



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

4th SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 26 - 27, 2022

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

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday 7:00 p.m.

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Confessions Available 15 minutes before every weekend mass

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.

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

Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3220682713?pwd=Z0l3ZURacXhObmREbi9lKzhxaUtuUT09>

For OLV Meeting ID: **322 068 2713**

Sunday Mass Passcode: **046463**



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MASSES

Thursday	Mar. 31 st	OLV	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy
Saturday	Apr. 2 nd	St. Malachy	7:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
Sunday	Apr. 3 rd	OLV	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Doherty (40th ann) by Susan Lemieux & Family Mass of Thanksgiving for Lewis Rowe by Val Rowe & Family

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

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ST. MALACHY

March 19-20, 2022 - Sunday Offering	\$ 465.00	\$ 471.00
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Thank you for your contributions

Chrism Mass

Archbishop Paul-André Durocher is pleased to invite **ALL PARISHIONERS** to gather for the **CHRISM MASS** during which the Oils for the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick will be blessed and the Holy Chrism consecrated on **Wednesday of Holy Week April 13th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** SAINT-JOSEPH CATHEDRAL 245 Saint-Joseph Boulevard, Gatineau. Free parking available behind the church and on the streets nearby.

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 27, 2022

First Reading: **Joshua 5.9-12**
Psalm 34: **Taste and see that the Lord is good**
Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 5.17-21**
Gospel: **Luke 15.1-3, 11-32**

Reflection

The Gospel story, very well-known but with the popular title 'The Prodigal Son' we may be misplacing the emphases. Who is the principal actor? Look at how the story starts: "A man had two sons." The story is about the father, about what he does with his two sons who are so different. And in this case the father is an image of God! And if prodigal means extravagant, lavish, then it is the father who is extravagant in compassion, in grace, in love, in forgiveness. The father is really the prodigal one.

And then look at what triggers the story, what started it: "All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them a parable." Jesus tells the story to justify his mixing with and welcoming "the tax collectors and sinners." Something that the Pharisees and Scribes, the official religious people, take great offence at and are scandalized by. And the way Jesus tells the story, it is quite obvious that the younger son of the story stands for the tax collectors and sinners, and the older son stands for the Pharisees and scribes.

It is the latter that Jesus addresses with the story about the prodigal father. In his addressing them Jesus tries to liberate them from their self-righteousness, because the older son is really a tragic figure. He is so taken in by his own virtuousness that he no longer sees how graced he is, how much loved he is. The real tragedy of the older son is that he really does not know his father. 'He had never left the house, but his heart had always been far from home. He knows how to carry out orders, but he does not know how to love.'

If with this story Jesus is trying to tell us anything, it is that we all stand very much in need of what God offers us in great abundance: compassion, grace, forgiveness, new life. That is true for us when we detect features of the younger son in us, his waywardness, but also, and perhaps even more so, when we detect features of the older son in us, his bitterness, his self-righteousness. None of us is beyond God's compassion, none of us above God's compassion.

The beauty of the younger son is that he lets himself be found by God. The tragedy of the older son is that he does not have a clue of what it means to be loved by God.

From SHARING THE WORD OF GOD, Insights from William Marreeve S.C.J.

OLV & ST. MALACHY NEWS

Confession: Available 15 minutes before every weekend mass.

A Lenten Reconciliation Service: Will be held at OLV on **Thursday, April 7th at 2:00 p.m.** Private confession will be available.

La Mie de l'entraide (Food Bank): Is experiencing record demands for the following immediate needs: **Soup, canned tomatoes, peanut butter, crackers, juice, sauce for pasta, instant coffee and school snacks (no peanuts).**

Our Lady of Victory Needs You

Our Parish is at a crossroad when it comes to volunteers. We face a serious shortfall. There is an urgent need for Parishioners to come forward and volunteer as church wardens.

There is a myth that being a warden is a complicated and time-consuming commitment. This is not the case. What I am proposing is that interested candidates would attend an information session where questions and responsibilities would be addressed. Once all issues have been addressed, candidates could make an informed decision on whether to move forward or not.

We really need to address the Wardens issue as soon as possible in order to comply with rules and regulations that govern the administration of the Parish.

If you are interested in attending an information session on being a Warden, please contact me at 819-986-8901.

Bill Cameron, Chairperson of the Fabrique Our Lady of Victory Parish

Listening to Indigenous Voices

There will be a prayerful celebration in conjunction with the Canadian Aboriginal delegation meeting with Pope Francis in Rome from March 28 to April 1st, 2022. We ask the Holy Spirit to make this meeting enlightening and successful.

The celebration will be held on Wednesday, March 30th at 7:30 pm at St. Joseph's Cathedral, 245 St. Joseph Blvd. in Gatineau (Hull) and will reveal spiritual aspects of Aboriginal life. All are invited to attend.



Standing up to corporate power in Honduras

The **People and Planet First** campaign is about helping communities stand up to corporate power. In Honduras, as in much of the Global South, corporations often threaten and criminalize activists who speak up against their abuses.

The Lenca Indigenous leader Víctor Vásquez was imprisoned for fighting the corporate takeover of his people's ancestral territory. **Development and Peace's** partner, the Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), helped free him from jail.

Another partner, Caritas Choluteca, trains and accompanies community leaders in advocating for policies that respect human rights and the environment. Recently, they got mayoral election candidates to undertake to declare the municipality of Orocuina a mining-free zone if elected.

Read more about these people's victories in our [Mini-Magazine](#) at:

https://www.devp.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/EN_2022_minimag.pdf or online at <http://www.devp.org/lent/resources>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Discussion meeting with citizens:

Date: March 28th, 2022

Location: Buckingham Service Centre Boardroom, 515 Charles Street

Time: 6:00 p.m. (English) and 7:00 p.m. (French)

Citizens are invited to come and ask their questions. I will provide an update on some local issues, including the progress of the West Lièvre path project.

A small cocktail will be served!

Edmond Leclerc, Buckingham District, City of Gatineau.