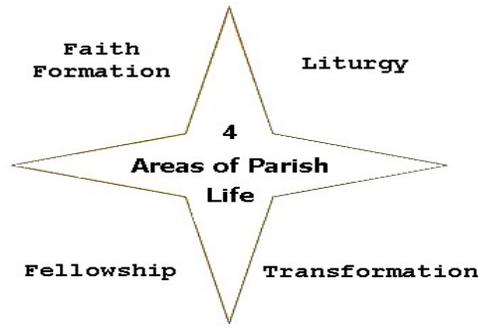




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**MOST HOLY TRINITY**  
**MAY 29-30, 2021**

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

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

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

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**MASSES**

Saturday	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<b>Rick Rain</b> by Alvin and Ellen Butler and Family <b>Peter Burke</b> by Vivian Lamarche
Sunday	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<b>Jean Charles Robitaille</b> by Monique & Ken <b>Bill Weir (18th ann)</b> by Barbara and Family <b>Gaston &amp; Michael Deschatelets</b> by Grace

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
May 15-16, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 470.00	\$ 215.00
May 15-16, 2021 - Papal Charities	105.00	45.00
May 22-23, 2021 - Sunday Offering	425.00	230.00
May 22-23, 2021 - Fuel	243.00	385.00

*Thank you for your contributions*

**Update – Departure of Father Albanus**

Dear brothers and sisters, for some reasons I will be going earlier than I have originally thought. I leave on 16th June 2021 from Montreal. I have already spoken with the Archbishop regarding this adjustment. Thank you all for your understanding. *Fr Al*

Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> will be Fr. Albanus' last mass celebration at Our Lady of Victory Parish. The Wardens are planning a short presentation after mass, including the presentation of a monetary donation on behalf of the Parishioners. As a result of the pandemic restrictions, this presentation is our only means of gathering as a group to wish Fr. Albanus all the best.

A box will be available at the entrance of the church next weekend in order for Parishioners to deposit cards and messages for Fr. Albanus. For those parishioners who cannot attend mass, they may drop off their cards and best wishes at the Rectory.

The OLV Wardens would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Albanus for his seven years of service as our shepherd. We remain grateful for his generosity and dedication to our spiritual well being. May God bless him and his family as he pursues this new journey.

## Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4.32-34, 39-40  
**Psalm:** Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.  
**Second Reading:** Romans 8.14-17  
**Gospel:** Matthew 28.16-20

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is a doctrine enunciated by the Ecumenical Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople. It is a basic doctrine of Faith in Christianity, understandable not with our heads but with our hearts. It teaches us that there are three distinct Persons in one God, sharing the same Divine Nature. The Trinity does not suggest that we are 'tri-theists' (believing in three gods) or that we are 'modalists' (believing that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are simply different appearances taken on by God in various stages of history). Instead, we believe that there is only the One God, revealed in salvation history and existing as the Trinity, a community of three Divine persons. God is not a lonely old man but he is a 'family'. He is the model of unity for all people and the model of community among people.

Our mind cannot grasp this doctrine which teaches that  $1+1+1 = 1$  and not 3. But we believe in this Mystery because Jesus who is God taught it clearly, the Evangelists recorded it, the Fathers of the Church tried to explain it and the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople defined it as a dogma of Christian Faith. The importance of this doctrine for the Christian life cannot be overemphasized. All prayers in the Church begin in the Name of the Holy Trinity and end glorifying the Trinity. All Sacraments are administered (we are baptized, confirmed, anointed, our sins are forgiven and our marriage blessed and our Bishops, priests and deacons ordained) in the name of the Holy Trinity. Church bells ring thrice daily, reminding us to pray to the Holy Trinity. We bless ourselves, and the priest blesses us, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Any biblical proofs? There are only vague and hidden references to the Trinity in the Old Testament. But the New Testament gives clear teachings on the Holy Trinity. At the Annunciation, God the Father sends His angel to Mary, God the Holy Spirit overshadows her and God the Son becomes incarnate in her womb. At the baptism of Jesus, when the Son receives baptism from John the Baptist, the Father's voice is heard and the Holy Spirit appears as a Dove. At the Ascension, Jesus gives the missionary command to His disciples to baptize those who believe, in the name of the Trinity. In John, chapters 15-18, we have a detailed account of Jesus' teaching of the role of each Person of the Holy Trinity: God the Father creates and provides for His creatures; God the Son redeems us and reconciles us with God; God the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, strengthens us, teaches us and guides us to God.

The Trinitarian God is so good, so understanding and so compassionate. We on the other hand, can often be petty, narrow minded and hardhearted. He is one to whom we can go in all confidence. Today's readings show that. In the first reading, Moses meets God in Sinai to plead for the guilty people. What did he meet? Not a God raging at the sin of the people's flagrant idolatry! Rather, the reading says: *'The Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'* God's love is significant because it is fully aware of the sin and brokenness and the stupidity that are part of our life. We need to imitate these qualities of God. The second reading shows that God comes to us as one who radiates love and peace. Thus St. Paul encourages the Corinthians: *"Be united; live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with us."* The Gospel shows that at the centre of the mystery of God is everlasting love and fidelity. God is constant: A God that continues to be faithful even when He sees continued infidelity in those He loves. Jesus told Nicodemus: *"God so loved the world that He gave His Only-Begotten Son ...."* God's ceaseless love of the world is so great that He sent His beloved Son among us. He sent Him not to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through Him. In celebrating the Trinity today we celebrate the awesome stubbornness of God's extravagant love for our world. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all three reveal the fullness of the unity of God's love. None of the Trinity retires from the task of loving the world. God's love is sure and everlasting.

Any lessons from the Trinity? As children of the one God, we never grow out of the need of His love. Neither do we outgrow the responsibility to share it with others. We ought to respect ourselves and others because everyone is the temple of the Holy Spirit where all the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity abide. Let us have the firm conviction that the Trinitarian God abides in us, that He is the Source of our hope, courage and strength and that He is our final destination. He is not one in a faraway heaven where he does not care about our joys, sufferings, problems or anxieties. He is "God with us," the God who stands at our side every day, to the end of time. The three Persons reveal the fullness of the unity of God's love. Let us practice the Trinitarian relationship of love and unity also in the family relationships of father, mother and children because by Baptism we become children of God and members of God's Trinitarian family.

We are called to become more like the Triune God through all our relationships. We are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is God only in a Trinitarian relationship, so we can be fully human only as one member of a relationship of three partners. The self needs to be in a horizontal relationship with all other people and in a vertical relationship with God. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. Modern society follows the so-called "I-and-I" principle of unbridled individualism and the resulting consumerism. But the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity challenges us to adopt an "I-and-God-and-neighbor" principle: "I am a Christian insofar as I live in a relationship of love with God and other people." Like God the Father, we are called upon to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of our family, our Church, our community and our nations. Like God the Son, we are called upon to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered. Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance. Are our community's signs of this presence of God in the world for those who suffer, for those who go wrong, and for those who are poor?

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. Happy Trinity Sunday!*



## COVID-19 in India: an urgent appeal at an apocalyptic time

India had 21,077,410 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 230,168 deaths from the disease as of May 4, per [World Health Organization \(WHO\) data](#). As WHO's regional director, Dr. Poonam Khetrpal Singh, notes, "The current rapid surge of COVID-19 cases has put immense pressure on the health systems already overburdened since the start of the pandemic."

Last week, Fr. Paul Moonjely, executive director of Caritas India, wrote to Caritas Internationalis, asking its members to "encourage the community of [the] faithful, institutions and people of goodwill to contribute generously" to help his organization cope with the crisis. Since the pandemic began, India's Catholic Church, acting principally through Caritas India, has been supporting some of the most disadvantaged groups, such as slum dwellers, migrant labourers, households with persons with special needs, widows and homeless persons.

**Development and Peace — Caritas Canada** has pledged \$50,000 to the Caritas network to help the Indian people at this critical time. The need, however, will far exceed that sum, especially since the scourge of COVID-19 is not restricted to India alone.

Please donate generously to help our partners respond to this COVID-19 emergency. You can donate online at: [devp.org](http://devp.org)

OLV SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS & USHERS		
Date	Lectors	Ushers
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Linda R.	Lyal & Gail
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Diane	Ken & Nancy
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Linda C.	Lyal & Gail
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia	Ken & Nancy

### Candles at Our Lady of Victory

In response to several requests, the OLV Wardens have decided to make candles available for lighting.

In order to meet distancing protocols, parishioners will notice that the candles have been moved at the back of the church in front of the confessional.

Pandemic restrictions require us to remind parishioners of the distancing requirements.

Ushers will be available for assistance.

### MARY: THE CHANNEL OF GRACE

**"Her power before God is such that she can obtain anything that we ask for, and, like any mother, she wants to answer our prayers. Like any mother, also, she knows and understands our weaknesses. She encourages us and makes excuses for us. She makes the way easy for us, and even when we think there is no possible solution for our worry, she always has one ready to offer us."**