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**FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF  
 THE LORD  
 DECEMBER 24-25, 2011**

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<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 52.7-10
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
<b>Reading II</b>	Hebrews 1.1-6
<b>Gospel</b>	John 1:1-5
	No love that in a family dwells, No caroling in frosty air, Nor all the steeple-shaking bells Can with this single Truth compare – That God was Man in Palestine And lives today in Bread and Wine.

**MASSES**

<b>Saturday</b>	December 31, 2011	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	• All Parishioners of St. Malachy & OLV
<b>Sunday</b>	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2011	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	• All Parishioners of OLV & St. Malachy

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MGR. DUROCHER**

Celebrate in Song!

It was Christmas Eve; I was seven years old and so excited that I could not sleep. For the first time, I was to attend midnight mass with my parents. In addition, for the first time, I was to sing solo with the parish children's choir. To calm me down, my father had given me a teaspoon of whiskey but that had no effect whatsoever. I was so anxious about so many things: to go to church in the middle of the night; to sing before the congregation; to return home and celebrate Christmas with my family; and of course, open my gifts. It was to be a magical night.

This memory, as a young boy, is possibly the reason why I have always been in love with traditional Christmas music. These ancient hymns, based on our traditional beliefs, tell us about the birth of Christ, in a way that touches our very being. Today, there are many charming songs that refer to the fable of Santa Claus, his reindeer, sleigh bells ringing and the joys of a winter wonderland. But the traditional Christmas hymns bring us to a different place, a place which is less superficial and based more on the majesty and seriousness of the birth of the Christ child.

These traditional hymns tell us a simple but eloquent story of the birth of a saviour, a man who would change the world. A humble birth in an obscure stable under a star-filled sky, to a Blessed Virgin. These hymns convey his message of respect for one another, living a simple life, compassion for both the poor and God, faith, hope and love.

It has been fifty years since I performed my solo. I was so proud because I did not forget one word. Later, I was told that I had hit a few false notes. At that age I didn't quite understand what was being said but I surmised it wasn't a compliment. Today, I tell myself no matter if one's voice is off key, the heart is always in tune as it rejoices in hearing these hymns that are so simple, yet also so profound.

I invite you this year, in the midst of all the stress that impacts our daily lives, to take a moment to stop and really listen to the words of these traditional hymns. Take the time to listen, to savor their meaning and to spend some quiet time in reflection. Sing these songs alone in a moment of solitude, with your family or in a group. Take the time to attend a school concert, or to listen to a children or adult choir. Allow these wonderful words which are so eloquent, yet simple to move and inspire us.

And please don't stop listening on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December. The Christian church does not celebrate Christmas time as a single event but a series of feasts that include the Nativity, the Baptism of Jesus, the feast of Mary Mother of God and the Epiphany. We have all the time in the world to listen to these hymns which reflect our religious beliefs and traditions. And we have the rest of the year to live the message.

"Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains: Gloria in excelsis Deo"

Paul-André Durocher  
Archbishop of Gatineau

#### **JOINT CCCB AND DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SOLIDARITY MISSION TO HAITI**

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the President and Vice-President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Most Rev. Richard W. Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton and Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, and the Executive Director of *DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE*, Michael Casey, left Canada for Haiti on an 8-day solidarity mission. The delegation will be visiting emergency and reconstruction projects supported by Canadians through *DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE*, and put in place in response to the earthquake of January 12th, 2010.

You can follow the delegation at the following websites:

Gatineau diocese website: [http://diocesegatineau.org/fr/mission\\_en\\_haiti\\_dembre\\_2011.html](http://diocesegatineau.org/fr/mission_en_haiti_dembre_2011.html)  
Development and Peace website: <http://www.devpe.org/en/blog/haiti-mission-2011/>

#### **MEET OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP**

All parishioners of the English Zone of the Gatineau Diocese are invited to meet our new Archbishop Paul-André Durocher. The "Meet and Greet" over wine and cheese will take place on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at Our Lady of the Annunciation parish, 189 Archambault Street in the Hull Sector. Everyone is welcome.

#### **A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENT**

This past week, the OLV Society presented the Wardens with a cheque for \$2,600. This money was raised through Society activities and the Wardens would like to thank Society President, Evelyn Robitaille and her team for their excellent effort in organizing and supporting Parish activities. As well, the Wardens would like to thank our parishioners for their continuous support for the Society's social activities.

#### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, the annual OLV/La Chanterelle Christmas concert was held in the church. It was an excellent evening of traditional and non-traditional songs. Profits from the evening are divided evenly between the Parish and the Choir. OLV's share of the profits is \$789.61. Thanks to all who came out and supported this event.

#### **UPCOMING OLV EVENTS**

As mentioned on several occasions, financial challenges dictate that we, as a Parish, seek other means of financing besides collections and donations. With this in mind, the Wardens have planned several events over the upcoming months. In establishing these events, several factors were taken into consideration. First of all, the event must be affordable; secondly, it must bring our faith community together in fellowship; and, finally, it must be entertaining. The following are the fund-raising events we have planned over the next 6 months.

- **Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion**  
To be held on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 11:30 AM at the Legion Hall. Tickets will be \$10. All profits from the breakfast will be donated to the parish.

- **Valentines Dance**  
To be held on Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> in the church basement featuring the Phil Casey Band. Ticket price will be \$10 with a light lunch served following the dance.
- **Spring Supper and Balloon Auction**  
To be held on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Ticket price will be \$20. Details to follow.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

The Diocese of Gatineau Marriage Preparation Courses will be offered this Spring. The course will be offered on April 20, 21 and 22, 2012. For more information or to register for these courses, please call the office. Also, Our Lady of Fatima Parish is accepting registration for the Marriage Preparation Course to begin on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> (evening) and Saturday, January 21, 2012 (all day). The registration forms are available through this office.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

<b>WEEKLY RECEIPTS</b>	<b>OLV</b>	<b>ST. MALACHY</b>
<b>December 18-19, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 816.00</b>	<b>\$ 350.00</b>