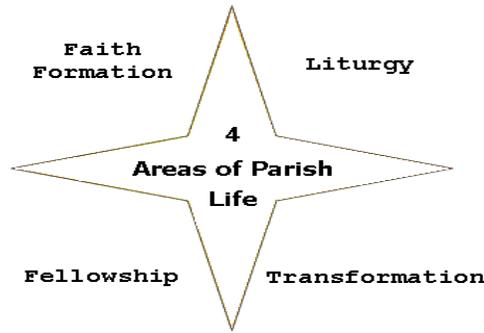




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**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
 ADVENT  
 DECEMBER 3-4, 2011**

<b>Sunday 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Celebration of the Eucharist</b>	<b>Saturday 7:00 PM</b>
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**FOOD FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Reading 1</b>	Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
<b>Reading II</b>	2 Peter 3.8-14
<b>Gospel</b>	Mark 1.1-8
	John the Baptist preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance.
	This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness – that we do not have to carry forever the burden of our sin, meanness, faults, and failings. God covers them over in mercy.
	The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life – to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love, and joy, and to make steps to forgive others.

**MASSES**

<b>Saturday</b>	Dec. 10, 2011	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Julia, Alex and Leo Butler by the Family</li> <li>• All Parishioners of St. Malachy &amp; OLV</li> </ul>
<b>Sunday</b>	Dec. 11, 2011	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kenneth Prudhomme by Peter &amp; Marjorie Burke</li> <li>• Veronica &amp; Bernard Belter by Maureen, Dawson &amp; Beverley</li> </ul>

**Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher's coat of arms**

*Bishops and Archbishops have coats of arms that they carefully choose to illustrate their pastoral approach. Still answering our questions, Most Reverend Durocher tells us about their meaning.*

**Question:** Why is there a sword on your coat of arms?

In the same way that, in the Christian tradition, a cross represents the death of Christ, a sword represents the martyrdom of Saint Paul. In fact, Saint Paul was beheaded by the Roman authorities because of his faith in Jesus Christ. Since Saint Paul is one of my patron saints, I have chosen to include the iconographical symbol of his martyrdom on my coat

of arms. Just as I have also included the symbol of my other patron, Saint Andrew: the X-shaped cross on which he also gave his life for the faith. The sword also carries another



meaning, which we can find in the New Testament. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we read that “the Word of God is like a two-edged sword”, for it cuts to the very depths of our selves. The sword on my coat of arms therefore also speaks of the Word of God, the Gospel that has touched me so deeply and has changed my life.

**Question:** Where does your motto come from?

My motto is “Canta et Ambula”, three Latin words which translate as “Sing and Walk.” They are drawn from a sermon Saint Augustine (354-430) preached on an Easter Sunday. Here is an excerpt: “Now therefore, let us sing, not for the delights of rest, but for the easing of toil, as people customarily sing when they are on a journey: “Sing and walk”.

### **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.

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Elections will be held **December 10<sup>th</sup>** after our Eucharist Celebration, if necessary.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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