Our Lady of Victory 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5		Faith Formation 4 Areas of Parish Life Fellowship Transformation BODY and BLOOD OF CHRIST June 5-6, 2021	St. Malachy 3889 Route 315 Mayo, Québec J8L 3Z8		
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 7:00 p.m.		
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MASSES						
Saturday	June 12 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Father Albanus' safe journey home by Parishioners and Friends			
Sunday	June 13 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Clifford Daly by Regis Lemieux Marion Hewston (18 ann) by Barbara Weir & Family Gerald (15 ann) & Carmen (9 ann) Limmer by Sandra Besner			

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY			
May 29-30 - Sunday Offering	\$ 730.00	\$ 531.00			
Thank you for your contributions					

ANNOUNCEMENT

Last weekend, Fr. Albanus announced that our new spiritual leader for the four parishes *(St. Aloysius, St. Columban, St. Malachy and Our Lady of Victory)* will be **Rev**. **Gregory Murray** of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart. Fr. Murray is presently living in Montreal and will arrive in our diocese to celebrate the four masses of July 3rd and 4th.

In the interim, **Archbishop Paul-André Durocher** has indicated that he will celebrate the four masses for June 19th and 20th and the following weekend masses of June 26th and 27th, **Fr. Bill Marrevee will** celebrate the four masses.

Fr. Albanus has asked that we pray for him as he ventures home to the welcoming arms of his family. Also, that his country abandon their arms and finds peace once again. Safe journey home Father and you will always be in our prayers.

Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

Corpus et Sanguis Christi – Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading:Exodus 24.3-8Psalm:I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LordSecond Reading:Hebrews 9.11-15Gospel:Mark 14.12-16, 22-26

Today, we celebrate Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. Before Jesus left the world, He gave us as a precious gift and spiritual food, the Holy Eucharist. The feast of *Corpus Christi* is a celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel* - God with us. It is also an opportunity for us to learn more about the importance and value of the "*Real Presence*" of Jesus so as to better appreciate the sacrament of the Eucharist and receive maximum benefit from it. We believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist (Jn.6; Mt. 26; Mk.14; Lk. 22; 1Cor.11). This happens through "*Transubstantiation*". The term means that the entire *substance* of bread and wine is changed into the entire *substance* of the Risen and Glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the "*accidents*" (taste, color, shape) of bread and wine. Our readings for today's celebration emphasize the theme of covenant blood. The ancient peoples sealed covenants with the blood of ritually sacred animals. Jesus sealed His New Covenant with His own blood, shed on Calvary. The first reading describes how Moses sprinkled the blood of a sacrificed animal on the altar and on the people as a sign of the covenant between God and His people.

In the second reading, St. Paul affirms that Jesus sealed the New Covenant with His own blood, thereby putting an end to animal sacrifices. The Gospel describes how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a Sacrament and Sacrifice. Instead of the blood of the lamb, Jesus offered His own Divine/Human Body and Blood; and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put it into our hands as food and drink. He said "*Take...eat....This IS my Body which will be given up for you*". He also said "*Take...drink....This IS my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant which will be poured out for you and for many....*" It has to be noted that Jesus did not say '*This represents my body*' or 'This *represents my blood*'. The Jewish Passover is transformed into the Eucharistic celebration. Jesus instituted the Eucharist in the context of the Passover meal, the annual feast of the Jews to commemorate their deliverance from slavery by God. Thus, the New and perfect Paschal Lamb accomplished for people of every nation what Mosaic sacrifices only imperfectly achieved for the Jews.

The Eucharist instituted by Jesus is both a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a **Sacrament**, the Eucharist is the outward sign in and through which we meet Jesus who shares His life of grace with us; a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life. It is the meal that nourishes our souls. In it we do meet Jesus, the Risen Lord who comes to us under signs of Bread and Wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. As a **Sacrifice**, the Eucharistic celebration is a **re-presentation** or **re-enactment** of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection. During the celebration of the Eucharist, we offer (*bring to present*) Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols. It is the reliving in an un-bloody manner of Christ's Death on Good Friday and of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. By means of signs, symbols and prayers, we share in Christ's passion, death and Resurrection made really present for us in an un-bloody manner. The re-enactment assures us of Jesus' love for us and of his forgiveness of our sins. Through the sacrifice, the risen Jesus becomes present on the altar, offering Himself to the Father through the ministry of the priest.

The Eucharist gives us a message of unity and sacrificial love. It teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from the sacrifice. Just as numerous grains of wheat are pounded together to make the host, and many grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we become unified in this sacrifice. Christ is the Head and we are the Body. Together we are one. We need to always prepare properly to receive Holy Communion (ICor.11:27-29). We should receive communion with fervent love and respect – not merely as a matter of routine. Our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot exist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters. As we receive Holy Communion we become Christ bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplaces, as love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service. We pray with St. Thomas Aquinas this prayer of adoration: **O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine! All Praise and Thanksgiving, be every moment Thine!**

Happy 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 <u>World Health</u> <u>Organization (WHO) data</u> As WHO's regional director, Dr. Poonam Khetrapal 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

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

Update from Father Gyan: Yes the second wave of Corona has been devastating India. My own parishioners have died. In my family four members are infected. Two are better now the other two are still in the hospital. I have a very busy schedule as so many are to be buried. This afternoon I will go to bury a mother Teresa Nun who expired last night. My own assistant priest is infected. I have kept him in quarantine. I had a plan to visit Canada this July. But I will have to postpone it for another year. Around 40 priests in India have died recently due to Covid.19. Churches are closed. Mini lockdown is in place. God has kept me safe. Kindly pray for my mission here. Thanks. With kind regards, Fr. Gyan

OLV SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS & USHERS				
Date	Lectors	Ushers		
June 13 th	Diane	Ken & Nancy		
June 20 th	Linda C.	Lyal & Gail		
June 27 th	Virginia	Ken & Nancy		

Message for Father Albanus

You bring the message of God's word alive in so many ways ... through your inspiring sermons, your dedication to our church, and your desire to be an example of Jesus' love to others! With our sincere appreciation for your dedicated service! You are a blessing to this congregation!

Matthew 25:23