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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 FEBRUARY 25-26, 2012**

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

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading 1 Genesis 9.8-15
 Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel Mark 1.12-15
 The wilderness is the place of destruction and danger, of being tempted off one's path, and also of meeting God. Jesus finds God's path for him in the wilderness.
 Prayer is a wilderness time. It can be dangerous for it brings us in touch with the evil as well as with the good in ourselves. With practice, it introduces us to the peace of God in Christ – the harmony of the desert of Jesus. It is also the place of rededication to God and of finding the strength of God.

MASSES

Saturday	March 03, 2012	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aileen Monaghan Kane by the Family • Edmay Beaulne by Richard and Rachel Beaulne • Mass of Thanksgiving by a Parishioner
Sunday	March 04, 2012	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernard Belter (12th anniversary) by Bev, Maureen & Dawson • Muriel Preston (4th anniversary) by Gail & Neil • Kenneth Prud'homme by Ethel Pearson

SUNDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEB 26, 2012

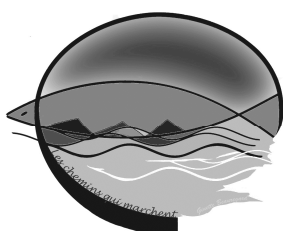
The temptation of Jesus. The devil tries us in a similar way.

The devil tempts us precisely by taking advantage of the needs and weaknesses of human nature.

After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Our Lord must have been very weak. Here He is in the wilderness; He feels hungry just like any other man in such circumstances. This is the moment the tempter chooses to come forward with the proposition that He should turn the stones that lie around him into the bread he needs and longs for so desperately.

How generous Our Lord is in humbling himself and fully accepting his human condition! He does not use his divine power to escape from difficulties or avoid effort. Let us pray that He will teach us to tough, to love work, to appreciate the human and divine nobility of savouring the consequences of self-giving.

The Liturgical Committee



RIVERS ARE MOVING ROADS – LES CHEMINS QUI MARCHENT

Last weekend, Brother Miguel A. Sancha visited our parishes to present information on the walking pilgrimage that will be held from May 27th to June 2nd in the Lievre Valley.

Information about the pilgrimage can be found on the diocesan website at: <http://diocesegatineau.org> As well, you will find information sheets at the entrance to the church together with Volunteer Recruitment Sheets.

Brother Miguel is a Marist brother from Spain, working with the youth of the Gatineau Diocese. After making his presentation at St. Malachy's on Saturday, he joined us at the Valentine's dance at OLV, stayed overnight at the rectory and made another presentation on Sunday morning. Brother Miguel has sent us the following message:

I have enjoyed, very much, my stay with you and with the English-speaking community. I have felt at home. In spite of challenges you face every day, I feel that your community is still alive and have an important role to play in the region as new evangelizers for the new evangelization.



<http://www.devp.org/sites/www.devp.org/files/documents/materials/sharelent2012-mini-mag.pdf>

Last year, Development and Peace sent \$12 million to support 186 long-term development projects in over 30 countries in the Global South. The organization also supported 55 emergency relief programs—in 15 countries, including Haiti, Pakistan and the Sudan—worth \$16 million, for a total of \$28 million.

On this first Sunday of Lent, you will find a mini-magazine inserted with the bulletin. Please take a few moments to go through the magazine. You will find on the first pages a message from Mgr. Richard Smith, Archbishop of Edmonton and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Share Lent campaign. And throughout the magazine, you will read stories of projects and *Development and Peace* partners in Ethiopia, Kenya, Zambia, Cambodia and Brazil. On the inside back cover, you will find a breakdown of the expenditures for 2011.

SYMBOLS OF SOLIDARITY

Every year, *Development and Peace* members in Canada participate in special solidarity tours where they visit *Development and Peace* partners and the communities they work with in Asia, Africa, Latin America or the Middle East. The members learn more about the work of *Development and Peace* partners, and return to Canada inspired to share the stories of the people and the partners they met.

The Symbols of Solidarity that were brought forward in our churches this weekend (and will remain under the cross throughout Lent) help us to reflect on the direct connection between members of Development and Peace and our sisters and brothers in the Global South. 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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE CONFERENCE/CONCERT

On Sunday, March 4th at 8:00 pm, a special conference/concert will be held at the St. Joseph Church in Hull. The guest speaker will be: Antoine Verlaine Bien-Aimé, Program Coordinator for Caritas Haïti in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. The invited artists are: Mgr. Paul-André Durocher at piano, Yves Lacoursière at saxophone and Musical Director of the Choeur de l'Île choir. Admission is \$10.

ST. PATRICK'S TEA CONVENOR

The OLV Society is looking for a Convenor for the St. Pat's Tea. If you are interested in helping out with this event, please contact Evelyn of the OLV Society at 819 986-2477 or by contacting the office.

RELAY FOR LIFE (CANCER RESEARCH)

Sunday, April 22 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm) food and other items will be for sale at OLV. Pie makers please reserve the following dates: September 17, 18 & 19 for apple pies and November 12, 13 & 14 for meat pies. All Proceeds to the Buckingham Relay for Life (Cancer Research).

WOMEN'S CURSILLIO RETREAT

Cursillo is a three-day short course in Catholic Christian living presenting a method to motivate people to influence their environments in a Christian way. Cursillo weekends take place at Notre-Dame Providence Retreat House, 1754 St. Joseph Blvd. in Orleans. Weekends begin Thursday evening at 8pm and end late Sunday afternoon. For information, contact Diane Keays at 613-837-3542, dkeays@msn.com The weekend cost including accommodation and food, is \$200 per person, payable upon arrival.

The next Cursillo weekends are:

133rd Women's Cursillo-Thurs. March 1st to Sunday March 4th

129th Men's Cursillo-Thurs. May 3rd to Sunday May 6th.

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Armando Prini, SATB Studio, Ottawa, On - 613-741-3828

OLV UPDATE

Inserted into this week's bulletin is our 2011 Annual Financial Statement as promised. All indications are that it is quite reasonable. We want to take this opportunity to assure our parishioners that overall, our financial situation is solid and certainly we are in better shape than most parishes in the region.

A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

Last Saturday's Valentine's Dance was a great success with approximately 140 tickets being sold, with an

estimated 130 in attendance. The profit for the evening is \$ 1,854.00. This annual event has become very popular and has a broad appeal to a wide range of groups. It was great to see the square dancers having such a wonderful time. Thank you to Phil Casey and his band for donating their talents free of charge and to Maynard Robinson for calling the square dances. Once again the event was a success because our Parish has dedicated volunteers who are committed to supporting our fund raising activities, as well as great support from our parishioners.

OLV PARISH IS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

The Parish is looking for Eucharist Ministers, Ushers, Lectors and Servers. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Le Centre Action Génération des Aînés, a community group that assists seniors, is looking for drivers/volunteers to transport/accompany seniors to medical, optometrist, dental, pharmaceutical and other appointments. Drivers are reimbursed 43 cents per kilometer. If you have several hours of your time to donate, please call [819-281-4343](tel:819-281-4343).

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
February 18-19, 2012	\$ 548.00	\$ 268.00
Donations		\$ 300.00