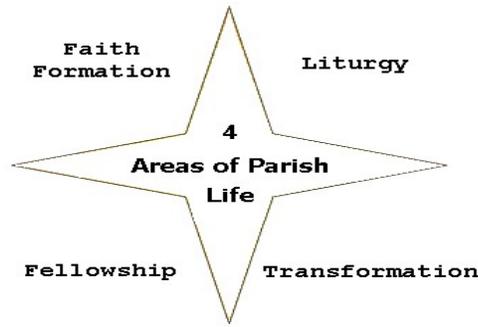




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490 Charles Street
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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 12-13, 2021



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

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

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MASSES

Saturday	June 19 th	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	Fred Liebl by Diania & Joleen Aiello
Sunday	June 20 th	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	Gerald, Iris & Richard Butler by Regis Lemieux Terry Charbonneau & Jerome Brulé by Nicole Charbonneau Earl Cameron (31st ann) by The Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
June 5-6, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 305.00	\$ 209.00
June 5-6, 2021 - Support	209.00	222.00

Thank you for your contributions

Father Albanus' Reflections on the Sunday Liturgy

First Reading: Ezekiel 17.22-24
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.6-10
Gospel: Mark 4.16-34

When I don't produce the results I desire, it is very easy to feel I have failed. No matter where I find myself in life, every day presents new tasks and challenges.

Today's readings remind us that by doing our best, we have succeeded in God's eyes. We are seeds. In striving to please the Lord we continue to grow. The reading from the book of Ezekiel details how God plants the tree on the mountain, giving it life. As with the tree, He has given each of us a life and everything that stems from it.

The second Letter to the Corinthians tells us to please Him, because this demonstrates gratitude for one's life. As the mustard seed of the parable demonstrates, even the smallest seed has the capacity to grow into the largest shrub.

God works through each of us in ways we can't even imagine. By doing our best, we have pleased God; we have not failed.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

A few weeks ago, 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 Marveve** will celebrate the four masses.

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

Prayers & Sympathy: Our Church Community extends their prayers and sympathies to the family on the loss of their mother Rita O'Neill Tremblay. She will be remembered by many as a great parishioner and leader in our community. Hugs to all of you!

OLV SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS & USHERS

Date	Lectors	Ushers
June 20 th	Linda C.	Lyal & Gail
June 27 th	Virginia	Ken & Nancy
July 4 th	Greg	Lyal & Gail
July 11 th	Linda R.	Ken & Nancy
July 18 th	Linda C.	Lyal & Gail
July 25 th	Diane	Ken & Nancy

Good bye Message!



Saying goodbye is not always easy! After about seven years of seeing you, knowing you all, working with you and working for you, I have mixed feelings as I prepare to leave. Generally, my memories have been beautiful. The sense of community in all our churches is overwhelming. Over these years, the cooperation from our parishioners has been wonderful, whether it is from the Fabriques, the pastoral teams, our able secretaries, and other volunteers, past and present.

I am enamored especially by the commitment and ready disposition of volunteers in various aspects of our parish and community life, despite the fact that ours are parishes of mostly aging population. Considering our number, some parishioners volunteer in many things to keep our parishes alive. I learned commitment and never-get-tired disposition from you all. May God continue to strengthen you all! I cherished your wonderful cooperation and collaboration in ministry all these years.

As hard as it may be, change is an inevitable part of our life. I will be going to embrace new responsibilities and challenges that will come with my new assignments, whatever they may be! I am looking forward to being a little closer to my families. As I go, I will relish all the great memories and friendships we have shared together both in the liturgical settings as well

as the social gatherings. They will be ever green in my mind and heart.

Personally, I think I gave it my best overall. But I also know that my best may not be good enough for everyone. That is a fact of life. Ours is to do our best within the circumstances available. As we hear in this Sunday's message: our job is to sow the seed; God takes care of the growth. I am sorry if any feel disappointed in me. May God make up for my lack! One of my favorite biblical themes is **Immanuel**: God is with us! We must always remember that it is in God's world we live and His Spirit is always at work. Our job is to press on and in our small way further the kingdom of God in our midst.

Finally, I thank you all for your prayers, good will messages and gifts as I prepare to leave. I will miss all of you so dearly. But wherever I will be, I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers. I solicit your prayers too as I go to face new challenges in an uncertain future. Unfortunately I could not see all those who are sick and shut-in because of the present situation but know that I have you all in my thoughts and prayers. I enjoin you all to give our new pastor, Fr. Gregory, your maximum cooperation as he ministers among you.

Signed: Fr. Albanus Ogowuihe

Farewell Father Albanus!

As the saying goes, “all good things must come to an end”. This, unfortunately, holds true in Fr. Al’s case, as he prepares to head home to Nigeria.

Fr. Al arrived to serve as our pastoral shepherd in August 2014. Learning about parish culture and managing change is never an easy task, let alone adjusting to the cultures of four parishes. Fr. Al immediately took to the challenge and impressed us with his commitment to learning about us and clearly communicated the fact he was a team player prepared to listen and learn about the needs and desires of our parishioners.

We have no doubt that Fr. Al considered us to be his second family. His human side became very apparent, especially when visiting the sick and the relatives of deceased parishioners. He often wore his emotions on his sleeve during funeral services when eulogising parishioners that he had come to know.

Fr. Al is a bit of a jokester and loves socializing. He often began his homily with a joke which, while humorous, also sent a message. He also enjoyed our parish suppers, and we can still see him sitting at a table with parishioners laughing and enjoying himself.

Fr. Al is now setting a course for a new adventure. He is headed home to Nigeria to be with family. Make no mistake; this is a risky undertaking as Nigeria is a troubled nation racked by religious and ethnic violence. We should all make a promise to ourselves to pray for Fr. Al’s well-being.

So, Father Al, we will miss you. Thank you for your seven years of service as our good shepherd. We will always remain grateful for your commitment and dedication to our spiritual well-being.

May God bless you and your family.

From the Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy

PICTURES FOR YOU TO REMEMBER BOTH OLV & ST. MALACHY

