



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
Gatineau, Québec
J8L 2K5

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY
WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
December 11 - 12, 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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Baptisms By appointment. Registration required. Please call the Rectory.
Weddings Couples must call the Rectory for an appointment **at least one year** prior to their date of marriage to allow adequate preparation time.



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Welcome to a New Parishioner

We welcome you to our parish! Please introduce yourself after Mass and call the Rectory to register.

MASSES

Thursday	Dec. 16 th	OLV	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV and St. Malachy
			7:00 p.m.	Reconciliation
Saturday	Dec. 18 th	St. Malachy	7:00 p.m.	Mary & Michael McDonnell by Doris Provost
Sunday	Dec. 19 th	OLV	9:00 a.m.	Rene Charron by Merilla Bernier All deceased members of my family & Friends by A Parishioner Christopher Farnand by The Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
December 4-5, 2021 - Sunday Offering	\$ 425.00	\$ 310.00
November 4-5, 2021 - Support	207.00	137.00
November 4-5, 2021 - Missals	263.00	
November 4-5, 2021 - Donation		300.00

Thank you for your contributions

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

First Reading: **Zephaniah 3.14-18a**
Psalm: **Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel**
Second Reading: **Philippians 4.4-7**
Gospel: **Luke 3.10-18**

ARCHDIOCESE OF DIOCESE

In 1999, following the recommendation of the Special Synod of America which had just taken place, Pope John Paul II decided that December 12th would henceforth be consecrated to Our Lady of Guadalupe under the title "Mother and Evangelizer of America." In 2002, the Bishops of Canada also decided to make it a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

Each year, the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council publishes a reflection and a prayer for this day. This year, this text was to take on a very special aspect for, on December 20th, a delegation of former students of Indian residential schools were to meet Pope Francis in Rome to share with him their experiences and their hopes. Unfortunately, the meeting was postponed because of the worsening Covid-19 crisis and will be rescheduled at a later date.

The healing of former residents and their families concerns all Canadian society, since these residential schools were part of a government policy supported by the public. It concerns in a particular way the Catholics of Canada, since men and women religious, in the name of our common faith, were involved in this system which, despite certain good intentions, proved to be a source of oppression and assimilation. It is therefore the responsibility of all Catholics to pray for and commit to healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous peoples. I therefore invite all members of our diocese to learn about this visit. A page on the CCCB website is dedicated to this topic. You will find there many resources: backgrounders, a list of participants, reflection videos, educational material, etc. Here is the link to this page: <https://www.cccb.ca/indigenous-peoples/indigenous-delegation-17-20-december-2021-vatican-city/>.

I also invite you to read the reflection of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council and to take up the prayer that they have composed for December 12th. You can find this text here: <https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-National-Day-of-Prayer.pdf>. Over the next few weeks, let us often take up the words that conclude this special prayer: Creator God, may Your Spirit bless and guide the delegation of indigenous leaders and young people as they prepare to visit the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in the near future. May this be occasion of grace and healing, and make possible a renewed journey and future. Show us the way to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation, and a renewed fellowship. +Amen

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT 2021



Indigenous Peoples and the Church:

Walking Together Toward Healing and Reconciliation

Each week during Advent, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) releases a video recording of a Bishop in Canada reflecting on the Gospel Reading for each Sunday of Advent.

This year's reflections were developed in view of the Indigenous Delegation which will be travelling to Rome to meet with Pope Francis from December 17th to 20th, 2021. It is hoped these reflections will assist the faithful, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, in preparing for Pope Francis' eventual apostolic journey to Canada.

The videos can be found at the following link:

<https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

Our Lady of Victory and St. Malachy News

Sacramental Preparation: Anyone wishing to enroll children or youth in sacramental preparation (**Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation**) please notify the parish office at 819-986-3763. You will be notified of an introductory meeting at a later date.

Sunday Missals: Are now available at both churches for \$6.00.

Father Gregory: Can be reached at St. Aloysius at 819-663-5244 and Carol (secretary) will take your message or forward you to Father if he is in. Also every Thursday at OLV, after 9:00 a.m. Mass. Call the office at 819-986-3763 and schedule your time with him.

Holy Water & Plastic Rosaries: Holy Water is already in containers and can be picked up after Mass or during office working hours. Plastic rosaries are also available.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule

The New Reality – due to dwindling resources!

Parishioners from both parishes will note some changes to the schedule of masses for Christmas and New Year's.

On Christmas Eve, there will be a **9:00 pm** mass at St. Malachy. On Christmas morning, there will be a **9:00 am** mass at Our Lady of Victory. As well, on January 1st, there will be only one mass for both parishes, a **9:00 am** mass at Our Lady of Victory.

The members of the Inter-Parish Planning Committee feel that these changes will permit us to better support the celebration of mass.

Day	Date	Details	Time	Location
Friday	Dec. 24 th	Christmas Eve	9:00 pm	St. Malachy
Saturday	Dec. 25 th	Christmas Day	9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory
Sunday	Dec. 26 th		9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory
Saturday	Jan. 1 st	New Year's Day	9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory
Sunday	Jan. 2 nd		9:00 am	Our Lady of Victory

OLV SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS & USHERS		
Date	Lectors	Ushers
December 12 th	Linda C.	Nancy & Ken
December 19 th	Virginia	Lyall & Gail
December 25 th	Diane	Nancy & Ken
December 26 th	Linda C.	Lyall & Ken
January 1 st	Virginia	Nancy & Ken
January 2 nd	Diane	Lyall & Gail