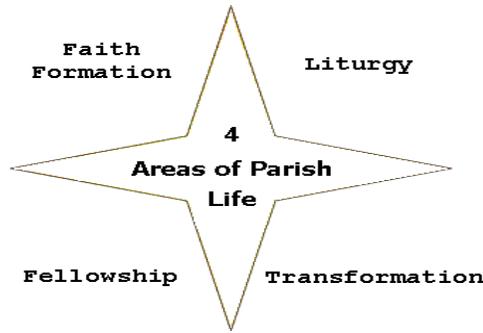




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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 NOVEMBER 26-27, 2011**

Sunday 9:00 AM Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday 7:00 PM

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading 1 Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Reading II 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel Mark 13.33-37

Jesus' message and life was to make a difference and save the world. That's the call – to do the world a world of good. Stay awake – see how you can make someone else's life that bit better. We need to believe that each of us can make a difference to our families, to the neighbourhood, to the school. One way is to keep in touch with God.

Advent can be a time to make sure – through prayer, through Mass, through helping the very poor – that we keep in touch with God. We allow God's grace and care to flow through us.

MASSES

Saturday	December 03, 2011	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pearl French by Kay Roos and Family All Parishioners of St. Malachy's & OLV
Sunday	December 04, 2011	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pearl Middlestead and Ricky Laframboise by Elma and Philippe Laframboise Carling & Belter Family by Maureen, Dawson and Beverley

THE ADVENT SEASON

We are moving out of Ordinary Time into the Advent season. The Church looks different; the music, prayers and Scripture readings will be of a different tone throughout Advent.

But Advent is about more than a change of colour and different music. Advent is very much about reawakening in us the hope for Christ's coming in glory, not something to be feared or to be indifferent about, to be eagerly awaited and to even be worked for. In fact, it is a hoping and longing for God's kingdom of peace, justice and love. That is what Christ was sent for in the first place, something that is still far from being reality.

How will we prepare ourselves? The Liturgy Committee has purchased some documents from Novalis in order to help parishioners prepare themselves: a booklet with daily reflections; and a one-page Advent Calendar. The Calendar is on the table at the entrance of the church - there should be enough Calendars for every household. Also on the table you will find various reflection documents – please take whichever one meets your needs.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

Candles are available at the entrance of the church at a cost of \$5.00 per set. It is a very simple thing, but it is a concrete way of being reminded at home that as Christians we are in the Advent season. We put the Advent wreath candles in a prominent place, light them as we take a few moments to reflect on the Scripture readings of the day.

THE NEW "LIVING WITH CHRIST" SUNDAY MISSALS

The Sunday Missals are at the entrance of the church. The cost is \$6.00 - please leave your offering in the basket on the table. The Youth Missals are also available.

INSTALLATION OF THE MOST REVEREND PAUL-ANDRÉ DUROCHER

With the installation of Most Rev. Paul-André Durocher, the Archdiocese of Gatineau is preparing to live a period of transition.

Every parish received a determined number of invitation cards for the Installation Ceremony that will take place on November 30th at the Cathedral. To allow for some 300 additional persons to participate, the celebration will be retransmitted live on a large screen in the basement of the cathedral.

Most Rev. Durocher will also celebrate the Sunday Masses at 11:00 A.M. on December 4th and at 4:00 P.M. on December 11th (Gospel Mass) at the Cathedral. This will provide two extra opportunities to meet the Most Rev. Paul-André Durocher.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Your prayers are requested for Marguerite Hudson Murphy whose funeral took place at St Malachy's on Saturday, November 26, 2011. We wish to express our sympathy with her husband Rupert and family. May she rest in peace.

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH IN WHICH WE REMEMBER THE DECEASED

As a reminder, November is traditionally the month in which we give more attention to the remembrance of the deceased. Christians do so in a unique way based on what is central in our faith; the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In our two Parishes, The **Book of Life** is at the front of the church for the month of November. The **Book of Life** contains the names of deceased parishioners and relatives. We have additional pages at the back of the book if anyone wants to add names. It is our way of expressing our faith that the dead finds peace with God and will be raised to life when the Lord Jesus comes in glory. The Book is placed next to the Easter Candle which speaks of the ultimate victory of life over death, of light over darkness, in the dead and risen Jesus. We are called to share in that victory. We will also remember in a special way those who lost their lives in service to their country.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE



HELP TO COOL THE EARTH- REMINDER

Parishioners were invited to sign a message of solidarity for small-scale farmers. Please note that signed cards can be deposited in the weekly collection baskets.

ST MALACHY WARDENS

Each year two church wardens are to be elected for a term of three years by a warden can remain in office for two consecutive terms. This year the two positions are held by Shirley Ellement and Joan Teske (Joan replaced Peter Cameron). Both are eligible to return but if you wish to become a warden or know someone who would like the opportunity to become a warden, with their approval, submit your/their name by calling the office at 819 986-3763 or contact a warden by December 2nd. Elections will be held December 10th after our Eucharist Celebration, if necessary.

OLV CHRISTMAS TEA: The OLV Christmas Tea will be held on Saturday, December 3, in the Parish hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Admission will be \$5.00 per person. Donations towards the Christmas Craft Table would be appreciated. For more information concerning the craft table, please call Dorothy Casey at 819 986-7748. If you have not yet been called, please feel free to donate baked goods. This would be very much appreciated.



THE HEART & SOUL CHOIR will hold their Christmas concert on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. at OLV.

Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door and can be purchased from Sandra Pearson at 819 986-1185, Ethel Pearson at 819 986-5217 or Virginia Sellers at 819 986-6490. Desserts and coffee will be served downstairs following the concert.



LIONS CLUB 2011 TELETHON

The Lions Club annual telethon will be held and broadcast on our local cable station on Sunday, December 4th 2011 from 1 PM to 9:00 PM. As we have done now for the last 7 years, our two parishes will participate in the Lions Club Telethon. Contributions to the Telethon can be made by placing your donation – cash or cheque made out to the Lions Club – in a plain envelope marked Lions Club in front, and add it to the regular collection next weekend. If you wish a tax receipt from the Lions Club, please ensure that your name and address are included with your donation so that a receipt can be returned to you. Last year, the Lions Club used the funds collected to assist in the following:

- distribution of over 260 Christmas baskets to the needy
- distribution of 200 gifts to children
- distribution of 214 gifts to seniors in CHSLD Papineau & private residences, as well as patients at

- the hospital
- \$5,000 donation to the children's breakfast club
- \$4,000 donation to the local soup kitchen, La Table de Bethlehem
- \$10,000 donation to La Maison de la famille, Vallée de la Lièvre

Christmas is a time of giving, of thanking God for all we have. It is also an opportune time to reach out and help those less fortunate than ourselves. Please give generously.

OLV VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT - The annual OLV volunteer appreciation night will be held in the church basement on Friday, December 9th at 7:30 PM. This is a very special evening, as it presents an opportunity to say thanks to all those individuals who have contributed to the success of our faith community.

IT'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT TIME - The annual OLV/La Chanterelle Christmas concert is scheduled for Wednesday December 14th at 7:30 PM. The ticket price is \$10.00 and coffee and desserts will be served following the concert. Tickets can be obtained from the wardens or from the parish Secretary. Proceeds from the event are shared equally between the parish and the choir. This event is one of our annual fund raising events.

APPLE PIES are still available and would be great for Christmas. Contact either Joan at (819) 281-5962 or Monique at (819) 986-3166.

MEAT PIE ORDER FORM - Christmas is fast approaching and both parishes are again getting together to make meat pies. Order forms are on the table at the entrance of the Church. You may return the form either in the Collection Plate or by giving the form to Monique or Joan. This will allow us to buy the necessary ingredients. Monies raised will help both Parishes with their up keeping expenses.

HAITI MAT PROJECT: The Haiti Plastic Bag Project has been cancelled in this area. The group wishes to thank you.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
November 19 & 20, 2011 (Sunday)	\$ 615.00	\$ 336.00