1 Cor. 15:14). It proves that Jesus is God. It is the greatest of the miracles. It is the central theme of the preaching of the Apostles. Jesus prophesied His Resurrection as a sign of His Divinity (Jn. 2:19). It is because of their conviction about Jesus' Resurrection that the Apostles and early Christians could face martyrdom. They would not have done that for a dead leader lying in the tomb. Easter is the assurance of our own resurrection (Jn. 11:25-26). It is a feast that gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears; it reminds us that life is worth living. Our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in the Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer and gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. Today's readings all speak about this greatest miracle.

The **first reading**, from the Acts of the Apostles, is taken from one of the speeches of St. Peter. He is speaking to a group of newly baptized members of Cornelius' family. In it, St. Peter shares his own experience of Christ's Resurrection and its joy. He summarizes the whole Christian message in a few words: Jesus was a real man who went around doing good and healing the sick; they killed Him by nailing Him on the Cross. God reacted to the wickedness of humans by not leaving His Faithful Servant in the grip of death and raising Him from the dead. Peter also speaks of the mission of the disciples as witnesses to all this. He therefore calls us to reflect on the fundamental truth of our faith: the Resurrection of Christ. He also reminds us of our mission as witnesses to the Resurrection. The Apostles were witnesses because they had been with Jesus after His Resurrection, eaten and drunk with Him, heard His teaching, and had seen His miracles. We may not have really seen or heard all these, but we can still be witnesses to Christ. After our baptism, we should no longer harbor hate, violence, grudges, envy, addictions etc., and all the deeds of death. All these must disappear. We must live like risen people and this will give us the right to witness that Christ is alive. Our testimony will be indubitable as it is founded on verifiable facts and events. St. Paul reminds the Colossians (in the **second reading**) that by virtue of their baptism, they were born to a new life, a life that will reach perfection and total fulfillment not in this world but in the world of God. Good works and deeds are the marks and indicators of this new life in us.

The Gospel explains the empty-tomb-experience of Mary Magdalene, Peter and the other Apostle. The experience stirs Mary back to life and shakes the apostles out of their slumber and gets them all excited. On that Easter day, life flares up once again; God has intervened and bursts open the tomb! Alleluia! Our world still has places and situations where death reigns unchallenged and stillness proclaims victory. Power, force, discrimination, injustice, guile, seem at times to rout the forces of life and people feel paralyzed and powerless to oppose evil. We need to avoid discouragement and passivity in the face of evil as this is incompatible with faith in the resurrection of Christ. Easter is the beginning of new things. Contrary to the mentality of the time it is through a woman that God first announces to the world that death has been given a blow. Resurrection is about seeing our world in a new way: Mary did not find what she was looking for, the dead body of Jesus; but she found something better than she could have imagined, the Risen Jesus. Sometimes, the things we want most are not granted to us. What we get instead is an experience of God's new ways of working in our world. The unnamed disciple saw and believed.' Each of us is expected to be this disciple and act in the same faith of this disciple. The message of Easter is: the life we give up for our brothers and sisters does not end in death or destruction. It does not end with death but leads to the fullness of life in God. Do we see only the signs of death or do we recognize the signs of resurrection like the unnamed disciple?

**Happy Easter!**

## Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

**Contact:** Should you wish to speak to Father you can call him directly at 819-663-5244.

**Cereal Bars:** A box will be at entrance of church for your donations next Sunday.

**St. Malachy masses:** As of April 10<sup>th</sup> Mayo is back to their 7:00 p.m. schedule

### OLV Schedule for Lectors & Ushers

DATE	LECTORS	USHERS
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Linda	Ken & Nancy
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Greg	Ken & Nancy

### 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/>

