

OLV Confirmation Preparation
Third Session – February 16th 2012



Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, Ch. 12, verses 4 to 7

4. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts,
but the same Spirit gives them.
5. There are different ways of serving,
but the same Lord is served.
6. There are different abilities to perform service,
but the same God gives ability to all for their
particular service.
7. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in
each person for the good of all.

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians was written to deal with problems of Christian life and faith that had arisen in the church which Paul had established at Corinth.

At that time, Corinth was a great cosmopolitan Greek city, the capital of the Roman province of Achaia. It was noted for its thriving commerce, proud culture, widespread immorality, and a variety of religions.

The apostle, Paul, was chiefly concerned with problems arising such as matters about sex and marriage, matters of conscience, church order, gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the resurrection.

With deep insight, he shows how the Good News speaks to these questions.

Recap on Second Session

- What is transformation of society?
- How OLV and St. Malachy contribute to the transformation of society
- Development and Peace (more details to follow at another session)
- How do you contribute to transformation?
- What is your service project?

- We invited various parishioners to tell us about how OLV and St. Malachy contribute
- D&P – we will review in detail on Sunday, March 18th
- We asked you about your activities
- Your project?
 - We have already received an email from Nicolas about some projects he has on-going.
 - What are some of your projects?
 - Please send us an email outlining what you intend to do

4 Areas of Parish Life

- **Faith Formation**
 - To share our faith with each other
- **Fellowship**
 - Promote activities where parishioners can meet and exchange ideas
- **Transformation**
 - Contribute to the transformation of society
- **Liturgy**
 - All that pertains to liturgical celebrations

We gave you a copy of the 4 poles last November.

Last month, we reviewed Transformation

Tonight, we review Liturgy

What is Liturgy?

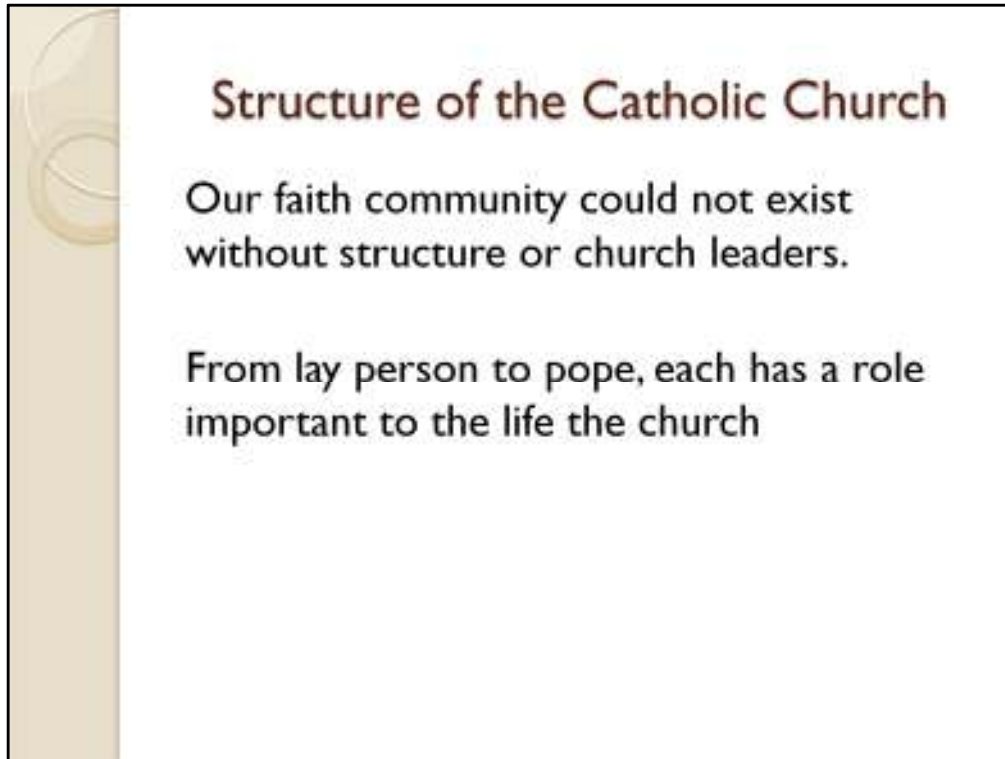
The word "liturgy" originally meant "work of the people"

Catholic liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in the work of God". Through the liturgy, Jesus Christ continues in the work of our redemption.

Liturgy involves us in the life of the church and requires the full participation of everyone.

The liturgy in which most Catholics participate most often is Sunday mass. Through our active involvement in the liturgy, we become Christ's body – his hands, arms, eyes and heart – here on earth.

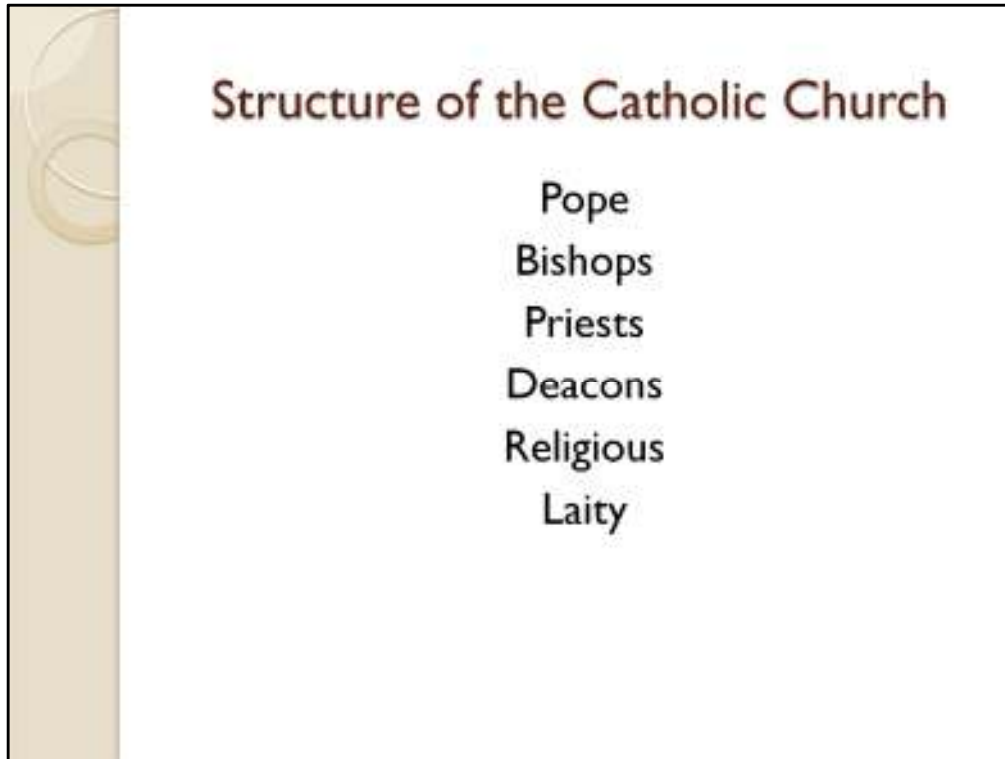
As Christians, we are responsible for bringing Christ to the world.



No matter where you go, you will be faced with an organization that has structure.

For example, at your school. You have teachers who are headed by a school Principal. And all these schools are part of a specific school board – most of you are part of the West Quebec School Board, right? And all of these school boards are part of the Quebec education system, etc. etc.

It's the same with the church.



Pope – do you know who your pope is” The pope is the official leader of the Catholic Church on earth.

Bishops – A bishop is the chief pastor and head of a specific diocese. A diocese that is especially large or that has a significant Catholic history with many parishes is called an arch diocese, served by an arch bishop, such as ours here in Gatineau is. Who is our Archbishop? Show picture of Mgr. Paul-André Durocher.

Priests – Bishops ordain priests to help with their mission. A pastor is a priest who serves as the chief shepherd of the parish. There has been a shortage of priests in Canada in the last while, which is why our Bishops have had to find priests from other countries. Example, Fr. Gyan Topno, our parish priest, is from India.

Deacons – A deacon is a lay person, ordained to performing works of charity and assisting in the liturgical celebrations. Our diocese has 1or 2 deacons but there is no English-speaking deacon.

Religious – belonging to a religious institute. Example – nuns and/or brothers. Do any of you have a religious relative?

Laity – Consists of all baptized Catholics who are not members of the clergy.

Liturgical Committee for OLV and St. Malachy

From the 4-pole document:

The Liturgy Committee is comprised of a number of parishioners from both parishes who, together with the pastor, look after and coordinate all that pertains to the liturgical life of the two parishes.

We have invited someone from each of the ministries to talk to you about that ministry.

Lector/Reader

Proclaims the sacred scripture
during the Liturgy of the Word

- Prepares by rehearsing, praying and coming to understand the biblical text assigned for a particular liturgical celebration.
- Participates fully in the liturgy as an member of the assembly.
- Proclaims the biblical text with clarity, conviction, dignity and understanding.
- Expresses reverence and decorum in carrying out this and other aspects of role according to the general liturgical norms (procession, handling the book, etc).

Lector/Reader to hold up the Lectionary.

Lector to read each bullet, and add personal comments.

Hospitality Minister/greeter/usher

During the liturgy, ministers of hospitality should assist with the following:

- Greet and welcome everyone as they arrive - a special greeting to new parishioners and visitors
- During special celebrations such as funerals, Christmas and Easter, assist in the seating of persons arriving.
- Collect the offerings of the people.
- Appoint and assist those who will be taking up the gifts in the procession for the Preparation of the Gifts.
- Direct the communion procession in an orderly manner.
- Distribute the Sunday bulletin after mass.

Minister reads each bullet and provides personal comments.

Server

The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass

Entrance procession – one server leads the procession, with priest following behind

Processional candle – one server leads with lector holding the lectionary following behind

Assist priest in receiving gifts after the procession of the gifts

Prepare the altar during the preparation of the gifts

Present the bread, wine, and water to the priest

After Communion, clear the altar

During Concluding Prayer, hold the Sacramentary for priest

Server to read each bullet and add personal comments

Explain about special liturgies, i.e. funerals and Triduum.

Servers need to have an understanding of the special liturgies, not only Sunday mass.

Eucharistic Minister

As an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, commonly referred to as a Eucharistic minister, lay people can serve the Catholic Church by distributing Holy Communion during Mass and bringing it to the homebound.

- Before mass, the Eucharistic Minister prepares all items to be used in the distribution of bread and wine during Communion.
- Places the prepared chalice, ciborium, filled cruets, washing bowl, towels and any extra chalices required on the credence table.
- Places the filled wine cruet and the filled ciborium on a table at the entrance of the church for use in the offertory procession.
- Distribute communion.
- Some volunteers bring communion to the homebound.

Eucharistic Minister reads the bullets and adds details and personal comments.

Music

Chapter 2 of the GIRM, Section 29, The Importance of Singing

The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord's coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together ... Singing is the sign of the heart's joy. Thus St. Augustine says rightly, "Singing is for one who loves," and there is also an ancient proverb: "Whoever sings well prays twice over."

Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass, with due consideration for the culture of peoples and abilities of each liturgical assembly. Although it is not always necessary to sing all the texts that are in principle meant to be sung, every care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holydays of Obligation.

In 2011, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops published the latest edition of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) which is the sole English translation and version of the Roman Missal that is approved for use in the Dioceses of Canada.

Read the two paragraphs from GIRM

Ask Greg to talk about the liturgical season and the suggested music for each liturgy. Explain about relationship with readings.

Introduce Claire as lead vocalist at OLV, and Cheryl for St. Malachy

Go Make a Difference

by Steve Angrisano

Chorus:

Go make a difference, we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world
Go make a difference, we can make a difference
Go make a difference in the world

First Verse:

We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen
Go make a difference in the world

Second Verse:

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need
The face of God for all to see
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace
So go make a difference in the world

Third Verse:

So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see
Go make a difference in the world
And the Spirit of Christ will be with us as we go
Go make a difference in the world.

Decor

Our worship space can be properly enhanced with flowers and plants in the course of the year.

We make an attempt to make our worship space look different during the high seasons of the church's liturgical year (Lent – Easter and Advent – Christmas).

The assistance of parishioners with a bit of talent in that area is much appreciated.

Introduce Isabelle and Vivian from OLV and St. Malachy who coordinate the decor of both churches.

Read bullets as they arrive, and add details and personal comments.

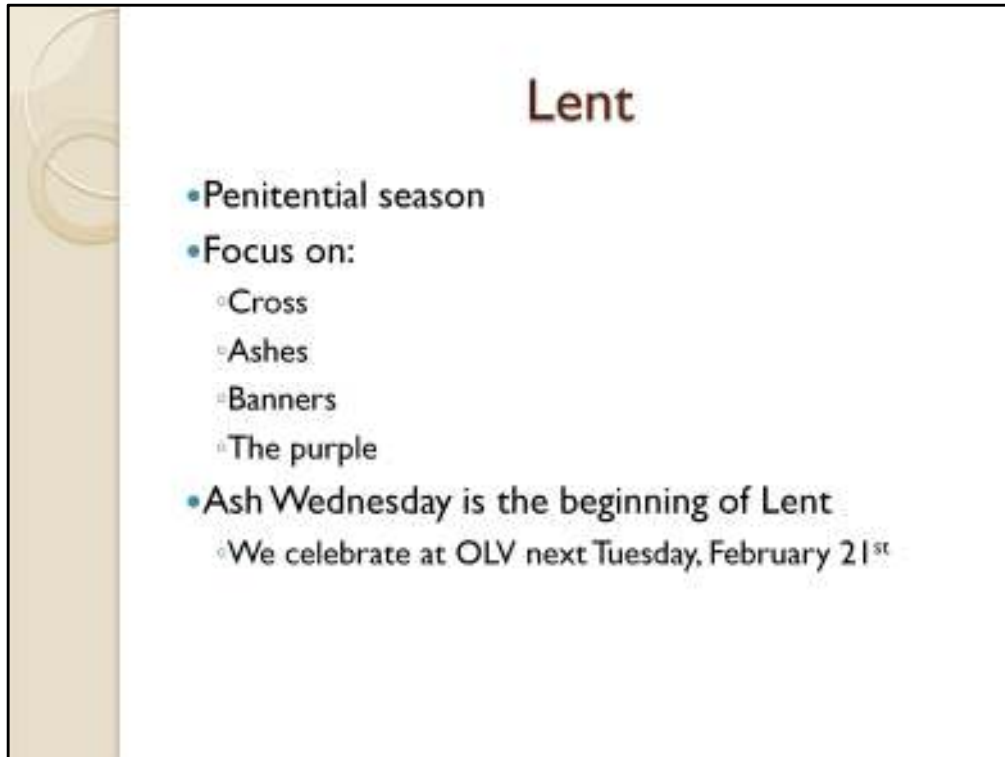
The Liturgical Calendar

The liturgical year is the Church's way of celebrating the great events of our salvation through Jesus Christ.

Each year follows a pattern and the readings and prayers for mass have been organized to fit into it.

Like the seasons we experience through nature, the Church year has seasons, each with its own special emphasis and traditions.

Read the bullets and add details and personal comments.



Show the Grace liturgical calendar, specifically the season of Lent.

“Lent lasts forty days, modeled after Jesus’ 40 days in the desert, as told in the Gospel of Matthew (4:1-11)”

“Lent is a penitential season, meaning that Christians focus on prayer and perform acts of charity and self-denial to improve and purify their lives in preparation for the celebration of Easter.”

Hand out copies of the Lent 2012 Daily Reflections, Activities, and Prayers “Becoming Healers for Jesus”

Explain the decor, from the Cross, the ashes, the banners, the purple.

Lent and Development and Peace



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The *Symbols of Solidarity* help us to reflect on the direct connection between members of Development and Peace and our sisters and brothers in the Global South.

This year they are a visible reminder of how the work of our partners is helping a world of justice take root in the Philippines, Cambodia and Lebanon.

During Lent, it has been practice in our two parishes to focus on the Share Lent Campaign of D&P.

On March 18th, you will receive more details about D&P and the various campaigns.

But tonight, we want to focus on the Symbols of this Share Lent campaign. On the first Sunday of Lent, February 26th, we will have an short ceremony before Mass at both churches, on the symbols for this Share Lent campaign.

Hand out copies of the Symbols document to be used at both churches. As candidates for participation.

Next Steps

- Tuesday, February 21st –
 - Ash Wednesday at OLV at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, March 15th 2012 at 7:00 pm
 - Prepare for Holy Week
- Sunday, March 18th at 1:00 pm
 - Development and Peace