		Faith Formation 4 Areas of Parish Life Fellowship Transformation			
<b>Our Lady of Victory</b> 490 Charles Street Gatineau, Québec J8L 2K5		6 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 11-12, 2023	<b>St. Malachy</b> 3889 Route 315 Mayo, Québec J8L 3Z8		
Sunday 9	:00 a.m.	Celebration of the Eucharist	Saturday 5:00 p.m.		
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Telephone	(819) 986-3763				
Website	www.stmalachyolv.com				
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 <u>at least one year prior</u> to their date of marriage to allow adequate preparation time.				
Welcome to new We welcome you to our parish! Please introduce yourself after Mass and call the Rectory to register.   Parishioners					

MASSES					
Thursday	Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	OLV	9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy	
Saturday	Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Malachy	5:00 p.m.	Findlay & Carriere Families by Claude & Dorothy Carriere	
Sunday	Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	OLV	9:00 a.m.	Emily Kincaid by Bill Chenier & Family	

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY		
Feb. 4-5, 2023 - Sunday Collection	\$ 347.00	\$ 230.00		
Feb 4-5, 2023 - Support	150.00	128.00		
Thank you for your contributions.				

## **READINGS & REFLECTION**

## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# First Reading:<br/>Responsorial Psalm:Sirach 15.15-20Responsorial Psalm:<br/>Second Reading:Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!Gospel:<br/>Matthew 5.17- 37

God's wisdom does not necessarily match up with human value, such as intellectual prowess, prestige, or business success.

Lord, teach me to look beyond any human achievements and to make the Spirit my center, to lead me always towards you.

#### **OVERVIEW OF ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT**

On Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, Archbishop Paul-André Durocher met with the OLV Wardens and OLV representatives on the Inter-Parish Planning Committee. It was a very positive meeting with open and honest dialogue presented by the individuals at the meeting.

It is important to note that the discussion and the Archbishop's intention was about addressing issues to ensure Parish sustainability and not about closing the parish's doors. In fact, the Archbishop indicated that the responsibility for closing parishes was up to Parishioners, not the Archbishop.

It was pointed out to the Archbishop that we had a very strong core of volunteers that keep the parish going. For now, it is a stable core that has been volunteering for quite a while. We told him that this volunteer core totalled approximately 17 individuals and we are having a difficult time obtaining new blood. It was pointed out to him that the average age of parishioners was 75 plus and that typically, we have between 30 to 40 individuals attending Sunday mass celebrations. So this is a challenge that was identified.

On the pastoral front, the Archbishop mentioned that our partnering with St. Malachy through the Inter-Parish Planning Committee was a very important pastoral tool. We provided an overview of the Committee whose key elements are:

- Provide leadership, information sharing and content planning
- Respond to pastoral requests from the Diocese
- Develop special pastoral projects

With respect to partnerships, the Archbishop suggested that the Parishes in the English Pastoral Zone get together to discuss pastoral issues, challenges, and possible solutions. He will follow up on this proposal.

A proposal for a Bible Study session was raised and the Archbishop mentioned he has a colleague who could facilitate such sessions - he will follow up. The study sessions would be open to all parishioners of the Diocese.

Archbishop Durocher commented positively on our use of Zoom technology during the pandemic to broadcast our mass celebrations. He mentioned that many activities are happening over the internet such as retreats and Lenten projects, etc. He is urging everyone to explore the possibilities of the internet.

With respect to the social environment, the Archbishop is very impressed with our involvement in the community at large. In particular, he was impressed with the current initiative where we invite community organizations to attend our fellowship and coffee gatherings and present their organization's mandate and mission. The Archbishop sees this as an example of what it means to be an outgoing church.

We discussed the Parish's financial situation and presented him with a chart that indicated that our financial position was solid. We did identify two areas of concern: one is a leakage of water in the basement, and the second, the fact that the wood paneling in the basement may not meet the city's fire code. We also advised him that our properties (Rectory and Church) were in good shape.

In closing, due to illness, the Archbishop was unable to preside at Sunday's mass celebration. We look forward to his returning to celebrate mass at Our Lady of Victory Parish once his tour of diocesan parishes will be completed.

## OUR LADY OF VICTORY & ST. MALACHY NEWS

**Father Greg:** 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.

Ash Wednesday: Mass will be held Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at OLV.

Thursday Mass: NO mass on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at OLV.

**<u>OLV Fellowship</u>**: At last Sunday's Fellowship gathering, Judy and Pierre Allard gave a presentation on the mission of Just Equipping. In addition to explaining the mission, they outlined some of their current projects including pictures of the various projects.

Those in attendance were very impressed with the work of Just Equipping and were quite appreciative of their commitment and dedication to restorative justice. For more information on this organization, see their website at: <u>https://justequipping.org/</u>

OLV Lector's / Greeter's Schedule					
DATE	LECTOR	GREETERS			
Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aggie	Ken			
Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Diane D.	Lyall & Gail			
Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Linda C.	Ken			
Mar. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia	Lyall & Gail			
Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aggie	Ken			
Mar. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Diane D.	Lyall & Gail			
Mar. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Linda C.	Ken			
NOTE: Please see yourself to communion and exiting church.					





At 4:17 a.m. on February 6<sup>th</sup>, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake shook Turkey and Syria. Many aftershocks followed. Buildings collapsed like houses of cards, trapping thousands of people. Over 11,000 people have died and more than 55,000 have been injured. The toll is expected to rise as rescue workers continue removing victims from the rubble.

Survivors in Turkey and Syria need your support! Our partners in the Caritas family are already mobilized on the frontlines, providing blankets, food and emergency shelter for families who find themselves on the streets. But the needs are great, especially for populations that have already been made vulnerable by 12 years of conflict in Syria.

**Development and Peace** — **Caritas Canada** is collecting donations to help the survivors and to continue to support the people of Turkey and Syria. In such an emergency, acting now matters! You can donate online at devp.org or by sending your donation to:

1425 René-Lévesque Blvd West, 3rd Floor Montréal, Québec Canada, H3G 1T7

Thank you for your solidarity!

https://www.devp.org/en

#### Adoration Thursdays - St. Grégoire Parish

St. Grégoire parish church is open every Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Place of silence

REST ..... HEALING ..... PEACE

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www.stmalachyolv.com