



Our Lady of Victory
490 Charles Street
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5th SUNDAY OF LENT
APRIL 2 - 3, 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=Z0l3ZURacXhObmREbi91KzhxaUtuUT09>

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

Sunday Mass Passcode: **046463**



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MASSES

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| Thursday | Apr. 7 th | OLV | 9:00 a.m. | Lucien Laurin by Linda & Bill Cameron |
| | | | 2:00 p.m. | Lenten Reconciliation Service |
| Saturday | Apr. 9 th | St. Malachy | 7:00 p.m. | Bob Cameron by Peter & Cheryl Cameron |
| Sunday | Apr. 10 th | OLV | 9:00 a.m. | Bill Weir (18th ann) & Julia Martin (19th ann) by Barbara Weir Findlay & Carriere Families by Claude, Dorothy & Family |

WEEKLY RECEIPTS

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| March 26-27, 2022 - Sunday Offering | \$ 415.00 | \$ 132.00 |
| March 27-28, 2022 - Fuel | 265.00 | 92.00 |

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent – April 3, 2022

First Reading: **Isaiah 43.16-21**
Psalm 126: **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy**
Second Reading: **Philippians 3.8-14**
Gospel: **John 8.1-11**

Reflection

Remember last Sunday's Gospel? The parable about the father with his two sons. It is the parable that Jesus told in response to the criticism of the Pharisees and the scribes. Listen to the way last Sunday's Gospel started: "Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, this fellow welcomes sinner and eats with them. So, He told them a parable."

Now to this Sunday's Gospel: It is again the Pharisees and the scribes; they really get under Jesus' skin. They may come, piously, with the 'Law of Moses', but what they really want to do is set a trap for Jesus. Their target is Jesus! It is Jesus they are after! ... How is he going to deal with the woman caught in adultery? (was the man not caught in adultery? ... but that is another matter ...) Jesus does something remarkable for the woman, something in which he shows his real colours, something in which he acts on behalf of God, something for which he gets himself in trouble with the Pharisees and the scribes.

What Jesus does for the woman can only be appreciated in light of today's first reading. What Jesus does for the woman becomes an illustration of what the Lord promises/pledges by way of the prophet Isaiah: in the way Jesus speaks to the woman "I do not condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again," Jesus displays and enacts that "new thing" that the first reading talks about. That is what forgiveness is, God's new thing! It is really the creation of a new world, of God's new world in which we are urged to enter!

"Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old." In forgiveness we are freed from the former things, the things of old. Where death reigns, God brings new life. Here is the logic of Resurrection, God's specialty, on display and enacted. Forgiveness is much more than giving someone a second chance, or having time heal all things. Forgiveness is a new deed, God's new deed.

What is the source of that new deed of God? God's love, God's passion for life, God's not wanting to see any of his people be imprisoned, be held captive in any tomb; whether it is the tomb in which we are buried when we have died, whether it is the tomb of our sinfulness, or whether it is the tomb of our inability to forgive. Forgiveness is another aspect or application of resurrection: where death reigns, God brings new life.

The story of this Sunday's Gospel is really the story of grace and mercy. Jesus, on behalf of God, offers new life where condemnation, imprisonment, stoning to death, no longer rule, but where God's mercy and grace reign. That is what we will celebrate in the services of the Three Great Days of next week. That is what we prepare ourselves for in the Penitential Service and what we celebrate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

"UGLY AS SIN"

Have you ever heard someone describe another person in this way? "She's as ugly as sin." Not only is this unkind, it's also a sin, because it's not only an observation, but also a judgement, meant to ridicule and abase another for something which they have no control over. It speaks of an interior attitude which is out of line with the love which God demands of us. Sin need not be manifested by an action to be sin, because sinful actions are the result of sinful thoughts and attitudes, as Jesus made abundantly clear.

But the saying is true: sin is ugly and it makes our world ugly. Sin is so ugly that an all Holy God cannot look upon it, cannot have it near Him. He rejects it, and rejects those who harbour it, which is all of us. "For all have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

God in His wondrous love, has supplied us with a remedy: the death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. "He who knew no sin, became sin for us." (2 Cor. 5:21)

We respond to this love by claiming responsibility for our attitudes and our acts and then confessing them before the Lord through the auspices of His Church. The Sacrament of Confession is a healing balm which gives us the grace to reject sin as ugly, far more ugly than we realize. "Ugly as sin" is a reality we need to set aside, as we journey toward the Kingdom of God's beauty.

Father Greg Murray, SCJ.

OLV & ST. MALACHY NEWS



Confessions 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.

Prayers and Sympathy: Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Norbert Ricard whose service was here on March 26. May Maureen, family and friends know that he will be deeply missed and is now in the arms of our Lord.

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



This Lent, give from the heart

This Solidarity Sunday, ***Development and Peace's People and Planet First*** campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. In Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, "Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods." Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection.

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