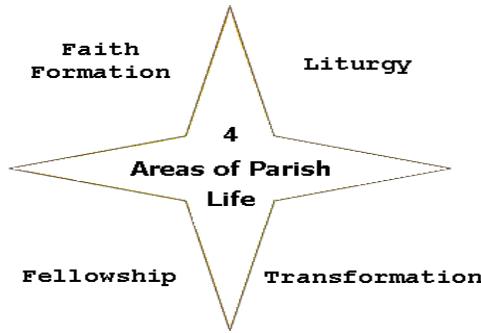




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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 MARCH 10-11, 2012**

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

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FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Reading 1 Exodus 20.1-3, 7-8, 12-17
Responsorial Psalm Lord, you have the words of eternal life.
Reading II 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25++
Gospel John 2.13-25

Lent gives us new insights into how Jesus lived his life, always within the shadow of his death. The glory of God here is Jesus fully alive to the exploitation of the poor, the mistreatment of the house of God, and fully alive to the faith that was beginning to grow in his disciples.

Our prayer today might remember all who suffer and are endangered in their commitment to justice and right religion.

MASSES

Saturday	March 17, 2012	St. Malachy @ 7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agathe Somers (12TH ann.) by Wilbert and Family • Elizabeth Calouri by Patricia Lavell • All Parishioners of St. Malachy and OLV
Sunday	March 18, 2012	OLV @ 9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Miller by Alma and Family • Gaston & Michael Deschatelets by Grace and Family • Helen, Harold & Sean Cullen by Maureen and Norbert Ricard

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 11th, 2012 - THE MEANING OF MORTIFICATION

Truly following Christ implies practicing a life of mortification and being close to the Cross.
To be a disciple of Our Lord one needs to follow his measured words of advice: If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. It is not possible to follow Our Lord without the Cross. Jesus words are relevant in all ages, since they are directed to each and every man, for he who does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. To take up the cross – the acceptance of sorrow and of the contradictions God permits for our purification, the costly fulfillment of our duties. Christian mortification voluntarily accepted – is the indispensable condition for following the Master.

The Liturgical Committee



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

In this week's insert – Solidarity Card 2 – we learn how Caritas Lebanon, a partner of Development and Peace, trains small-scale farmers how to transform their products into home-grown high value produce. These products will earn the farmers a higher income allowing them to stay on their land. They have also introduced organic methods of production and new methods of irrigation.



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.

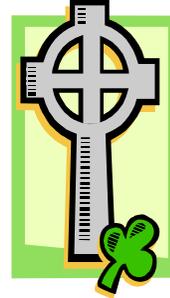
The Symbols of Solidarity that were brought forward in our churches last weekend (and will remain under the cross throughout Lent) help us to reflect on the direct connection between members of *Development and Peace* and our sisters and brothers in the Global South. They are a visible reminder of how the work of our partners is helping a world of justice take root in the Philippines, Cambodia and Lebanon.



OLV ST. PATRICK'S TEA

The OLV St. Patrick's tea will be held on Saturday, March 17th in the Parish Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Admission will be Adults - \$5.00 and Children ages 6 to 10 - \$2.00 and age 5 and under will be free.

If you have not been called yet for the Bake Sale or for the Baking to be served at the Tea, please feel free to donate some of your delicious baking. For more information please contact Virginia Sellers at 819 281-6490.



OLV WARDENS MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory

***OLV PARISH** is in need of a second fridge for the kitchen in the basement hall. Should you have one to donate please contact the OLV Society, Monique Simpson at 819 986-3166 or contact the office at 819 986-3763. Thanks*

RELAY FOR LIFE (CANCER RESEARCH)

Sunday, April 22 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm) food and other items will be for sale at OLV. All Proceeds to the Buckingham Relay for Life (Cancer Research).

GARAGE SALE – September 8, 2012

Please advise Monique Simpson at 819 986-3166 if you have anything to donate. More information to follow.

PIE MAKERS

Pie Makers please reserve the following dates: September 17, 18 & 19 for apple pies and November 12, 13 & 14 for meat pies.

Those wishing to purchase pies will be advised as to when.

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.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

WEEKLY RECEIPTS	OLV	ST. MALACHY
March 3-4, 2012 Offering	\$ 457.00	\$ 371.00
March 3-4, 2012 Support	\$ 270.00	\$ 150.00

Walking the Walk - A Lenten Thought

Through various writings and teachings, the life of Jesus has been described to us in many forms. However, it is a story with a common theme:

- ✓ born in a manger of parents of relatively modest means;
- ✓ simple shepherds were witnesses to his birth;
- ✓ in his early days he was a carpenter by trade, a man who worked with his hands;
- ✓ we are told his tastes and lifestyle were simple; and
- ✓ for the first 33 years of his life, he worked and lived in a small village.

Jesus' teachings were often directed towards the plight of the poor, the oppressed, the sick and the elderly. His message was one of love – loving your neighbour as yourself. This was pronounced by Jesus as the second most important commandment.

Some of Jesus' most telling pronouncements are found in the Beatitudes as follows:

- ✓ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ✓ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ✓ Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ✓ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ✓ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of God.

There is a common thread to most of Jesus' teachings around social justice, respect for others and assisting the less fortunate. **If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples. (John 8:31)**

His message is calling for us, as Christians, to think outside the walls of the church. Thinking outside the walls can mean many things including playing an activist role in the community at large. On many occasions, Jesus has stated his desire for each one of us to be compassionate with one another and especially with those in material, physical and spiritual need. So how as a community can we accomplish this?

We can respond by providing the OLV church hall to such self-help groups as Narcotics, Alcoholics and Over-Eaters Anonymous. By allowing them to pay a minimum amount of rent and if they can't afford to do so, provide the hall for free. We believe it is our responsibility to help those trying to help themselves. Both parishes work with La Maison de La Famille by helping individuals who find themselves without furniture, groceries, clothes or other necessities.

Many parishioners find it hard to believe that there are people in this community who find themselves on the street with virtually nothing. A fact that parishioners may not know is that the Buckingham sector is one of the poorest sectors in the City of Gatineau.

Each week, parishioners from both parishes donate a wide range of non-perishable food and cereal bars for distribution to the local food bank, soup kitchen and the elementary school. These goods provide needed support for families, individuals and school children.

At Christmas time, parishioners from both parishes generously support the Lions Club annual Christmas basket campaign. As well, OLV financially supports a community group that provides a Christmas meal for those who find themselves alone or who can't afford a meal. Christmas is a lonely time for many people and this initiative has become very popular over the past few years.

So during this Lenten season, let us be especially conscious of the needs of others and continue to act accordingly. Let us bring hope and compassion to our brothers and sisters in need. **Lord, help me give of myself in little ways, so that helping others becomes a habit.**