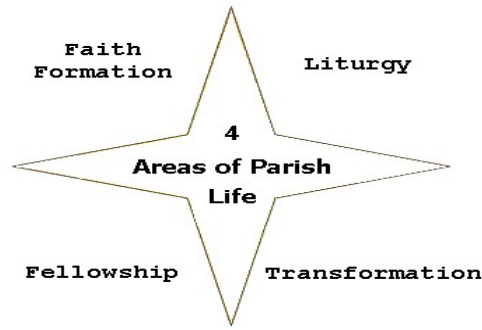




Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
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**5th SUNDAY
OF EASTER
MAY 1-2, 2021**



St. Malachy
3889 Route 315
Mayo, Québec
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Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 6:30 p.m.

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MASSES

Saturday	May 8 th	St. Malachy @ 6:30 p.m.	Allen Teske by Virginia & Lorraine Butler
Sunday	May 9 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Diane Bedard Cameron by Family & Friends

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
April 24-25, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 419.00	\$ 261.00
April 24-25, 2021 – Fuel	275.00	185.00

Thank you for your contributions

Our Lady of Victory Sunday Mass Celebration

A **new Zoom link** has been created for the regular Sunday morning 9:00 am mass celebration at Our Lady of Victory Church.

Join Zoom Meeting at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3220682713?pwd=Z0I3ZURacXhObmREbi91KzhxaUtuUT09>

Meeting ID: **322 068 2713**

Passcode: **046463**

Abiding in Christ



First Reading: Acts 9.26-31

Psalm: Lord, from you comes my praise in the great congregation

Second Reading: 1 John 3.18-24

Gospel: John 15.1-8

Today, the 5th Sunday of Easter, our readings emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity and holiness. The first reading testifies to the abundance of spiritual fruits yielded by the Apostles because of their close bond with the risen Lord. It describes the aftermath of His transformation from an enemy of the early Christian movement to a God-chosen instrument bringing the Gospel to non-Jews. It tells us how the Lord pruned the former Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, a fanatic who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. Even Paul's forced return to Tarsus for a brief period is an example of God's pruning of the vine to bring forth a greater harvest, namely, the mission to the Gentiles. St. John, in the second reading, explains that only if we remain united to Christ by putting our Faith in Him and drawing our spiritual strength from Him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love. The Gospel is taken from the Last Supper discourse. Jesus uses His favorite image of the vine and branches to help His disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it.

There are many passages in the Old Testament that refer to Israel as the vine (Ps 80:8-16, Is 5:1-7, Jer 2:21, Ez.15:1-8, 17:5-10, 19:10-14, and Hos.10:1). Since the original chosen people has become a degenerate vine producing wild and bitter grapes, Jesus makes the unique claim that He is the true and ideal Vine and His disciples are the living and fruit-producing branches and His Heavenly Father is the Vine-grower, He (Christ) is the Vine, His Disciples are branches and those who do not abide in Him are useless branches, suitable only to be cut away and thrown into the fire. Jesus is the true Vine, because the old vine, the original chosen people, was succeeded by the new Vine, the Church, the Mystical Body whose Head is Christ (cf. 1 Cor. 3:9). To be fruitful, one must be joined to the new, true Vine, Christ. It is living the life of Christ, the life of grace, which gives the believer the nourishment which enables him or her to yield the fruits of eternal life. This image of the Vine also helps us to understand the unity of the Church. St. Paul explains that we are Christ's Mystical Body in which all the members are intimately united with the Head and united to one another (1 Cor. 12:12-26; Rom 12:4-5; Eph 4:15-16).

Pruning is mentioned in the Gospel today. Pruning is an essential part of growing fruit-producing branches. Dead branches are cut away to save the vine. Other branches are pruned so that they would bear more grapes than leaves in the next growing season. Here, John describes God as the Vine-grower who has planted a vine, Jesus. He removes every branch that bears no fruit and prunes the other branches, so they may bear more fruits. Jesus tells His apostles that they have already been pruned by the words He has spoken to them. We need to abide in Jesus as a condition for fertility. Through His word, God brings to light our limitations, our defects, all that keeps us from producing fruits of love. Jesus tells us that we cannot bear fruit unless we abide in Him just as He abides in us. Abiding in Christ means that God has to be inside us and we have to be inside God. We abide in Christ by drawing near to God and by experiencing His being near to us; that is, by living every moment as He has commanded us to do, with radiant presence of Christ all around us.

Fruit-bearing in Christian life is not of our own independent and unaided making. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us trims and prunes us, teaching us Himself and reminding us of what Jesus taught. We also need to prune ourselves, cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the Spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to the Christian ideals in our lives every day is the first type of self-pruning expected of us. We also prune ourselves by practicing self-control over our evil inclinations, sinful addictions and aberrations. We have to prune ourselves of our selfish and prejudicial tendencies toward people who are different and treat others with charity and openness. Jesus prunes, purifies and strengthens us by allowing us to face pain and suffering, contradictions and difficulties with courage of our Christian conviction. We unite ourselves to Christ, the Vine, by personal and liturgical prayers, by frequenting the sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation; through daily and meditative reading of the Scripture. Selfless, loving acts of kindness and mercy and forgiveness enable us to abide in Jesus, the true Vine, as fruit-bearing branches. Happy Sunday!

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.

Mayo Masses: Saturday mass will be at **6:30 p.m.** This will allow all to get home before the 8:00 p.m. curfew.

Office Hours: Please note the change in office hours for the following dates:

DATE	DAY	Office Hours
May 6 th	Thursday	9:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.
May 10 th	Monday	CLOSED
May 11 th	Tuesday	9:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.
No change to the days the rest of the week.		

Bathroom renovations: Both bathrooms in the hall have new sinks and vanities due to water leaks and mold.

Ongoing collections: Pop tabs, used postage stamps, used candles, egg cartons and your donations to the Food Bank.

OLV SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS & USHERS

Date	Lectors	Ushers
May 9 th	Diane	Ken & Nancy
May 16 th	Linda C.	Lyall & Gail
May 23 rd	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
May 30 th	Greg	Lyall & Gail

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



What to do with the Synodal Process?

The diocesan pastoral team and the Archbishop met this past week with parish delegates throughout the diocese, to discuss what to do with the Synodal process and to review the Archbishop's proposal for moving forward. The diocesan pastoral team will be providing a summary of all the discussions.

One outcome of these discussions is that all parish delegates agreed to continue with the process and are "willing to take this last mile of the journey."

Parishioners will be advised as more information becomes available.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

Mary has always been a central figure in Christianity. One of the roles that Mary fulfills is the mother that we see in early Christianity; she's the role model for mothers. She also plays an important role throughout Christian history in providing us with a female that's right at the heart of events.